



ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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Blessed are they who hear the word of
God and observe it.

13 AUGUST 2023 ~ NINETEENTH 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

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fatherrich@stcolumbkille.org

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michaelr@stcolumbkille.org

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pattyp@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,
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Sunday Mass

Saturday evening: 5:00

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

Daily Mass

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

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Holydays

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

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

Parish Religious Education

Director of Religious Education

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. AUG. 14: VIGIL-ASSUMPTION BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

4:00 pm Vince & Danny Volpi

TUE. AUG 15: ASSUMPTION BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 am Marcia Jilk **7:00 pm** Mary Antol

WEDS. AUG. 16: ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

9:00 am Caroline DiGuglielmo (anniversary of birthday)

THU. AUG 17: NINETEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of St. Columbkil

FRI. AUG 18: NINETEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am In Honor of Ed & Elaine Sullivan

SAT. AUG 19: VIGIL 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm Joan Giles

SUN. AUG. 20: 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am Adam & Anne Nowicki

10:00 am Connie Wong



Today's Readings

Reading I: I Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a

Elijah, having fled to a mountain cave, hears the Lord order him to "go outside." The usual ways of the Lord's presence—wind, earthquake, and fire— are absent here, replaced by a "tiny whispering sound."

Reading II: Romans 9: 1-5

Paul wishes to harmonize the relationship between his people, the Jews, with the new way of salvation, i.e. in and through Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

In this famous scene, Peter's behavior seems not to make sense. It is a combination of impulsive action expressing love and faith and a weakness brought on by doubt.

Celebrant Schedule

Aug. 19/20 The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5:00 PM Fr. Rich Clement

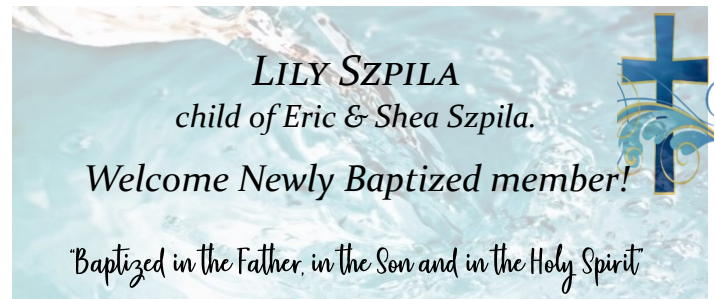
Sunday 8:00 AM Fr. Rich Clement

Sunday 10:00 AM Fr. Rich Clement

Sanctuary Memorials

The Sanctuary Candle will burn
In Loving Memory of Joseph Donnelly

The Flowers on the Altar are offered
**In Celebration of the
36th Wedding Anniversary of
Fran & Ron Nase**



Weekday Readings

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

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 August 14	Tuesday August 15	Wednesday August 16	Thursday August 17	Friday August 18	Saturday August 19	Sunday August 20
NO 9am-Mass 9:30 am Flame of Love 12pm OA 4pm Vigil Mass 5:30pm AA 7pm Rosary Group 7pm Scouts	9 am Mass Holy Day of Obligation Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6pm Knights mtg. 6:45pm AI Anon 7 pm Mass	9am Mass 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm Charismatic Prayer Group	9:30 am Bible Study 7 PM Mass 7 pm Pre-K Parent Meeting	9 am Mass	9 am Patriotic Rosary Rosary for Vocations Children's Rosary-Zoom 3pm Medjugorje Prayer Mtg. 4 pm Confessions 5 pm Vigil Mass 6:30 pm AI Anon	8 am-Mass 10 am—Mass (Hearing Impaired) 9:15am Sunday Rosary

Our Parish Bereavement group meets every other Tuesday evening at 6:30. The next meeting is scheduled for August 22nd 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.



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@stcolumbkill.org or 610-248-2171 with questions or for more information.

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>



August is Make-A-Will Month. If there's a will... There's definitely a way. Your will is your way to protect your loved ones, ensure your wishes are honored, and even make an impact with your legacy. FreeWill's free estate planning tool, available to all parishioners at St. Columbkil, is a simple, confidential, and cost-free way for you to chart your own way during National Make-A-Will Month. Visit FreeWill.com/AllentownDiocese to get started on your will.



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

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

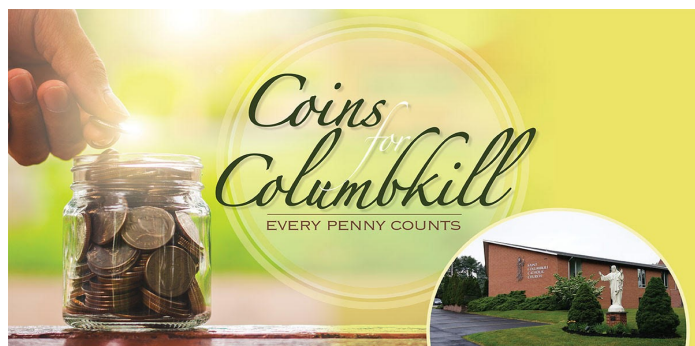
Fiscal Year July 2022 to June 2023

Month: June 2023

Last June, 2022 (4 weeks)	This June 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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Coins for Columbkil benefits our Building Fund for future capital needs of the parish. Total collected to date is \$ 2,682.15 !

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
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@stcolumbkille.org

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.

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.



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

St. Joseph in the Hills Retreat for Men

Men in the Diocese of Allentown are invited to a period of refreshment, release, calming, learning, concentrating on the most important gift: your life, a gift from God. The retreat called 'St. Joseph in the Hills' will take place at Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA. The Lehigh Valley men's retreat group, dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, would like to invite you to experience the same excitement and awe that we feel on our yearly weekend. Learn, reflect, and increase your personal communion with the Lord. Join us on the weekend of August 25, 26, & 27, 2023, Friday night to Sunday morning. To register, contact Anthony Scarselletti of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Group by phone (610-393-4671) or by email:

OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com.

Save the Date: DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, September 25, 2023

Steel Club, Hellertown

Proceeds benefit Seminarian Scholarships and Catholic School Education Scholarships

For more information visit: <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/golf>

Or contact Michele Mullikin at 610-871-5200

x2282 or mmullikin@allentowndiocese.org

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule

Monday, August 14th: (NO 9:00 AM) Mass Vigil Mass | 4:00 pm

Tuesday, August 15th:

Mass on the Holy day 9:00 am | 7:00 pm

- ♦ Adoration will begin on Wednesday Aug. 16th at 10 AM.

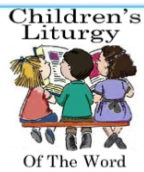
Religious Education

See AD Today and the AD Times for more information as the date gets closer. Deadline to register is Monday, Sept. 4. If you have questions, email ltavarez@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900, ext. 2329.



A decorative banner featuring two ice cream cones. The left cone has pink ice cream with chocolate chips and a cherry on top. The right cone has green ice cream with chocolate chips and a cherry on top. Between them, the text "Here's the SCOOP!" is written in a playful, multi-colored font. The banner has a wavy, scalloped border.

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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 or contact the Church office. Thank you.



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.

Eucharistic Adoration times available

- ♦ Wednesday: 7 pm
- ♦ Thursday: 12 am, 1 am, 2 am, 10 pm
- ♦ "When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now." ~ *Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



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. Slainte!



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.

RETROUVAILLE

Retrouaille: Rediscover the Love in your Marriage
Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouaille (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. Upcoming programs will be held August 18 - 20 and again October 6 - 8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. 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



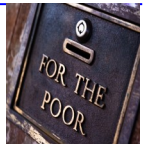
National Council of the United States
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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-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.

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

Praise, Worship, Mass, Benediction & Healing Service: Please join us for a special evening on Sunday, August 27th at 6:30 p.m. for Praise & Worship music. Mass, Benediction & Healing service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Our celebrant will be Rev. John Frink.

Join us for this special evening at St. Catharine of Siena Church on Boyertown Pike as we give thanks to the Lord.

Please spread the word. We hope you can join us for this uplifting & solemn service.

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.

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

Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Child

August 13 - Week 29 - I am about 13 ½ inches long and I have now developed regular sleep patterns. I still like to sleep in the daytime and be up during the nighttime. Of course, that's not what my mom would like me to do. Please continue to pray for my mom and me. I hear that some babies suffer partial birth abortion this late in development. Can you imagine how painful that would be?



"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."

"Thank you, St. Columbkille parishioners for your generous support of Lifeline's Christmas in July project. Being able to offer material assistance to women who choose LIFE and those who, through their circumstances, are at-risk of abortion is a vital part of the work that we do. Your gifts provide support for the women we serve so that they can take the time they need to build a future for themselves and their families. Thank you very much."

Thank you and God bless! -Sydney Blackburn



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-

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FOR MAGNIFEST!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023
2PM - 10PM



General Admission - \$15

Special Family Pricing!
Family of 4 or more - \$60

Purchase tickets at
stmaryprov.org/magnifest

ST. MARY OF PROVIDENCE CENTER
227 ISABELLA RD. ELVERSON, PA 19520

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

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.

MASS IN QUINN HALL BEGINS
ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 12th
with the 5:00 pm Vigil.
Confessions will be heard in
Quinn Hall on Saturdays from
4:00 pm—4:45 pm



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

