



ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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JESUS ANSWERED

I AM
THE WAY &
THE TRUTH &
THE LIFE.

NO ONE COMES TO
THE FATHER
EXCEPT THROUGH
ME. JOHN 14:6

7 MAY 2023 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saint Columbkille Office

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Monday-Friday ~ 9:30am-4:00pm

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Parish Staff

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Liza Mendez~ lizam@stcolumbkille.org

Director of Pre-School: Caitlin Nickel,

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Sunday Mass

Saturday evening: 5:00

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Daily Mass

Monday Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Holydays

Vigil Mass the day before the Holyday of Obligation .
4:00 p.m.

Masses on the Holyday of Obligation:
9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Parish Religious Education

Director of Religious Education

Denise Stull

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC

Direct Line: 800-791-9209

Safe Environment Coordinator

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS

610-871-5200, Ext. 2204

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

1-800-276-4562, www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

Parish Council

Parish Council meets the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Room.

Meeting minutes are posted on the parish website.

Select "Ministries" and then select "Parish Council".



PARISH GIVING is a safe, secure and easy way to make online Parish and Church donations. Visit www.parishgiving.org for more information and to sign up

Information

Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held daily in the chapel.

Reconciliation (Confession)

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4:00-4:45PM or any time by contacting the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for anointing and Communion for the sick and dying.

Baptism of Children

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the **first Sunday of each month at 12 PM** and the **last Sunday of each month during the 10 AM Mass. (except during Lent)**

Baptism Prep Classes for parents and godparents are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made at least six months before the wedding date. All couples must participate in the Marriage Prep Program.

Visits to Sick and Homebound

If you are sick or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Parish office to arrange a visit. (610) 367-2371

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA prepares adolescents and adults for Baptism and full communion in the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Margaret Chovanes at 610-248-2171.

Religious Education (PREP)

Religious instruction for elementary school students takes place on Weds./Thurs -Sept through May. Please contact Denise Stull for more information.

New Parishioners : New parishioners are most welcome, and are encouraged to register online at www.stcolumbkille.org or call the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

MON. MAY 8: EASTER WEEKDAY

9:00 AM Frank Bregovi

TUE. MAY 9: EASTER WEEKDAY

7:00 PM Joseph H. Henniger

WEDS. MAY 10: EASTER WEEKDAY/ST. JOHN OF AVILA

9:00 AM Jeffrey Ludrof

THU. MAY 11: EASTER WEEKDAY

7:00 PM Bunky Olock

FRI. MAY 12: EASTER WEEKDAY /SS NEREUS & ACHILLEUS;**ST. PANCAS**

9:00 AM Members of the Knights of Columbus

SAT. MAY 13: VIGIL-SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:00 AM First Holy Communion

5:00 PM All Mothers: Living & Deceased

SUN. MAY 14: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 AM All Mothers: Living & Deceased

10:00 AM All Mothers: Living & Deceased

Today's Readings

Reading I: Acts 6: 1-7

The Greek-speaking Hellenists feel neglected by the Twelve. This creates a need for apostolic helpers. Thus are seven "reputable" men selected for the task of serving the whole community.

Reading II: 1 Peter 2: 4-9

The writer pictures the Church as a "spiritual household." Then he confers on it four titles that were once used of Israel in the Old Testament.

The Gospel: John 14: 1-12

Jesus calms the disciples' fear of death and then responds to Thomas' query about "the Way." Meanwhile, Phillip struggles to "see the Father." Jesus' response adds up to two important answers for us to remember.

Celebrant Schedule

May 13/14 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5:00 PM Fr. Rich Clement

Sunday 8:00 AM Fr. Rich Clement

Sunday 10:00 AM Fr. Rich Clement

Sanctuary Memorials

The Sanctuary Candle will burn
In Loving Memory of Donna DeSalvo

The Bread & Wine are offered
In Loving Memory of Jerry Keenan

The Flower arrangements are
In Loving Memory of Norman Geigus



Because we are Catholic

Save the Date: Tuesday, May 9th
7 PM Mass

Bishop Schlert will celebrate Mass at
St. Columbkille with Berks Deanery
(followed by light refreshments)

We hope to see you there!

Weekday Readings

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12; Jn 15:12-17**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21**Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

Extended Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Hours of Adoration in our Holy Family Chapel

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. to Midnight
Wednesdays Midnight to Midnight
Thursdays Midnight to Midnight
Fridays Midnight to 6:00 p.m.

Monday May 8	Tuesday May 9	Wednesday May 10	Thursday May 11	Friday May 12	Saturday May 13	Sunday May 14
9 am Mass 9:30am Flame of Love 12noon OA 5:30 pm AA 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm Emmanuel 7pm Scouts 7pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Rosary Group	6:45pm AIAnon 7 pm Mass	9am Mass 1pm Senior Connection 6:30pm Follow Christ 7pm Indian Spring group 7pm Charismatic Prayer Group	9:30 am Bible Study 7 PM Mass 7:30 pm Finance Council 7:30 pm Fundraising Committee	9 am Mass	9 am Patriotic Rosary Rosary for Vocations Children's Rosary-Zoom 10 AM First Holy Communion 3pm Medjugorje Prayer Mtg. 4 pm Confessions 5 pm Vigil Mass 6:30 pm AI Anon	8 am-Mass 10 am—Mass (Hearing Impaired) 9am Choir practice 9:15am Sunday Rosary

PAUL CALEUM ANSALDO
child of Paul & Stephanie Ansaldo

MIRIAM BERGER
child of Louis & Carrie Berger

Welcome Newly Baptized members!
"Baptized in the Father, in the Son and in the Holy Spirit"

Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Child

May 7 - Week 15 – My heart is really pumping now! Did you know someone as small as me can pump about 25 quarts of blood each day? I really need you to pray this week because I think my mom is getting a lot of mixed advice from society regarding my existence.



"Jesus, Mary and Joseph. I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

The St. Francis Hospice Home in Shillington, PA is in need of additional volunteers to help provide compassionate, loving care to its residents. Please come and shadow one of our volunteers and see if you are being called to provide this blessed ministry. No medical background is required, just a willing heart. Any amount of time can help. For more information please contact Cathy Goss at 484-645-3981. Thank you and God bless you.

Men's Prayer Group: I invite you to join with a group of men who come together on the first Tuesday of each month to pray together, share in a teaching that is specific to what it means to be a Catholic man in today's culture, and openly discuss ways to grow in holiness. We meet in IONA Hall (behind the EHST room downstairs in the church) from 5:45 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. No need to RSVP... just show up with an open heart and God will do the rest! Peace! Deacon Joe Petruskas

Serran Prayer for Vocations O God, who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, St. Joseph her spouse, St. Junipero Serra and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Stewardship

FY 22-23 Fiscal Year - Income/Expense Report

July 2022 through March 2023-3rd Qtr.

Total Operating Income	\$636,177.00
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Total Operating Expenses	\$583,311.00
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Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	52,866.00
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- MONTHLY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year July 2022 to June 2023

Month: February 2023

Last Feb. 2022 (4 weeks)	This Feb. 2023 (4 weeks)
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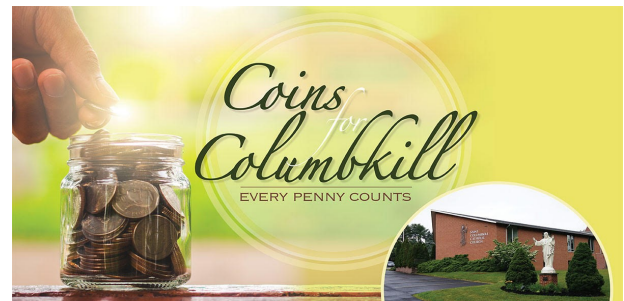
\$49,986.75	\$48,357.25
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Includes Online: \$21,299.75	Includes Online: \$19,933.75
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Many thanks for your generous Easter donations!

Holy Thursday: \$1,709 | Holy Land: \$2,046

Easter 2023: \$17,243 | Easter Flowers: \$2,232



Coins for Columbkill benefits our Building Fund for future capital needs of the parish. Total collected to date is \$2,185.15 !

RAISERIGHT gift card program:

A Parish representative will be available after all Masses to sell gift cards to Giant, Redners & Weis.

- Orders can be handed in at this time as well. Order forms are available online at <https://stcolumbkill.org/raise-right-scrip> or pick one up in the parish office.

- Complete the order form and hand it in with the appropriate amount of cash or a check payable to "Saint Columbkill Church" to the gift card sales table after Masses any week.

- All orders received in a month by the last Sunday in that month will be available for pick-up on the 2nd Sunday of the following month. (Please note that the rates listed are the base rebate amount, but they could be higher based on promotional programs that are constantly changing. Please note that cards rarely may be temporarily unavailable, if this is the case you will be notified.)

- Email raiserightcoord@stcolumbkill.org with any questions.



RaiseRight

Youth Group (7-12 Gr.)

Heather Shainline



Next Youth Group meeting: Sunday, May 21st from 11-1pm. We will be having a pot-luck style luncheon. All 6th-12th graders and their families are invited to attend! We will be celebrating our graduating seniors. If you plan to attend, please let Heather know!

Salsa/Flower Sales: Thank you for your salsa and Easter flower orders! If you did not get your salsa order, please pick it up in the Knights/LAOH room. There are also extra jars of salsa for sale. Just contact Heather Shainline and we will make sure to fix your salsa craving!

Coming up... WONDER Retreat (young women's retreat) Saturday, May 27th | Location: Lake Nockamixon Stay tuned for more information to sign up!

Catholic Heart Workcamp Mission Trip | Dates: June 11th-16th Location: Steubenville, OH Cost: \$425.00 per person- includes room and board A \$100 deposit is due by May 7th. If 5 or more teens sign up, we will go. If 5 or more teens don't sign up, we will cancel the trip and do a "Helping at Home" week here in Boyertown. If you need financial assistance, please speak with Heather.

Steubenville Youth Conference | July 7th-July 9th Location: Steubenville Main campus- Steubenville, OH Cost: \$250.00 per person- includes a tshirt, room and board A \$50 deposit is due by May 7th. If 5 or more teens don't sign up, we will cancel the trip. If you need financial assistance, please speak with Heather.

Religious Education—PREP

Denise Stull, Director

Our last class was spent together with a closing prayer service. Three of our parish musicians, Chris Roberge, Carolynn Quinn and Rob Zambanini, led us in songs to honor Mary. Perfect attendance was recognized. We ended each session making flowers to be placed at the statue of Mary and refreshments.

Thank you to our dedicated catechists and parents for a rewarding year.

First Communion reminders: practice is Monday, May 8 at 6pm in church. Confessions for the children will begin half an hour before practice. First Communion is Saturday, May 13th at 10a.m.

Vacation Bible School

Time to Register for VBS 2023
Marvelous Mystery!
June 26-30



Pre-School-Caitlin Nickels

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE YOU CAN PAY TUITION. REGISTERING your child (children) for the upcoming school year. - Visit our website www.stcolumbkille.org/preschool or at the Parish Office. \$40 non-refundable registration fee.

TUITION: Should you choose to pay the tuition for the year in full on or before September 1, 2023 you receive a \$50 reduced rate. You can also choose to pay tuition monthly.



Catholic Grandparents Association

"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15)

Our Mission: Passing on the faith and keeping prayer at the heart of family life



Contact: Nadine Blair, at 484 - 368-7989 or nadineann@comcast.net

catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Homebound Communion Calls: Anyone who is homebound and would like to receive Communion on a weekly basis, please call Mariane at the Parish office (610-367-2371, ext 107) or email marianevf@stcolumbkille.org and we will coordinate a visit from a Eucharistic Minister. If you are homebound and would like a recording of the Sunday Mass, please let us know.



2023 College Graduates we would like to acknowledge you and your achievements in the parish bulletin. Please call the parish office at 610-367-2371 by early June to let us know the college from which you graduated or email bulletin@stcolumbkille.org

Attention 2023 High School

Graduates: Saint Columbkille parish family is celebrating your achievement with a Graduation Mass on Saturday, June 3rd at 5:00 pm. Letters have been sent to those who are listed in our data base as graduating in 2023. If you don't receive a letter in the next week, give us a call at the parish office and we will gladly send you a letter.



Knights Corner

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Our Monthly Breakfast is the **First** Sunday of the month, from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm.
Our May Breakfast will be our final one until the Fall.
For Updates check-out the Knight's web site or the Knight's Corner in the Bulletin.



Our next Breakfast is on Sunday, May 7th



K of C Scholarship

The St. Columbkil Knights of Columbus Council will once again provide a graduating high school senior with a \$1,500 Parish Service Scholarship. Any graduating high school senior who is planning to attend any type of post-secondary schooling is encouraged to apply for the scholarship.

Applications are now available on our website, in the Parish bulletin or scan the QR code in the bottom right of this announcement.
Submission deadline is **May 7, 2023**.

More info to come in the Knight's Corner or our web site.



<http://kofc16544.org>

K of C Scholarship Fundraiser

Knights of Columbus Chicken Parmesan Take-Out Dinner

Chicken Parmesan, Spaghetti, Salad & Roll



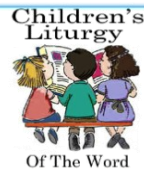
Tickets are \$20
Order by Monday, May 15th

Pick-Up is May 20th from 4-6:30pm

We always welcome new Knights to join us. If you would like to learn more about or sign-up with our Knights of Columbus Council #16544, just talk to any St. Columbkil Knight or visit our website: <https://kofc16544.org>

DID YOU KNOW...QUINN HALL AND THE EHST ROOM ARE AVAILABLE TO RENT?
FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT QUINN HALL
COORDINATOR PATTY PETRAUSKAS
PATTYP@STCOLUMBKILL.ORG

Bishop Kenrick High School Class of 1963 is looking for classmates! Anyone interested in planning or attending the 60 yr reunion, please forward your contact information to; Sallyanne Hanlon Reidenhour - shr0545@comcast.net or the Alumni Office at PJP - heritage@pjphs.org



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Children's Liturgy takes place during the 10:00 Mass. All children are welcome. No registration is needed. Volunteers are needed, if interested please contact Marcia Martin @BASSCL412@gmail.com or call 610-223-2484.

The Family Ministry Group:

Creating fellowship for families with young children as we teach our children the Catholic faith!



Rescheduled Brunch: Our next group brunch will be Sunday May 21st in Quinn Hall after the 10 AM Mass. RSVP to Sarah Sullivan at SSullivan4916@outlook.com.

This summer, Pope John Paul II High School is excited to host 17 summer camps for students entering grades K-9. Sessions include: fine arts, drama, archery, cheer, volleyball, basketball, tennis, baseball, field hockey, football, soccer, and multi-sport. To view more details about our camps and register for a session, please visit www.pjphs.org/apps/pages/summercamps. We look forward to seeing you at PJP this summer!



LAOH (Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians)

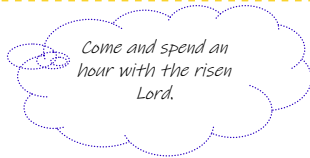
- Our Mother's Day collection for Mary's Shelter will be from May 6th until May 14th. Please consider dropping off clothing and other baby items to the Narthex. These items will be donated to women and children in need.
- Want to know more about LAOH and who we are? Please contact Kathy Varady, Berks Division 2 President, at kvarady2@gmail.com to learn more. Slàinte!



RETROUVAILLE
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Rediscover the Love in Your marriage!

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



When, in adoration, we look at the consecrated Host, the sign of creation speaks to us. And so, we encounter the greatness of his gift; but we also encounter the Passion, the Cross of Jesus and his Resurrection. Through this gaze of adoration, he draws us toward himself, within his mystery, through which he wants to transform us as he transformed the Host.
Pope Benedict XVI

Eucharistic Adoration times available:

- ♦ Wednesday: 3 pm, 7 pm
- ♦ Thursday: 3 pm, 10 pm

Call Mariane in the Parish office to sign up for an hour. 610-367-2371 or email marianevf@stcolumbkill.org



The Church Votive Candles are available in the Priest Sacristy before and after Mass as well as in the Parish office during regular office hours.

Project Rachel & Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Programs : Project Rachel is a 10 week free postabortive counseling program with a trained therapist sponsored by the Diocese of Allentown. Counseling is offered in English & Spanish. Both Project Rachel & Rachel's Vineyard are open to Catholics, Christians and non-Christians alike. For more information contact Carol Swavely at the Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown main office 610-435-1541 ext. 373 or Sister Margaret at 610-207-8612. Call our toll-free national hotlines: Rachel's Vineyard: 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463)

St. Columbkille Children's Choir

Children's Choir is open to 2nd through 6th grade children. Children will sing at the 10am Mass once a month.

Rehearsals will take place on Sunday mornings twice a month from 9:15am to 9:55am (rehearsal schedule to follow). Please contact



Carolyn Quinn with any questions at carolynsings4@gmail.com.



Everyone is invited to pray the rosary every Saturday, at 9:00 am! ****New time**** From the Zoom app enter the Meeting ID: 488 598 630

and password: Rosary - Zoom app.

All are welcome to Join us!! If you have questions please contact

Megan at (610) 310-5661 or meganrepmo@stcolumbkill.org.

"And to me, my children, give the gift of the rosary,



Are you **HOMEBOUND**-or-would just **WELCOME** a friendly "HELLO"?

"If you are HOMEBOUND or just LONELY - "A SPECIAL CONNECTION" is within your reach! NEVER FEEL ALONE! YOU can begin receiving regular phone calls or written notes from a member of our ministry.

Contact Ginny Sherry at 484-802-3916 to sign up for "A SPECIAL CONNECTION"!

We will welcome the chance to brighten your days!! Feel free to share this with anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to create *their beautiful prayer shawls*. Please be assured that they are made with the utmost care and prayer, and are ready to be presented for those in need. To request a shawl please call Judy at 610-367-0945 or contact the Church office. Thank you.



Music Notes

IGNITE - the youth/young adults of our parish sing more contemporary music. Contact Carolyn Quinn at carolynsings4@gmail.com.



Adult Choir - It is wonderful to be back singing at Mass! With the change in the Mass schedule, the adult choir will be singing the 2nd & 4th Sundays at the 10am Mass. Our practice schedule will continue to be Sunday mornings, starting at 9am in the Ehst room. For more information contact Deb Maskrey at debm@stcolumbkill.org.

Cantors/Leaders of Song - We have a wonderful group of cantors, but there is always room for more leaders! Support is available by means of practice sessions with the organist/accompanist in person, or via phone. You Tube is also a great tool! Students grade 7 and up, this is a great opportunity to serve your parish community. Contact Deb Maskrey at debm@stcolumbkill.org with questions or more information.

Children's choir has begun! If you have any questions, contact Carolyn at

carolynsings4@gmail.com

Keyboard/Pianists - start a ministry as an accompanist for one of the choirs mentioned here, or to play regularly at Mass. Put those lessons to work for you! Contact Deb Maskrey at debm@stcolumbkill.org.

Emmanuel Contemporary Mass

Vocalists plus violin, viola, cello, oboe, and trumpet are needed for the 10 AM Mass on the 1st & 3rd Sundays. We rehearse on Monday nights from 7-9 PM. Contact Kathy Herber at 610.741.4546 or email: k_piano99@yahoo.com.

SENIOR CITIZENS OF OUR PARISH

You are invited to be a member of our group here at St. Columbkille called "Senior Connection".



Would you like the chance to:

- **MAKE NEW FRIENDS**
- Have a place to socialize with other seniors on a monthly basis
- **JUST HAVE FUN**

Please join us at our monthly gatherings in Quinn Hall every 2nd Wednesday of the month from
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Find out what a **GREAT** group our St. Columbkille

"Senior Connection" is!!

(Participation is limited to St. Columbkille Parishioners)

Contact: Ginny S. at 484-802-3916

*Please Pray for the following Intentions:
For Our Family Members in the Military*

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts that they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord & Savior. Amen.

Jason Almond, USN E-3AOAN
Seaman Recruit Steve Hoffa
SPC Jeremy Larson
Jonathan Taylor
Staff Sgt. Robert Preston
USN Petty Officer
Joseph Scarberry, Jr.
Lance Corporal David Vogler
Sergeant Brian Weber
Sergeant Jason Emerich
Sergeant David O'Brien
Airman Timothy O'Brien
USN Petty Officer
Jennifer McBride
Lt. Steve Rohe
Sergeant Jesse Miele
USN Petty Officer
Stephanie McBride
SPC Kyle Laskoskie
1st Lieutenant Eric Antonucci
Lt. Andrew Moyer, USN
Airman Josh Bartman
Airman Morghan Poitras
Staff Sergeant Joshua Taylor
USMC

Airman First Class:
Colin S. Kirschner (E3)
USN MA Second Class Petty Officer (SW)
Matthew R. Goldschmidt
Senior Airman Corey Kelch
Captain Zachary Bregovi
Lance Corporal
Andrew J. Carpenter
E-5 Sergeant Ray Fazio
E-4 Specialist Haley Fazio
SFC Ommannan Gonzalez
LT Daniel Patti, USNR
CPT Joseph Patti, USA
Staff Sgt Anthony DeVito
Sgt. Billy Beuch USA
Matthew Psota
USN Petty Officer 3
Andrew Fronheiser,
Lt. Air Force
Pvt. Harry Fitzpatrick
SFC Shawn Edwards



National Council of the United States
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

End Poverty Through Systemic Change

(Poor box located in the Narthex ~ helping those in need in our local community)

Find out more about us:

<http://www.svdpsa.org/Assistance-Services>



Flame of Love Prayer Cenacle at St. Columbkille on Monday morning following the 9 am Mass. Please join us in the EHST room (located in the basement) at 9:30 am. The prayer centers around saving all souls in the world for Jesus and His earthly mission. The Blessed Mother helps us to intercede with Jesus in the redemption of all peoples, even the most hardened sinners. Please join us for this very important Mission of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. For more information contact Michelle White: mwhitehfn@gmail.com.

Medjugorje Prayer Group: Our Lady still calls us to prayer and right now the world needs our prayer more than ever!! Sue Fryer and Megan Repko are leading a Medjugorje prayer group.

The purpose of this group is to learn more about Our Lady of Medjugorje and her messages and pray for her intentions as well as the healing of our church, our nation and the world.

In order to learn more about Our Blessed Mother and the messages she has been giving us for 41 years, we are reading **My Heart will Triumph** by Mirjana Soldo.

We meet Saturdays at 3 pm (the Hour of Mercy) in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton room. Please email meganrepko@gmail.com or Sue Fryer (sspence4@comcast.net) if you are interested so that we know to expect you!

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is a 12 step program to help our members stop eating compulsively. This program has helped many recover physically, emotionally and spiritually. If you think you may be a compulsive eater try the OA program. We meet at noon on Mondays in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton room.

Human Concerns

Last weekend to get your Mother's day cards/petitions!
Come and honor/memorialize your mother in the sharing of all Masses on Mother's Day weekend. The petitions, and your mother's name will be placed on the altar. All donations accepted.



The Human Concerns Ministry will be selling carnations after all the Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 13/14, to benefit Lifeline of Berks County. Lifeline offers free and confidential services to help women with unplanned pregnancies choose life. Beautiful carnations may be purchased for \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. Thank you for your support!



Church Memorials 2023

Sanctuary candle: A sanctuary candle burns in our church to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. If you wish to have the sanctuary candle in the church burn for a full week in memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office. Suggested offering: \$10.

Bread and Wine: In the early Church it was customary for the People of God to provide the bread and wine to be used at the Celebration of the Eucharist. If you wish to participate in the ancient tradition of providing the bread and wine for the Celebration of the Eucharist in the church as a memorial for your Family or your deceased loved ones. The suggested offering: \$25.

Altar Flowers: It is an ancient custom to decorate the altar with flowers as a symbol of our praise to God and thanks for all blessings we've been given. Altar flowers may be donated in honor of/memory of your loved ones living and deceased. Suggested offering: \$60

IONA Memorial Fund: Enrollment of loved ones in the Iona Memorial Fund is a perpetual remembrance with Mass celebrated once a month for "Those Enrolled in the Iona Memorial Fund". Enrollment is a \$25 offering. The intention for these funds is to pay for Liturgical supplies: vestments, altar cloths and the like.



Join Lorraine's Group on a Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Paris & Nevers - July 22-31, \$4299* from Newark (EWR) (based on double occupancy * travel insurance not included)

Spiritual Director: *Fr. Martin F. Kern* | Group

Coordinator: *Lorraine Echevarria-Hendricks*

For general information please email

lorrhendricks@yahoo.com




For All Details & to Book, visit:

www.pilgrimages.com/lorraine

Our Lady of Lourdes, The Grotto, Lourdes

Family Rosary: Family brings us great joy and happiness. They can also be a source of worry and concern. One thing we can do, regardless of their age, is pray, so if you or a family member needs prayer, who better to turn to than our Lord and his Blessed Mother? As St. Paul instructed the early Christians, "Worry about nothing and pray about everything."

We invite you to join us on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm as we dedicate an hour of our time to lift our families, ourselves and one another in prayer via the rosary. Please contact Kevin Martin at (610) 689-4244 or Kim Fratone at (484)300-1808 with questions or for more details.






ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET
Benefitting Lifeline of Berks County pregnancy resource center

TUES. MAY 23, 2023 | DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
The DoubleTree | RSVP by April 23rd

Individual and group tickets are available for purchase. Please visit our website for registration information. For sponsorship opportunities please contact Stephanie at 610-374-8545 x 207. We can't wait to see you!

lifelineofberks.org | 610-374-8545 | @lifelineofberkscounty

With featured speaker Abby Johnson!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for 6 important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Come strengthen your faith on **Wed. evenings 7:00 PM**. We are open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, scripture, music, joyfully praising the Lord. Scripture based teachings are given each week to help us live our Catholic faith. Let us intercede for your needs. For more info call Sue T. 610-367-4711 or email Don-dondenick@comcast.net.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: "Our Hearts Are Restless Until They Rest In You " St. Augustine in his "Confessions" reminds us that in our restlessness is God calling us to a deeper relationship with Him. One way to grow deeper in your faith and to develop a closer relationship with God is to consider teaming up with a trained Spiritual Director. Fellow parishioner, Kevin Martin, is a trained spiritual Director (trained at Neumann University, Aston Pa where he earned a Masters Degree in Pastoral Care & Counseling/ Spiritual Direction) Contact Kevin Martin 610-310-7077 / kmartinofs@gmail.com or Peg Choinski at 610-845-9272

Birthright of Pottstown is a pregnancy care center serving young women and their babies in the Pottstown area for over 40 years. We provide free pregnancy tests, support, and friendship to women who think they may be pregnant. In addition, we have maternity clothes and baby items to support moms in need. Do you have a couple hours each week to spare, helping women and babies? Please consider becoming a Birthright volunteer! Training is available for the many different roles our volunteers fill; we can work with your schedule! Please call or email Birthright for more information. 610-327-2626 or birthrightpottstown@gmail.com

Diocesan Safe Environment Clearance Changes

The Diocese has updated the following policies regarding:

- ▶ Code of Conduct and Alleged Sexual Abuse.
- A new policy has been created:
- ▶ Social Media Electronic Communications.



ALL Volunteers need to sign off on these three policies, even if you have signed off on them before 12/2022. **Hard copies of these policies and the signature pages are available in the office and on the Parish website under the Clearance tab.**

Contact: Liza Mendez, Local Safe Environment Coordinator
lizam@stcolumbkil.org | 610-367-2371 ext. 106

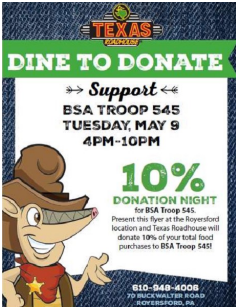
Volunteers having contact with children:

The National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR) application is now required. This must be completed and mailed or scanned to the address listed on the application. (Select box 4—"Volunteer of a childcare provider, group day care home or family childcare home.") Within two weeks of submitting the application, you should receive a letter confirming the verification. Please email or drop off a copy of the confirmation letter to Liza at the office.

Thank you for your service to our parish family!

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PLEASE JOIN US for a TASTY MEAL and SUPPORT OUR BOY SCOUTS!!!

Note – Please present this picture at the restaurant to ensure that your purchase counts toward our fundraiser. Where: Texas Roadhouse (70 Buckwalter Road, Royersford, PA)

When: Tuesday, May 9th from 4:00 to 10:00 PM The Scouts BSA program is for boys in sixth grade and beyond (up to age 18). The Cub Scouting program is for girls and boys in kindergarten through fifth grade. If you have any questions about this fundraiser, or any of these Scouting programs at St. Columbkil, please contact New Member Coordinator, Eugene Kovach, via email at em-kovach@outlook.com. We look forward to hearing from you!



SCOUT ME IN!
JOIN TODAY AT SCOUTSBSA.ORG

Here at St. Columbkil, we have an established Cub Pack, open to girls and boys in Kindergarten through fifth grade, as well as a Scouts BSA Troop, open to boys in sixth through twelfth grade (up to age 18). We have great leaders and volunteers who devote time each week to ensure our youth get the most from their scouting experience, and we encourage other parents to get involved as they are able.

Meetings are held Monday nights at the church from 7 to 8 PM for the Cub Pack, and 7 to 8:30 PM for the Troop. Please contact the New Member Coordinator, Eugene Kovach at 484-432-6778, or email em-kovach@outlook.com for more information.

What's Happening in Quinn Hall after Mass?

May 6/7

- ▶ RaiseRight Sales Plastic Cash Table
- ▶ Mother's Day Cards
- ▶ Knights of Columbus Chicken Parm Dinner Tickets
- ▶ LAOH— Mary's shelter donations



Parish Mission Statement

"We are a Catholic community drawing people to follow Jesus and His message of love"

