



# ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

200 INDIAN SPRING RD., BOYERTOWN, PA 19512

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I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says  
the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

11 JUNE 2023 ~ THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

### 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](http://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. JUN 12: TENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00 AM** Robert Cavanaugh

**TUE. JUN 13: SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA**

**7:00 PM** Guiseppe Cilluffo & Antonina Mannino

**WEDS. JUN 14: TENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00 AM** Living & Deceased Members of St. Columbkille

**THU. JUN 15: TENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

**7:00 PM** Bunky Olock

**FRI. JUN 16: MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

**9:00 AM** Camillo & Mary Volpi

**SAT. JUN 17: VIGIL- ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**5:00 PM** All Fathers: Living & Deceased

**SUN. JUN 18: ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8:00 AM** All Fathers: Living & Deceased

**10:00 AM** All Fathers: Living & Deceased

## Today's Readings

**Reading I: Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14b-16a**

Moses reminds the people of their 40-year sojourn in the desert, where they were not only tested but also provided for via the manna. This they should never forget.

**Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17**

By sharing the one cup and the one loaf, the diversity within the community blends into the unity brought about by being one body in Christ.

**The Gospel: John 6: 51-58**

Jesus asserts Himself as the "living bread that came down from heaven." Infinitely superior to the Old Testament manna, this bread and wine become for them and us, His Body and Blood.

## Celebrant Schedule

**Jun 17/18** The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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 Honor of Mom-mom Ondo's birthday**

The Bread & Wine are offered  
**In Honor of Gus and Peggy Szamboti  
on the occasion of their wedding.**



The Flowers on the Altar  
**In Honor of Nadine & Len Blair  
on the occasion of their 14th Anniversary**

**TYLER JOSEPH OBRIEN**  
child of Joseph P. & Samantha Obrien

**CHASE A. DWYER**  
child of John & Alyson Dwyer-Dedeian

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



## Weekday Readings

**Monday:** 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 5:1-12

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 3:15 — 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 5:20-26

**Friday:** Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 2:41-51

**Sunday:** Ex 19:2-6a; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36—10:8

## 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 June 12	Tuesday June 13	Wednesday June 14	Thursday June 15	Friday June 16	Saturday June 17	Sunday June 18
<b>9 am Mass</b> 9:30 am Flame of Love 12pm OA 5:30pm AA 7pm Emmanuel 7pm Rosary Group 7pm Scouts	SVDP Meeting  6:45pm AIAnon  <b>7 pm Mass</b>	<b>9am Mass</b>  1:30pm Senior Connection  6:30pm Follow Christ  7pm Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm Indian Springs	9:30 am Bible Study  <b>7 PM Mass</b>	<b>9 am Mass</b>	9 am Patriotic Rosary Rosary for Vocations Children's Rosary-Zoom  3pm Medjugorje Prayer Mtg.  4 pm Confessions <b>5 pm Vigil Mass</b>  6:30 pm AI Anon	<b>8 am-Mass</b> <b>10 am—Mass</b> <b>(Hearing Impaired)</b>  9:15am Sunday Rosary

Our **Parish Bereavement** group held its first meeting on **Tuesday**. Meetings will be held every other Tuesday evening at 6:30. The next meeting is scheduled for **June 13th at 6:30pm**.

The Bereavement Journey

If you are interested in attending, please call the Parish office (610-367-2371) and leave your name and phone number. (You do not need to be a parishioner to attend the meeting)

#### Peter's Pence Collection - July 2nd

The Peter's Pence Collection supports the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**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@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:marianevf@stcolumbkil.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.



Join us this summer at Fiat Days!

Fiat Days will be held on July 16-20, 2023 at Lehigh University!

The Office of Vocations in the Diocese of Allentown is pleased to present Fiat Days retreats on July 16-20, 2023 at Lehigh University!

All high-school aged young women (14-18 years of age, including newly-graduated seniors) are invited to attend this discernment retreat to hear to what vocation God might be calling them. Retreat activities will include time for fellowship, Mass and Adoration, presentations and talks, and activities each day rooted in prayer for the discernment of their vocations.

The retreat will include Eucharistic Adoration, Outdoor Rosary Procession, daily sports and games, field trips, and meeting new friends and fellowship!

Please register by June 30, 2023. No late registrations or walk-ins will be allowed.

Early Registration: If you register by June 15, 2023, the fee is \$100.00. If you register after June 15th, the registration fee is \$150.00. Scholarships are available!

Questions? Email [vocations@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:vocations@allentowndiocese.org).

## 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

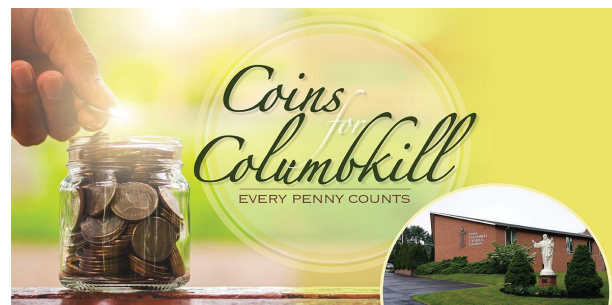
Fiscal Year July 2022 to June 2023

Month: April 2023

Last April. 2022 (4 weeks)	This April 2023 (4 weeks)
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\$45,329.75	\$48,674.75
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Includes Online: \$20,871.75	Includes Online: \$19,773.75
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Coins for Columbkil 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://stcolumbkil.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 Columbkil 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@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:raiserightcoord@stcolumbkil.org) with any questions.



## Knights Corner

### Knights of Columbus 2023 Scholarship Award



Joanna McClelland



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>

### Join us this summer at Quo Vadis!



**QUO  
VADIS**  
DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN

Quo Vadis will be held on July 16-20, 2023 at Lehigh University!

The Office of Vocations in the Diocese of Allentown is pleased to present Quo Vadis retreat on July 16-20, 2023 at Lehigh University!

All high-school aged young men (14-18 years of age, including newly-graduated seniors) are invited to attend this discernment retreat to hear to what vocation God might be calling them. Retreat activities will include time for fellowship, Mass and Adoration, presentations and talks, and activities each day rooted in prayer for the discernment of their vocations.

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**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*

**R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:** If you or someone you know would like more information about the Catholic faith or if you are a baptized Catholic but have not received your first Communion or Confirmation RCIA is tailored for you. **Contact Margaret Chovanes:** [margaretc@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:margaretc@stcolumbkil.org) or **610-248-2171** with questions or for more information.

*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 [megan-repko@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:megan-repko@stcolumbkil.org).*

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



## 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).

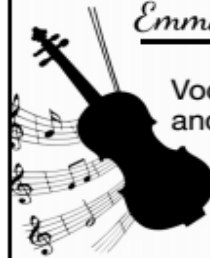
**Adult Choir** - The Adult Choir practice will resume in late August/September. Stay tuned for updates.

**Cantors/Leaders of Song** - We have a wonderful group of cantors, but there is always room for more leaders!

**Children's choir:** 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!

### 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. Columbkil Children's Choir**

Children's Choir is open to 2nd through 6th grade children. Please contact Carolyn Quinn with any questions at [carolynsings4@gmail.com](mailto:carolynsings4@gmail.com).





### 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



### The Family Ministry Group:

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

Contact: Sarah Sullivan at  
SSullivan4916@outlook.com.



### Vacation Bible School

VBS 2023  
Marvelous  
Mystery!  
June 26-30



Youth Group (7-12 Gr.)  
Heather Shainline

Stay tuned for our "Helping at Home" week from June 11th-June 16th! If you have any ideas for service, send them my way!  
youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org



### 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.

**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)

### Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Child

June 11- Week 20 - People are now noticing that my mommy is carrying me inside her. If she would allow them to put their ear to her belly, they could hear my heartbeat. I'm not sure she is ready for that yet, so please say a few prayers for us this week so that she understands how much I want to be born.



*"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."*

### Pre-School-Caitlin Nickels

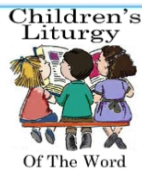
REGISTRATION IS OPEN! STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE YOU CAN PAY TUITION. REGISTERING your child (children) for the upcoming school year. - Visit our website [www.stcolumbkill.org/preschool](http://www.stcolumbkill.org/preschool) or at the Parish Office. \$40 non-refundable registration fee. TUITION: 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 Nickels at [preschool@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:preschool@stcolumbkill.org) or call the church office at (610)367-2371 to inquire.



Fr. Bernard Ezaki will be the homilist at this month's Holy Hour of Petition and Hope, sponsored by the St. Monica Ministry of the Allentown Diocese. The Holy Hour will be held June 14th at St. Theresa Church, Hellertown beginning at 6:00pm, and will be followed by fellowship in Friendship Hall. Registration is not required. 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. In addition to monthly Holy Hours, the ministry holds bimonthly meetings consisting of fellowship, rosary recitation, resource sharing, and a book discussion. For information on meeting dates and times, or to be added to the St. Monica Ministry mailing list, please email Celeste at [StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com)

*Whatever is true, whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just, whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,  
if there is any excellence  
and if there is anything worthy of praise,  
think about these things - Phil 4:8*



## 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.

**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.



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

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



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

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](mailto:emkovach@outlook.com) for more information.



*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: 7 pm Friday: 1 pm
  - ♦ Thursday: 12 am, 1 am, 2 am, 3 pm, 10 pm
- Call Mariane in the Parish office to sign up for an hour. 610-367-2371 or email [mariane.vf@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:mariane.vf@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](mailto:kvarady2@gmail.com) to learn more. Sláinte!



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.



## 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.svdpusa.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** meets each Monday at noon in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room. The only requirement to join is the desire to stop eating compulsively. This 12 step program is spiritual, emotional and physical. Give yourself a chance for recovery by trying the OA program.

## Human Concerns

This is the final weekend to get your Father's Day Cards and Petitions offered by the Human Concerns Committee. Please stop by our table in Quinn Hall after Mass and honor or memorialize your Father. Any donation is acceptable. All the petitions will be placed on our altar on Father's Day.



**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](mailto:kmartinofs@gmail.com) or Peg Choinski at 610-845-9272



### 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.



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.

**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 Frattone at (484)300-1808 with questions or for more details.

Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit will present  
The Spirit Of America Concert

to be held on Saturday, July 1, 2023 at 2 PM inside Soul Joel'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.

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.

**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 set-up 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 [Becauseweare-Catholic.org](http://Becauseweare-Catholic.org)

**CYO - Catholic Youth Organization:** The CYO program is back. Students attending either Most Blessed Sacrament Parish or St. Columbkil 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](mailto:bepuzauskas@dejazzd.com)

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](mailto:birthrightpottstown@gmail.com)

## Saint Aloysius Parish

American Red Cross

# BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, June 12 [2-7PM]

[www.saintalloysius.net](http://www.saintalloysius.net)



## 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!

## 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.

**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**

What's Happening in Quinn Hall after Mass?

June 10/11

- RaiseRight Sales Plastic Cash Table
- Father's Day Petitions/Cards

## Parish Organizations/Ministry Contacts

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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

