



ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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*You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it*

27 AUGUST 2023 ~ TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Columbkille Office

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

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

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fatherrich@stcolumbkille.org

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Liza Mendez~ lizam@stcolumbkille.org

Director of Pre-School: Caitlin Nickel,
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Sunday Mass

Saturday evening: 5:00 p.m.

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. 28: ST. AUGUSTINE

9:00 am *Joseph Sparks*

TUE. AUG 29: THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

7:00 pm *Tanya Jackson*

WEDS. AUG. 30: TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am *Carol Sturdevant*

THU. AUG. 31: TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00 pm *Jack McDonald*

FRI. SEP. 1: TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am *Rick Boyle*

SAT. SEP. 2: VIGIL 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm *Caroline Burns*

SUN. SEP. 3: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am *Those Enrolled in the IONA Memorial Fund*

10:00 am *Joseph Payne*

Weekday Readings

Mon.: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tue.: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mk 6:17-29

Wed.: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thu.: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51

Fri.: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13

Sat.: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

Sun.: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Celebrant Schedule

Sep. 2/3 Twenty-second 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

The Parish Center/Office will be closed for the Labor Day Holiday, September 4th.

Sanctuary Memorials

*The Sanctuary Candle will burn
In Loving Memory of Andrew Krupiak*

*The Bread & Wine are offered
In Loving Memory of Mildred Hartman*



Today's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 22: 19-23

Eliakim is named by Yahweh to replace Shane as master of the palace. As a result, it becomes a hereditary position for his family.

Reading II: Romans 11: 33-36

This is a hymn to the merciful wisdom of God, as expressed by Paul in gratitude. He writes that God is nobody's debtor.

The Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

This is a pivotal passage and Peter's identification is the correct one for Our Lord. Peter in turn receives a compliment and then a commission to leadership.



Our book of Mass Intentions for 2024 will open on October 6th. Please note the maximum number of announced Masses for each deceased is three per year.

There are still a few weeks open in 2023 for sanctuary candles, bread & wine offerings and flowers. The IONA Memorial fund is also an option for the deceased to be included in a Mass once a month perpetually (Those Enrolled in the IONA Memorial Fund).

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 28	Tuesday August 29	Wednesday August 30	Thursday August 31	Friday September 1	Saturday September 2	Sunday September 3
9 am Mass 9:30am FL Holy hour 12pm OA 5:30pm AA 6:30pm G.S. 7pm Parent PREP mtg 7pm Emmanuel 7pm Rosary Group 7pm Scouts	6:45pm AI Anon 7 pm Mass	9am Mass 7pm Charismatic Prayer Group	9:30 am Bible Study 6:30pm RCIA 7 PM Mass	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 September 5th 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	\$767,500.00
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Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	\$107,383.00
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- MONTHLY COLLECTION

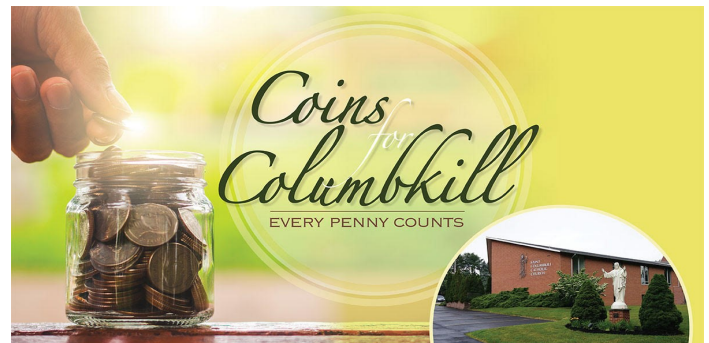
Fiscal Year July 2023 to June 2024

Month: July 2023

Last July, 2022 (4 weeks)	This July 2023 (5 weeks)
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\$45,752.25	\$51,500.35
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Includes Online: \$20,229.75	Includes Online: \$20,088.75
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Coins for Columbkil benefits our Building Fund for future capital needs of the parish. Total collected to date is \$ 2,784.30.

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.



RaiseRight



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: kathyhemmanuel@stcolumbkill.org

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.



Celebrating **25 YEARS**

Basket Party Update

If you're a planner, plan to get your basket in by the Early Bird Deadline of October 15th, to be eligible for the Early Bird Basket which contains four \$25 gift cards: Olive Garden, Darden, Redner's and Giant. Remember, the theme is Celebrating 25 years! The 25th annual party is October 29, 2023 and you're invited! Mark your calendar and watch the bulletin for further details.



St. Catharine of Siena Event:

Saturday, September 30th post time 6:00 pm
St. Catharine of Siena church Social Hall 4975 Boyertown Pike. \$30 general admission includes fabulous pasta buffet, salad, snacks, homemade desserts, beer, wine & soda. Name a horse \$5.00 money wheel, 50/50 drawings, door prizes - NO ONE UNDER 21 admitted. Tickets available after Mass, at the Parish Center or call Bob Hoffman 610-779-8833. All proceeds benefit the Charitable endeavors of St. Catharine's Knights of Columbus Council 14880

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@stcolumbkill.org

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,

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

16th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish to be held on Friday, September 22 beginning at 11:00 A.M. at Blackwood Golf Course, Douglassville - held rain or shine. Cost: \$95.00 per golfer (includes golf Fees, hot dog/sauerkraut lunch, post-play banquet, refreshments throughout the day and prizes). For more information or reservations, call Kathy (610-326-5127) or email contact@sgsm62.org.

Religious Education—PREP Elizabeth Roberge, Director

Registration for PREP classes 2023-24 is open. Parish-Giving sent 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.

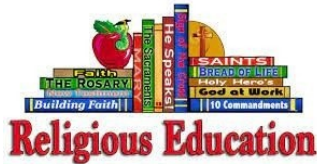
Home schooling is still an option. In Level 2, children will prepare for the Sacrament of Penance. In Level 3, they will prepare for First Holy Communion. And Level 7 is the Confirmation Prep class.

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

Friendly Reminder: There is a mandatory PREP Parent meeting on Monday, August 28th at 7:00 PM. This is an informational meeting. Attendance Envelopes will be handed out as well as homeschooling families books & pacing guides.

We look forward to meeting you and sharing information about our PREP program for the 2023-2024 year.

Please park in the side parking lot by the Pieta statue and enter through the doors there to come upstairs to the classrooms.



Wedding Anniversary Mass

Married couples from across the Diocese are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage during the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, to be celebrated Sunday, Sept. 17 at 3 p.m. You can register to attend the Mass by visiting www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass.

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 ltava-rez@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900, ext. 2329.

Catholic Grandparents Association



"In old age they will still bear fruit" Ps 92
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

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 substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. Substitutes are typically needed last minute in the case of sick teachers but are also occasionally scheduled in advance. Candidates must be a high school graduate and fulfill all Diocesan professional requirements and background checks. Please forward resumes to preschool@stcolumbkill.org or call the church office at (610)367-2371 ext. 202 to inquire.

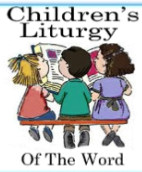


NEWLY ADDED CLASS: *The Transitional Kindergarten class is designed to meet the needs of our older preschoolers to further develop their social, emotional, and academic skills. Our class focuses on kindergarten readiness skills through learning stations including reading, writing, math, science, art, small manipulatives, puzzles, and blocks. This class is designed for children who have completed the younger preschool classes but aren't quite ready to go off to kindergarten just yet or have missed the kindergarten registration cut-off. Children must be 5 by December 31, 2023, to attend.*

This class will run MONDAY thru FRIDAY: 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM September through May

Feast of St. Monica Holy Hour and Dinner with Bishop Schlert

On Sunday, August 27th, the Feast of St. Monica, the Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown, will preside at a Holy Hour sponsored by the St. Monica Ministry. The Holy Hour will take place at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown, beginning at 4:00pm. A buffet will follow in the parish center. All are welcome to take part in this very special evening of prayer and fellowship. For more information or to register, please email Celeste Behe at StMonicaMinistry27@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 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

Villa Maria Academy High School Fall Events



6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and their families are invited to our Fall Open House on Sunday, October 1st! The program begins at 9 a.m. featuring a presentation, student-led tours, and an activities fair. Learn about how your daughter can become UNSTOPPABLE at Villa Maria through our

challenging academic curriculum while growing in faith through our IHM Charism of love, creative hope, and fidelity. To register for the Fall Open House, 8th Grade Entrance-Scholarship Exam, or 8th Grade Visit Villa Days please visit vmahs.org/events.

Apply today to join our Class of 2028 at vmahs.org/apply; applications are due by November 8th.

Questions? Contact the Admissions Team at admissions@vmahs.org.

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: 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. 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



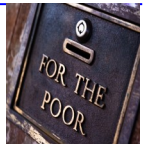
National Council of the United States
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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 on Wed. evenings @ 7:00 PM to let the Holy Spirit touch your heart and renew your personal relationship with Jesus as we are open to the word of God and joyful praise with music. Scripture based teachings are also given each week to help us live our Catholic faith. Let us intercede for your needs, along with an opportunity to be prayed over for healing. We meet in the Knights room. For more info call Sue T. 484-300-8669 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 27 - Week 31 - I am continuing to grow and now weigh about 3 ½ pounds. My lungs and digestive tract are nearly mature, but I don't really want to be born yet though since the last few weeks are very important for my development. I can track moving objects with my eyes and when I blink, and my eyes respond to light and dark. Please remember me in your prayers.



"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."

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. Slàinte!

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

Starting the week of November 11, 2023, we will have our semi-annual grave clean-off at Gethsemane and St. Mary's Cemeteries. If you have any items on gravesites you wish to keep, please visit the Cemetery to retrieve the items prior to the week of September 11th. Thank you.

Saturday, Sept. 23rd – Your Treasure's Mysteries Unlocked at the Cathedral!

Be a spectator or have an in-depth evaluation of your keepsakes at the Antique Treasure Show. 5:30 to 9:30 PM, in the Walson Center, 210 N. 18th St. Allentown, PA. Enjoy wine, beer, hors d' oeuvres, desserts & coffee. PLUS, Silent & Live Auction of Unique Items. Benefits Maintenance & Repairs at Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena. Tickets at door \$30 / \$25 in advance. For more Information visit Cathedral-church.org, or @allentowncathedral, or call 610-433-6461.

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 UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE.

Confessions will be heard in
Quinn Hall on Saturdays from
4:00 pm—4:45 pm

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Exciting Improvements Ahead

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

