

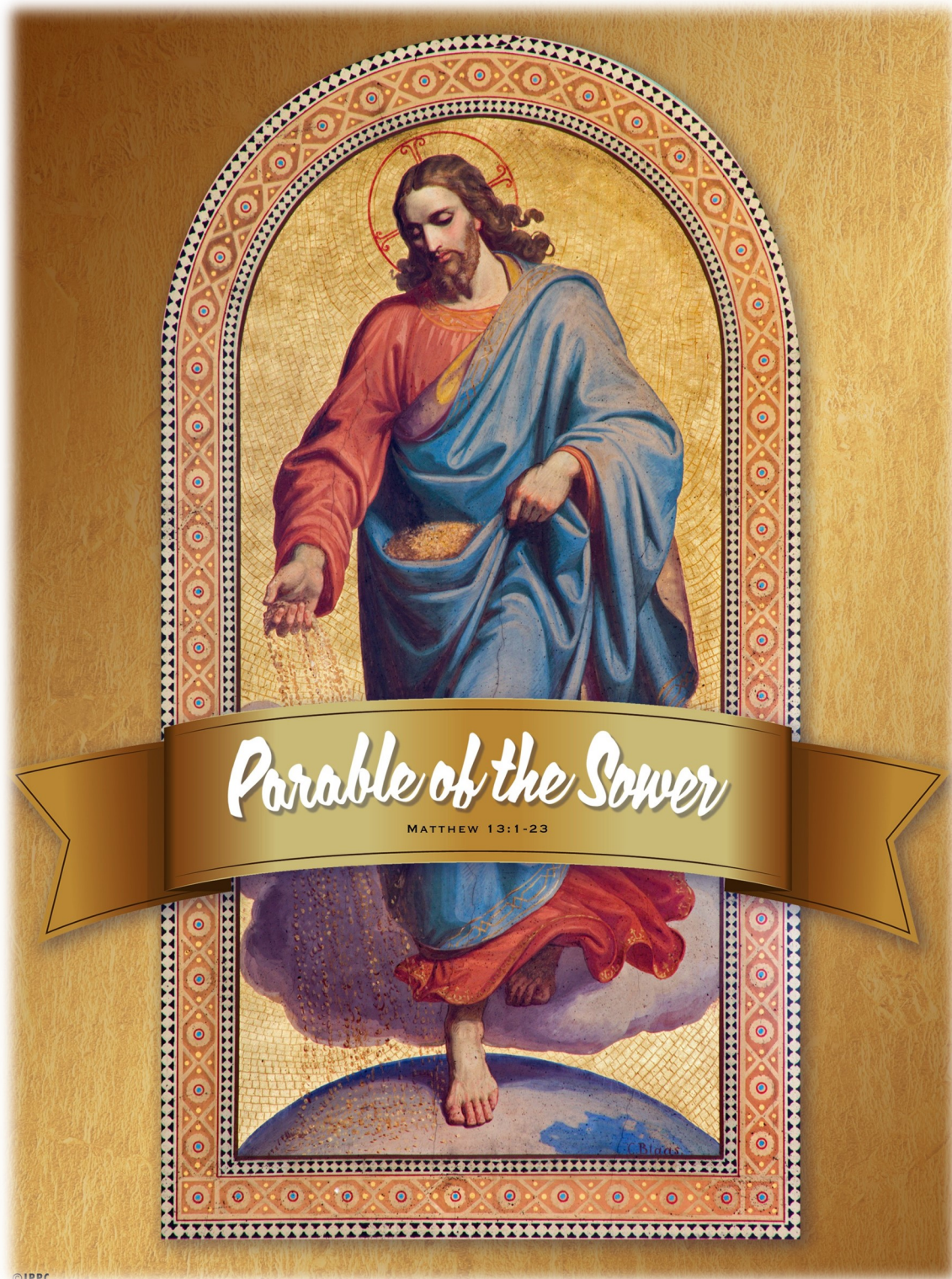


ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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16 JULY 2023 ~ THE FIFTEENTH 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

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Joseph Petruskas: dcnpjoe2015@stcolumbkille.org

Parish Staff

Director of Music: Michael Repko-
michaelr@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
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Mariane Fragment - marianevf@stcolumbkille.org

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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 Chovanes 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 17: FIFTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am *David J Rooney, Sr.*

TUE. JUL 18: SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS

7:00 pm *Guiseppa Cilluffo & Antonia Mannino*

WEDS. JUL 19: FIFTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am *Madge Fisher*

THU. JUL 20: SAINT APOLLINARIS

7:00 pm *Joan Giles*

**FRI. JUL 21: SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI,
BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN**

9:00 am *Phyllis Hall Smith*

SAT. JUL 22: VIGIL—SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm *Frank Bregovi*

SUN. JUL 23: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am *Brenda Conrad*

10:00 am *Catherine & Robert Hastings*



Today's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 55: 10-11

God's Word comes gently and soaks into the earth only to be drawn back to Him. It is less a message and more an event.

Reading II: Romans 8: 18-23

Through the Spirit the Christian becomes a child of God and destined for glory. All of creation "groans" until we are fully redeemed.

The Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23, or 13: 1-9

Jesus prefers to teach outdoors rather than in a stuffy academic box. His parable appeals to a rural audience. The four types of soil represent various ways people respond to the Word of God.

Celebrant Schedule

Jul 22/23 The Sixteenth 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 Rev. Wanda Craner



Weekday Readings

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

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 17	Tuesday July 18	Wednesday July 19	Thursday July 20	Friday July 21	Saturday July 22	Sunday July 23
	9 am Mass		9am Mass		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 7pm Rosary Group 7pm Scouts	6pm Knights Mtg. 6:45pm Al Anon 7 pm Mass	 7pm Charismatic Prayer Group	9:30 am Bible Study 7 PM Mass	 5pm Boy Scouts Mtg	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 25th 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

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 mariane.vf@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.



Second Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe - July 16 and 17. The second collection this weekend is for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. Through this collection we are able to help those living in countries that were formerly under communist rule to continue to learn and practice the faith. Your continued support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

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



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday, August 14th:
Vigil Mass | 4:00 pm

Tuesday, August 15th: Mass on the Holy day 9:00 am | 7:00 pm

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.



"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 June 2023.

Total Operating Income	\$874,963.00
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Total Operating Expenses	\$767,50.00
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Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	\$107,383.00
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- MONTHLY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year July 2022 to June 2023

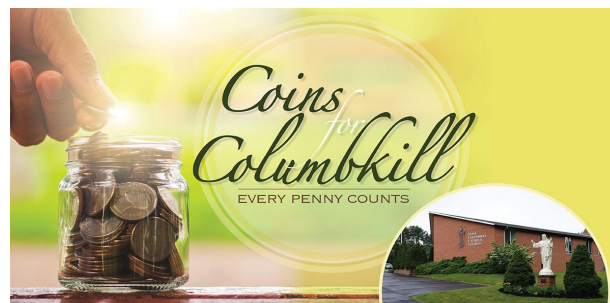
Month: June 2023

Last June, 2022 (4 weeks)	This May 2023 (4 weeks)
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\$49,860.75	\$48,309.21
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Includes Online: \$22,930.75	Includes Online: \$22,214.75
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Many thanks for your generous donations to the collection for Peter's Pence: \$ 2,448.00



Coins for Columbkil 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://stcolumbkill.org/raise-right-scrip> or pick one up in the parish office.
- Complete the order form and hand it in with the appropriate amount of cash or a check payable to "Saint 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@stcolumbkill.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. Columbkille 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
Psalms 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@stcolumbkille.org

Answered Prayers

ANSWERED PRAYER LIST January – June 2023

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

- * After a woman 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 Crohn's 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!

Angelorum, one of the choirs of the Diocese of Allentown, and based out of the Cathedral, is a talented group of women whose blend is angelic and filled with love of God. Their style is a perfect combination of traditional and contemporary, all of it directed toward Our Lord. Their music can be heard on Spotify, Amazon music, and many other streaming sites. We would love for you to visit our webpage at Angelorum (angelorumvoices.com), subscribe to our Youtube channel, and follow us on Instagram and Facebook.

Tuesday, July 25, 6:30 PM: Hymn Sing Along
All are welcome to gather in the church for an informal sing along of your favorite oldies and current church songs. Make your requests to Bev McDevitt: bevmcdevitt1@gmail.com prior to the gathering so song lyrics may be prepared. Light refreshments to follow.

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1825 W Turner St, Allentown, 18104

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.

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
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.



Human Concerns

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

Reminder: There is one weekend left for the
"Christmas in July campaign supporting Lifeline
of Berks County. Unwrapped gifts/donations
are due the weekend of July 22/23.



Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Child

July 16 - Week 25 - I now get startled at the
sound of loud noise, but I am soothed at the
sound of my mother's voice. I guess that means
that my ears are now working! I can also re-
spond to touch. Yeah, for my senses! Please keep my
family and me in your prayers this week.



*"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
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 back-
ground checks. Please forward resumes to Caitlin Nickel
at preschool@stcolumbkill.org or call the church office at
(610)367-2371 to inquire.

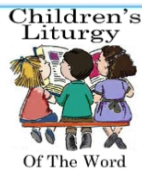


Celebrating **25**
YEARS

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



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)



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.



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



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 to learn more. Sláinte!



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



Rediscover the Love in Your marriage!

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

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)

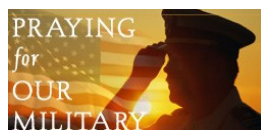
Contact: Ginny S. at 484-802-3916

*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.

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 or Sue Fryer (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.

FOR GOD & COUNTRY CONCERT



Sunday, September 10, 2023, 2 PM
Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena
18th & Turner Streets, Allentown

Join in a Medley of Patriotic Music & Songs
By the Choirs of the Cathedral Parish
~ Scripture, Patriotic Readings & Reflection ~

First Responders are Welcome &
Invited to wear their Uniforms

A Free Will Offering will be taken.

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 altbsp@ptd.net or call 610-374-2447



Mass Times:
5 pm Vigil - Saturday
8 am & 10 am - Sunday

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

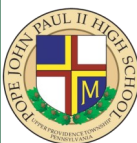
CROSS COUNTRY

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.

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

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.

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



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@stcolumbkill.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?

Christmas in July collection for Lifeline of Berks County.

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

