



# ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

200 INDIAN SPRING RD., BOYERTOWN, PA 19512

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## God Bless our First Communicants and their families!



21 MAY 2023 ~ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Saint Columbkille Office

200 Indian Spring Rd. \* Boyertown, PA 19512  
Telephone: 610-367-2371 \* Fax: 610-367-0242

### Office Hours:

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

**Pastor:** Reverend Richard Clement  
fatherrich@stcolumbkille.org

### Deacons:

James Kochu, deaconjim2015@stcolumbkille.org  
Joseph Petruskas: dcnojoe2015@stcolumbkille.org

### Parish Staff

**Director of Music:** Deb Maskrey-debm@stcolumbkille.org

**R.C.I.A. Coordinator:** Margaret Chovanes  
margaretc@stcolumbkille.org 610-248-2171

**Director of Youth Ministry:** Heather Shainline,  
youthgroup@stcolumbkille.org

**Quinn Hall Coordinator:** Pat Petruskas, 484-941-2467  
pattyp@stcolumbkille.org

### Chief Financial Officer

Gayle B. Fontaine ~ 610-367-2371 ext. 105  
gaylef@stcolumbkille.org

### Office Manager:

Mariane Fragment - marianevf@stcolumbkille.org

**Bulletin submissions:** bulletin@stcolumbkille.org

**Parish Office** parishoffice@stcolumbkille.org

### Local Safe Environment Coordinator:

Liza Mendez~ lizam@stcolumbkille.org

**Director of Pre-School:** Caitlin Nickel,  
preschool@stcolumbkille.org

### 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

1-800-276-1562, 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](http://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](http://www.stcolumbkille.org) or call the Parish Office.

## Mass Intentions

**MON. MAY 22: EASTER WEEKDAY/ST. RITA OF CASCIA**9:00 AM No Mass - **Communion Prayer Service****TUE. MAY 23: EASTER WEEKDAY**7:00 PM No Mass - **Communion Prayer Service****WEDS. MAY 24: EASTER WEEKDAY**9:00 AM No Mass - **Communion Prayer Service****THU. MAY 25: EASTER WEEKDAY/ST. BEDE, ST/ GREGORY VII, ST. MARY MAGDALENE DE PAZZI**7:00 PM No Mass - **Communion Prayer Service****FRI. MAY 26: SAINT PHILIP NERI**9:00 AM No Mass - **Communion Prayer Service****SAT. MAY 27: VIGIL-PENTECOST SUNDAY**

5:00 PM Joan Giles

**SUN. MAY 28: PENTECOST SUNDAY**

8:00 AM Those Enrolled in the IONA Memorial Fund

10:00 AM Joan Giles

## Today's Readings

**Reading I: Acts 1: 12-14**

Having witnessed Jesus' Ascension, the remaining Apostles, now minus Judas, gather for support and prayer in the Upper Room, anticipating the coming of the Holy Spirit.

**Reading II: I Peter 4: 13-16**

Facing persecution realistically, the author urges the Christian community to be proud of any suffering they endure for Christ.

**The Gospel: John 17: 1-11a**

In His great prayer, Jesus acknowledges that His work has been completed, and now "the hour has come" for Him to return to His Father.

## Celebrant Schedule

**May 27/28 Pentecost Sunday**

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 Frank DelPizzo, Jr.*

The Bread & Wine are offered  
*In Loving Memory of Joseph & RuthAnn Donnelly*

The Flower arrangements  
*In honor of the 40th wedding anniversary of Paul & Cheryl Kalejta*

**SADIE BEAU WEBSTER**

child of Andrea &amp; Benjamin Webster

**BENJAMIN THOMAS SERAFIN**

child of David &amp; Stephanie Serafin

Welcome Newly Baptized members!

*Baptized in the Father, in the Son and in the Holy Spirit*

## Weekday Readings

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19**Saturday:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39**Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13;

## 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<br>May 22   | Tuesday<br>May 23   | Wednesday<br>May 24  | Thursday<br>May 25   | Friday<br>May 26                       | Saturday<br>May 27   | Sunday<br>May 28   |
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| 9 am No Mass/<br>Communion Service<br><br>9:30am Flame of Love<br>12noon OA<br><br>5:30 pm AA<br>7pm Emmanuel<br><br>7 pm Rosary Group | 6:45pm AIAnon<br><br><br><br><br><br><b>7 pm No Mass/<br/>Communion Service</b> | <b>9am No Mass/ Communion Service</b><br>11am<br>Pre-K grad practice (QH)<br><br>6:30pm Follow Christ<br><br>7pm Charismatic Prayer Group<br>7pm Family Rosary | 11am Pre-K grad practice (QH)<br><br>9:30 am Bible Study<br><br><br><br><b>7 PM No Mass/ Communion Service</b> | <b>9 am No Mass/ Communion Service</b> | 9 am Patriotic Rosary<br>Rosary for Vocations<br>Children's Rosary-Zoom<br><br>3pm Medjugorje Prayer Mtg.<br><br>4 pm Confessions<br><b>5 pm Vigil Mass</b><br><br>6:30 pm AI Anon | <b>8 am-Mass</b><br><b>10 am—Mass (Hearing Impaired)</b><br><br>9am Choir practice<br>9:15am Sunday Rosary<br><br><br>1pm Catholic Grandparents Mtg. |



**SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

St. Columbkille Parish will be serving at the Kennedy House Soup Kitchen in Reading on June 17th and 18th. We are looking for a few more volunteers to help. For information, Contact Jesse Plavcan at 484-818-0802 or email: jplavcan1@gmail.com.

**Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Child**

May 21 - Week 17 – Although the doctor knows what gender I am, my mom didn't want to know. I think she feels she will love me too much if she knows too much about me and can give me a name. My arms and legs are moving in a very coordinated fashion so now I'm thinking that I may want to be a dancer! Please pray:



*"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."*

**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.

**Homebound Communion Calls:** Any-one 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.

**Stewardship**

FY 22-23 Fiscal Year - Income/Expense Report

July 2022 through March 2023-3rd Qtr.

Total Operating Income \$636,177.00

Total Operating Expenses \$583,311.00

Net Operating Excess / (Loss) 52,866.00

**- MONTHLY COLLECTION**

Fiscal Year July 2022 to June 2023

Month: April 2023

Last April. 2022 (4 weeks)

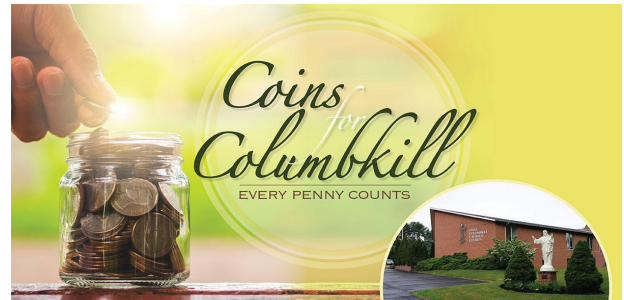
\$45,329.75

This April 2023 (4 weeks)

\$48,674.75

Includes Online: \$20,871.75

Includes Online: \$19,773.75



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

The Parish Center/Office are closed for the Memorial Day Holiday, May 29th.

**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://stcolumbkille.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 Columbkille 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@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:raiserightcoord@stcolumbkille.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 potluck 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 Sales:** 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 or French Creek  
A flocknote with signup info was sent out.

**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 we get 5 or more teens to attend, we will go. If we do not get 5 or more teens to 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 we do not get 5 or more teens to 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.

Congratulations to our children receiving First Holy Communion & their families!

## 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](http://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.

St. Columbkille Preschool is looking for an aide for the 2023-2024 school year. The position is for Fridays from 8:30 to 12:00. Candidates must be a high school graduate and fulfill all Diocesan professional requirements and background checks.

Please forward resumes to Caitlin Nickel

at [preschool@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:preschool@stcolumbkille.org) or call the church office at (610) 367-2371 to inquire.



## 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](mailto:nadineann@comcast.net)  
[catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://catholicgrandparentsassociation.org)

**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](mailto: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.



Join us for a Mass in support of those suffering from addiction. All are invited.

**Sacred Heart Church | Royersford, PA**

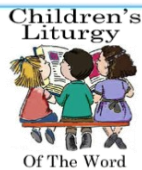
**Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 10:00 AM**

**Celebrant: Rev. Tadeusz Gorka, Pastor**

Addiction has touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith. *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

~Phil 4:13





## 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.



**Here's a glimpse of what our scouts have been up to this year!**

**Community Service Hours:** 280.25 total hours led by Daniel Kovach with 25 hours.

**Conservation Hours:** 66.5 total hours led by 9 Scouts with 3.5 hours each.

**Camping:** The Troop camped 404 nights and 540 days led by Matt Kizer with 20 nights and 27 days. **Frost**

**Points:** Which is 1 point for every degree below freezing. Collectively, the Troop earned 562 frost points!

**Hiking:** The Troop hiked 244.2 miles as a unit, led by Matt Kizer with 78.95 miles!

"Troop 545 Scouts earned 38 Awards, 112 Merit Badges and 27 Rank advancements in the 2022 2023 Scout year. fair-play, and I cannot wait to see our students competing next year in such a wide variety of sports and contests."

~ Eric Parks

**You Make Saint Columbkille proud!**

Here at St. Columbkille, 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 emkovach@outlook.com for more information.



**SCOUT ME IN**  
JOIN TODAY AT SCOUTSBSA.ORG



*Come and spend an hour with the risen Lord.*

*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@stcolumbkille.org



### 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.

### LAOH (Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians)

Our last meeting of the year will be Monday June 5th at 7pm in the LAOH room.

- 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!



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](http://www.pjphs.org/apps/pages/summercamps). We look forward to seeing you at PJP this summer!



**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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**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.



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 [meganrepko@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:meganrepko@stcolumbkill.org).

"And to me, my children, give the gift of the rosary, the roses which I love so much." ~ Our Lady of Medjugorje,

**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. FRANCIS CLASSICAL CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Dr. Richard Brake, [headmaster@mbsbally.org](mailto:headmaster@mbsbally.org) or 610-845-7364.



A note to visitors, please be extremely careful when driving on Pine St. or coming into the school parking lot. Doors open at 8:15 AM with dismissal at 3 PM. SFCCA is happy to announce that the online process for applying and submitting enrollment applications is now officially up and running. To apply, simply visit <https://sfcca.school/admissions> and follow the link to instructions. Through this portal, you can submit inquiries, apply, enroll, and set up payment plans.

We are also offering several financial aid options, both need-based and multi student which can be applied for through the link on our website. While we are preparing for the upcoming school year, the school will be open throughout the entire summer. Take advantage of this opportunity to come tour the school, meet some faculty members, learn our curriculum, and ask any questions you might have. Our staff is readily preparing to open our doors to PreK-8 th grade and are so excited to be part of this re-founding of Saint Francis Classical Catholic Academy.

Our headmaster, Dr. Richard Brake, will be in office throughout the summer and will be looking forward to meeting any prospective families and help them gain some familiarity with the mission of our joyfully catholic and rigorously classical school.

If you have any questions, please contact our Headmaster Dr. Richard Brake at [headmaster@mbsbally.org](mailto:headmaster@mbsbally.org).

#### Music Notes



**IGNITE** - the youth/young adults of our parish sing more contemporary music. Contact Carolyn Quinn at [carolynsings4@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:debm@stcolumbkill.org).

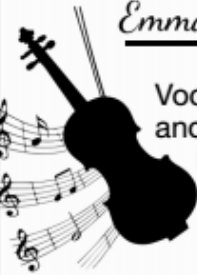
**Cantors/Leaders of Song** - We have a wonderful group of cantors, but there is always room for more leaders! Support is available by means of practice sessions with the organist/accompanist in person, or via phone. You Tube is also a great tool! Students grade 7 and up, this is a great opportunity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

**Children's choir** has begun! If you have any questions, contact Carolyn at [carolynsings4@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:debm@stcolumbkill.org).

### We will miss you greatly. Deb !

Our Director of Music for 19 years and of the Adult Choir for 23 years, *Deb Maskrey* will be leaving us at the end of May. To honor Deb and to express our gratitude for her many years of service to the Parish, you are cordially invited to a reception on Sunday, May 28th after the 10 AM Mass to extend your thanks to Deb and wish her well. Light refreshments will be served.



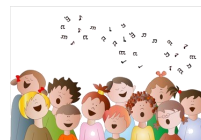
**Emmanuel Contemporary Mass**

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](mailto:k_piano99@yahoo.com).

#### St. Columbkill 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](mailto:carolynsings4@gmail.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)

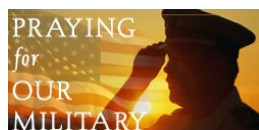
Contact: Ginny S. at 484-802-3916

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](mailto: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 me [meganrepko@gmail.com](mailto:meganrepko@gmail.com) or Sue Fryer ([sspence4@comcast.net](mailto: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

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!



The Human Concerns Committee thanks everyone who contributed to the Mother's Day Petitions, honoring all living and deceased mothers. Thank you all and God Bless. -Judy Fontana

Father's Day is approaching and the Human Concerns Ministry will again be offering cards and petitions for you to honor/memorialize your fathers. Watch for further announcements as to when you will find us in Quinn Hall.

Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit will present

The Spirit Of America Concert

to be held on Saturday, July 1, 2023 at 2 PM inside SoulJoel's At The Sunnybrook Ballroom. Tickets can be purchased at Bachman Music, Aunt Nannie's Bakeshop and at BAMU Concerts for \$20. We hope you can attend.



# Attic Treasures ~ THANK YOU!

We want to thank everyone who helped to make the 2023 Attic Treasures a success. The event raised \$6,359.05, which this year will go towards the St. Columbkille's Pre School program. Attic Treasures demanded a lot of work for an entire week and our team answered the call. To those who help to make this a success

- Thank you for your effort and devotion.  
*Chris Karver & Linda Lignelli*

## 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 / kmartinfof@gmail.com or Peg Choinski at 610-845-9272

**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.

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

**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**

**CYO – Catholic Youth Organization:** The CYO program is back. Students attending either Most Blessed Sacrament Parish or St. Columbkille Parish along with any students attending Saint Francis Classical Catholic Academy are eligible to participate in the CYO program. The program will offer **sports** as well as other activities. Sports that would be available to students would be the following: **Fall -Cross Country** for K-8th grade, **Girls Volleyball** 5th – 8th grade, **Winter - Boys and Girls Basketball** 3rd – 4th, 5th – 6th, and 7th – 8th grades, **Cheerleading, and Spring - Track and Field**. Possible other options would be Golf, Baseball, and Softball. These sports would be 5th – 8th grades. CYO program also offers Spelling Bees, Declamation, and Academic Bowl.

We would be competing against other Berks County Catholic Parishes for the 2023 – 2024 school year. At this moment we are looking for coaches for our Cross Country and Girls Volleyball if interested please contact Ben Puzauskas either by phone at 484-624-2452 or by email at bepuzauskas@dejazzd.com

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.

Villa Maria Academy High School Summer Series Villa Maria Academy High School in Malvern is offering week-long camps this summer for rising 6th through 10th graders. Choose from a variety of enrichment camps and athletic camps, including: Art and Design, Basketball, English Readiness, Field Hockey, HSPT Prep, Journalism, Lacrosse, Leadership, Songwriting, Studio Art, Rowing, Soccer, and Study Skills. Visit [www.vmahs.org/summerseries](http://www.vmahs.org/summerseries) for information and registration. Hurry! The deadline is May 26th and space is limited.

**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!

**The St. Monica Ministry** is both a dedicated community and a prayer network offering hope and support to the families and friends of fallen-away Catholics. The ministry sponsors a Holy Hour of Petition and Hope on the second Wednesday of each month. Holy Hours are held at St. Theresa's in Hellertown, beginning at 6:00pm. Fr. David Kozak will be presiding at the May 10 Holy Hour, and Fr. Bernard Ezaki will be presiding on June 14. The St. Monica Ministry also holds two meetings per month. All are warmly invited to attend the meetings, which consist of fellowship, rosary recitation, resource sharing, and a book discussion. Meetings take place at the St. Theresa Parish Center, 222 Leonard Street, Hellertown. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 31 and 10:00am on Thursday, June 1. For more information, please email Celeste at

[StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:PATTYP@STCOLUMBKILL.ORG)**

What's Happening in Quinn Hall after Mass?

May 20/21

- » RaiseRight Sales Plastic Cash Table
- » LAOH— Mary's shelter donations

## Parish Organizations/Ministry Contacts

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
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| Carolyn Quinn                | carolynsings4@gmail.com         | Children's Choir                         |
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| Kevin Martin                 | kmartsr@aol.com                 | Family Rosary                            |
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| Nadine Blair                 | nadineann@comcast.net           | Catholic Grandparent Association         |
| Marcia Martin                | gstroop01221@gmail.com          | Girl Scouts                              |
| Michelle White               | michellehfn@gmail.com           | Hearts for the Nation; Flame of Love     |
| Teresa Voth                  | ltvoth@dejazzd.com              | Human Concerns                           |
| Kathy Varady                 | kvarady2@gmail.com              | LAOH Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians  |
| Joann Rivera                 | joannriv7@gmail.com             | Lay Missionaries of the Sacred Heart     |
| Jean Schlegel                | jfsoscar@aol.com                | Lectors                                  |
| Nikki Rinehimer              | nana6@dejazzd.com               | Liturgical Linens                        |
| Dcn Joe Petruskas            | dcnjoepet2015@stcolumbkil.org   | Men's Prayer Group   ChristLife   Formed |
| Pierre Chery                 | PierreChery@mail.com            | Knights of Columbus                      |
| Debbie S.                    | 610-496-9094                    | OA                                       |
| Patty Petruskas              | pattyp@stcolumbkil.org          | Parish Pastoral Council                  |
| Susan Fryer                  | sspence4@comcast.net            | Patriotic Rosary Group                   |
| Judy Fontana                 | jafont@comcast.net              | Prayer Shawl Ministry                    |
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| Denise Stull                 | denises@stcolumbkil.org         | PREP/Religious Education                 |
| Patricia Petruskas           | pattyp@stcolumbkil.org          | Quinn Hall Kitchen   Funeral Luncheons   |
| Margaret Chovannes           | margaretc@stcolumbkil.org       | RCIA   Bible Study                       |
| Brian Quinn                  | raiserightcoord@stcolumbkil.org | RaiseRight Gift Card Program             |
| Candee Holzman               | candeeh@stcolumbkil.org         | Respect Life Ministry                    |
| Irene Vasko                  | irenevasko@icloud.com           | Rosary Groups                            |
| Mary Patti                   | svdp@stcolumbkil.org            | Saint Vincent de Paul Ministry           |
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| Heather Shainline            | youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org      | Youth Group                              |



## Mass Times:

5 pm Vigil - Saturday

8 am & 10 am - Sunday

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

