



# ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

200 INDIAN SPRING RD., BOYERTOWN, PA 19512

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# HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Happy  
the nation  
whose God  
is the Lord,  
the people  
chosen as his  
very own.**

**PSALM 33:12**



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2 JULY 2023 ~ THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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: dcjoe2015@stcolumbkille.org

### Parish Staff

**Director of Music:** Michael Repko-  
michaelr@stcolumbkille.org

**R.C.I.A. Coordinator:** Margaret Chovanec  
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**

Elizabeth Roberge ~ prep@stcolumbkille.org

### 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 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 Chovanec at 610-248-2171.

### Religious Education (PREP)

Religious instruction for elementary school students takes place on Wednesdays - Sept through May. Please contact Elizabeth Roberge 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. JUL 3: ST. THOMAS**

**9:00 AM** Thomas Hare

**TUE. JUL 4: THIRTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**9:00 AM** Pam Fryer - **Mass at 9:00 AM**

**WEDS. JUL 5: ST. ANTHONY ZACCARIA**

**9:00 AM** Elizabeth Dunleavy

**THU. JUL 6: ST. MARIA GORETTI**

**7:00 PM** In honor of the Knights of Columbus

**FRI. JUL 7: THIRTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00 AM** Michael Millard

**SAT. JUL 8: VIGIL- FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**5:00 PM** Cheryl Puleo

**SUN. JUL 9: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8:00 AM** Frank Bregovi

**10:00 AM** Dick Curley & Ann Reid

## Today's Readings

**Reading I: 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16a**

The Shunammite woman offers hospitality to Elisha the prophet with generosity and kindness. She does not yet know exactly who he is.

**Reading II: Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11**

The baptismal ritual represents the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. The convert to the Faith emerges as a new person, now living "for God in Christ Jesus."

**The Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42**

Whoever receives an Apostle receives Christ. He insists that we take up our individual cross and follow Him, showing care for the needy as did the Shunammite woman.

## Celebrant Schedule

**Jul 8/9 The Thirteenth 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 Loving Memory of Joseph Donnelly**



*Please Pray for our Recently Deceased Parishioners  
& Family of Parishioners*



**Mildred Hartman**



**GABRIEL AMALFITANO**

*child of Nicholas & Allyson Amalfitano*

*Welcome Newly Baptized member!*

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



## Weekday Readings

**Monday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

**Tuesday:** Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday:** Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday:** Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

**Friday:** Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 9:9-13

**Saturday:** Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:14-17;

**Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

## 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.

Calendar

	Monday July 3	Tuesday July 4	Wednesday July 5	Thursday July 6	Friday July 7	Saturday July 8	Sunday July 9
	9 am Mass	9 am Mass	9am Mass	9:30 am Bible Study	9 am Mass	9 am Patriotic Rosary Rosary for Vocations Children's Rosary-Zoom	8 am-Mass 10 am—Mass (Hearing Impaired)
	9:30 am Flame of Love 12pm OA 5:30pm AA 6pm LAOH 7pm Rosary Group 7pm Scouts	PARISH CENTER / OFFICE CLOSED  Happy Independence Day!	7pm Charismatic Prayer Group	7 PM Mass		3pm Medjugorje Prayer Mtg.  4 pm Confessions 5 pm Vigil Mass  6:30 pm Al Anon	9:15am Sunday Rosary

Our **Parish Bereavement** group meets every other Tuesday evening at 6:30. The next meeting is scheduled for **July 11th at 6:30pm.** 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)

The  
Bereavement  
Journey

## Knights Corner

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. Columbkille Knight or visit our website: <https://kofc16544.org>



**The Parish Center/Office are closed for the Independence Day Holiday, July 4th.**

**Missionary Cooperation Plan:** Collection July 9 and 10. Once again this year the Diocese has asked that we not invite any missionaries to come and speak. We have been assigned the Missionary Childhood Association (formerly Holy Childhood Assoc) for our Mission Coop this year. MCA is an international organization whose membership is made up of students in Catholic elementary schools & religious education programs. It is an organization dedicated to fostering children's awareness of the missionary nature of the church. Authorized by the Vatican, & in collaboration with U.S. Bishops, MCA distributes educational & fundraising programs to schools & religious ed programs throughout the U.S. It is sometimes known as the Pontifical Assoc. of the Missionary Childhood because it is sponsored in a special way by the Pope. It is the official agency of the Holy Father for the distribution of the fundraising proceeds realized through the efforts of children for their underprivileged brothers and sister in Third World situations.

Your continued support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

*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@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:meganrepko@stcolumbkille.org).*

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



## 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**

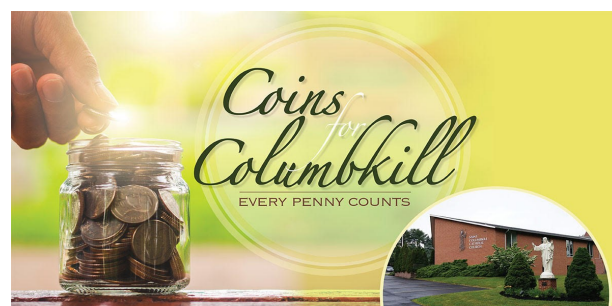
**Fiscal Year July 2022 to June 2023**

**Month: May 2023**

<b>Last May, 2022 (4 weeks)</b>	<b>This May 2023 (4 weeks)</b>
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<b>\$54, 327.74</b>	<b>\$52,469.25</b>
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<b>Includes Online: \$20,609.75</b>	<b>Includes Online: \$20,418.75</b>
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**Coins for Columbkille benefits our Building Fund for future capital needs of the parish. Total collected to date is \$ 2,516.15 !**

## 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://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.





**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.

**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.



Make a joyful noise to the LORD  
Psalm 100:1

**IGNITE** - the youth/young adults of our parish sing more contemporary music. Contact Carolyn Quinn at 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

**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: michaelr@stcolumbkil.org

**Answered Prayers**

**ANSWERED PRAYER LIST January – June 2023**

WE PRAISE & THANK THE LORD for the following answered prayers through the intercession of St. Columbkil Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting, the Mass Book of Intercessions and the Parish E-Mail Prayer Chain.

- \* After a women survived a heart attack and heart surgery, doctor said it was a real miracle!
- \* Husband finally free of colon cancer after suffering with it for five years!
- \* Eight year old granddaughter diagnosed with a rare cancer put on new medication doing well and back to school!
- \* Women's shoulder pain all finally gone no surgery necessary!
- \* Father of three children doing well after heart valve surgery now home with family!
- \* Niece who was in a coma for five days and actually coded has now recovered and doing well, another true miracle!
- \* Women's surgery to fix torn retina went well able to see well once again.
- \* Woman who had a concussion after an auto accident has recovered perfectly!
- \* Elderly man had to have appendix removed, all went well and back on his feet doing well!
- \* Husband who had constructive back surgery now doing well getting stronger every day with physical therapy.
- \* Grandmother's knee replacement surgery went well, now out of pain and walking normal without a cane!
- \* Husband was notified he would lose his job but instead he was rehired at an increase in salary!
- \* Niece no longer has Crohns disease, CRP levels now normal!
- \* Son-in-law who had complete cardio arrest now back to normal,, another miracle!

Call the Office to be added to the Parish E-mail Prayer Chain or email PTL2Sue@dejazzd.com. You can also write your prayer petitions in the Book of Intercession on the table in the Narthex. All requests are strictly confidential, they are included in the Prayer of the Faithful at all Masses and interceded for at the Wednesday 7:00 PM Prayer Meetings where all are welcome to come and join us! Please let the parish office know when your prayers are answered so together we can praise and thank the Lord! Thank you!

**St. Columbkil Parishioners Serve at Soup Kitchen**

Sixteen volunteers gathered and served 310 meals last weekend at Kennedy House. It was a success and everyone had a good time. Many thanks to our volunteers and contributors! ~ Jesse Plavcan,



Joanne Psota  
Julia Gilbert  
Skylar Gilbert  
Rosie Genuario

Nadine Blair  
Len Blair  
Erik Schmid  
Tara Schmid

Dave Orler  
Eileen Orler  
Amy Plavcan  
Andrea Plavcan

Dave Plavcan  
Julian Plavcan  
Ruby Plavcan  
Jack Plavcan



## Religious Education—PREP

Elizabeth Roberge, Director

Registration for PREP classes 2023-24 will begin on July 5th. ParishGiving will be sending parents an email to begin this process. As many classes now have a mix of grades, we will be referring to them as levels. Levels 1-7 will continue to meet on Wednesdays, but this year there will be only 1 in-person session offered from 5:30-6:30pm.

Home schooling is still an option. In Level 2, children will prepare for the Sacrament of Penance. In Level 3, they will prepare for First Holy Communion. And Level 7 is the Confirmation Prep class.

Theology of the Body is a required class for all those preparing for Confirmation in the Fall of 2023.

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



## Catholic Grandparents Association World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly celebration—July 23rd

*"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)



## 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](mailto:SSullivan4916@outlook.com).



**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 Chovanec: [margaretc@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:margaretc@stcolumbkill.org) or 610-248-2171 with questions or for more information.

## Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Child

July 2 - Week 23 - I now have eyelids and eyebrows and weigh about one pound. I am so glad that I got my hearing because I heard my mom say that she is thankful that she does not smoke, do drugs, or drink alcohol. She has heard that it can cause many health problems for me. Please continue to pray for my mom and me.

*"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. Columbkil 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@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:preschool@stcolumbkill.org) or call the church office at (610)367-2371 to inquire.

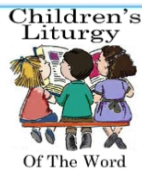


*Celebrating* **25 YEARS**

## Basket Party Save the Date

**This year marks our 25th Annual Basket Party! It will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2023 and the theme is "Celebrating 25 Years!" Don't miss the party! Mark your calendar now and start thinking about what basket you might like to donate.**

**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. Contact Peg Choinski at 610-845-9272 [pegtyl@gmail.com](mailto:pegtyl@gmail.com)



## 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

**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)



**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, 10 pm

Call Mariane in the Parish office to sign up for an hour. 610-367-2371 or email [marianevf@stcolumbkille.org](mailto: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)

- 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)

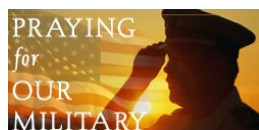
Contact: Ginny S. at 484-802-3916

*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.*

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

The Human Concerns Ministry is hosting  
"Christmas in July"!

We will be collecting items to support Lifeline of Berks County. Please join us by bringing your unwrapped gifts/donations the weekends of July 15/16 and July 22/23. Needed items will be posted in the bulletin the weekend of July 8/9.





### 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-donick@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.

**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! Don Joe*

### Berks Catholic High School is hiring!

-Art Teacher -Chemistry teacher  
-Geometry/Math teacher -Spanish 2,3,4  
Please send resume and clearances  
to: nvilardo@berkscatholic.org

**Come be part of something special!**

### 1st and 6th Grade Teaching Positions at Saint Peter School

Responsibilities: -teaching the Grade Level Curriculum as outlined by the Diocese of Allentown | fostering the intellectual, social, and faith development of children who attend Saint Peter School | developing, organizing, and implementing lesson plans to meet the educational needs of Students | demonstrating competence in teaching by effective planning and thorough knowledge of curriculum and subject matter and be able to communicate effectively with students | maintaining a functional, pleasant and Christian learning environment

Requirements: -Diocesan Teaching Application:  
<https://www.allentowndiocese.org/sites/default/files/2017-12/NEW-REVISED-teacher-Dec-2017.pdf>  
Please contact Sister Anna at albtsp@ptd.net or call 610-374-2447

The Sacred Heart Church Parish Fair returns this year in Royersford! July 12-15! Join us for rides, games, live music, and fabulous food! This year, join our Cornhole Tournament on Saturday night and BINGO in our air-conditioned Cafe! Sit in our Beer Garden and listen to Live Music every night! PLUS... We will be selling our homemade pierogi at the Fair only! See our webpage for all the fun! [www.sacredheartroyersford.org/fair](http://www.sacredheartroyersford.org/fair)

**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)

### CROSS COUNTRY

Our CYO program is looking for any Female/Male interested in coaching the following sports for the upcoming school year 2023 -2024: Cross Country and Girls Volleyball. Please contact Ben Puzauskas at 484-624-2452 or email me at [bepuzauskas@dejazzd.com](mailto:bepuzauskas@dejazzd.com).

Any students in the grades K - 8 attending Most Blessed Sacrament Parish or Saint Columbkil Parish as well as Saint Francis Classical Catholic Academy are invited to participate in the CYO programs. If your child is interested in participating, please check our MBS website for registration forms or contact Ben Puzauskas at 484-624-2452 or email me at [bepuzauskas@dejazzd.com](mailto: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](mailto: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!

## 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?

July 1/2

► RaiseRight Sales Plastic Cash Table

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

