



ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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Open our hearts. O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Welcome

*The Bray Family
The Hayes Family
The Levan Family
The Monek Family
The Moser Family
The Murray Family*

*The Natalini Family
The Onder Family
The Owens Family
The Price Family
The Scherer Family
The Sipler Family*

*The Uhlig Family
The Wheaton Family*



Welcome our new members to our parish family of faith!

24 SEPTEMBER 2023 ~ TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Columbkille Office

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Office Hours:

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

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Parish Staff

Director of Music: Michael Repko-
michaelr@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 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 SEP 25: TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am *Ed & Catherine Greway*

TUE. SEP. 26: SAINTS COSMAS & DAMIAN

7:00 pm *Theresa Kriebel*

WEDS. SEP. 27: SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

9:00 am *Joan Giles*

THU. SEP. 28: ST. WENCESLAUS/ST LAWRENCE RUIZ & COMPANIONS

7:00 pm *Chris & Amy Schrode*

FRI. SEP. 29: SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

9:00 am *For a Special Intention*

SAT. SEP. 30: VIGIL 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm *Dick Curley and for Ann Reid*

SUN. OCT. 1: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am *Ralph Vitelli*

10:00 am *Charlotte Purnell*



CONFIRMATION: Bishop Alfred Schlert will administer Confirmation in our parish on Tuesday, October 3rd at 4:30 P.M.



Weekday Readings

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

Celebrant Schedule

Sep. 30/Oct. 1 Twenty-sixth 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 Gary Bloch and
Eugene & Anna Marie DeLuca*

*The Flowers on the altar are offered
In Loving Memory of David Rooney*



Today's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 55: 6-9

The prophet exhorts people to look for God outside the sanctuary of the Temple. God is not only generous, but also has ways that are infinitely superior to our ways.

Reading II: Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a

Paul reflects on what lies ahead, and trusts that Christ may be glorified through his entire person hood. For him, "to live is Christ."

The Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16a

The basic message of the Parable of the Landowner is about God's generosity. It is unique to Him and far superior to our own. This is especially true in our culture.



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 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 September 25	Tuesday September 26	Wednesday September 27	Thursday September 28	Friday September 29	Saturday September 30	Sunday October 1
9 am Mass 12pm OA 5:30pm AA 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts 7pm Emmanuel 7pm Rosary Group 7pm Scouts	6:45pm AI Anon 7 pm Mass	9 am Mass 5:30 pm PREP Class 6:30pm Share Christ 7pm Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm Family Rosary	9:30 am Bible Study 6 pm Theology of the Body 6:30pm RCIA 7 PM Mass	9 am Mass	9 am Patriotic Rosary Rosary for Vocations Children's Rosary-Zoom 11 am Knights in the Morning 3pm Medjugorje Prayer Mtg. 4 pm Confessions 5 pm Vigil Mass 6:30 pm AI Anon	8 am-Mass 10 am—Mass (Hearing Impaired) 9:00 am Choir 9:15am Sunday Rosary 9am Basket Party comm. 12pm Baptisms 2pm Confirmation Practice

Our Parish Bereavement group meets every other Tuesday evening at 6:30. The next meeting is scheduled for October 3rd 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

Calling all cleaners!

We are looking for people to come and help deep clean our newly painted church on Wednesday, September 27th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We will be cleaning the floors, polishing the pews, etc. in both the Church and in the Chapel.

Please bring along buckets, cleaning rags and Swiffer handles. Swiffer sheets and cleaning products will be provided.

Please contact Charlene if you are able to help, even for a half hour.

Many hands make light work!

**Char. wysocki@comcast.net
or call/text 610-310-0872**



Knights Corner

We always welcome new Knights to join us. If you would like to learn more about or sign-up with our Knights of Columbus Council #16544, just talk to any St. Columbkille Knight or visit our website: <https://kofc16544.org>



Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Our Monthly Breakfast is moved to the **SECOND** Sunday in October, from **8:30 am – 12:00 pm**. For Updates check-out the Knight's web site or the Knight's Corner in the Bulletin.

2nd Sunday

Our next Breakfast is on Sunday, October 8th

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 2023 to June 2024

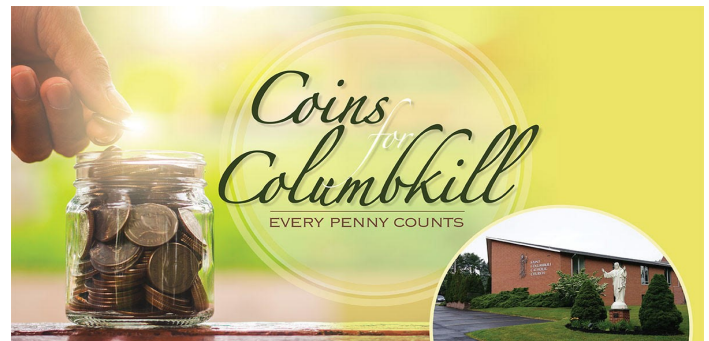
Month: August 2023

Last August, 2022 (4 weeks)	This August 2023 (5 weeks)
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\$54,948.25	\$47,770.71
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Includes Online: \$23,546.75	Includes Online: \$25,041.75
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Our second collection supports the Church in Latin America. For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers make it difficult for people to practice the faith. Your donations fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation, so that people can grow closer to Christ. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Thank you



Coins for Columbkille benefits our Building Fund for future capital needs of the parish. Total collected to date is \$ 2,784.30.

Mass for Healing

Please join us for a special evening on Sunday, October 29th here at Saint Columbkille. Praise & Worship music begins at 6:30 pm, and Mass, Benediction, and healing service will begin at 7 p.m. Our celebrant will be Rev. John A. Frink. Please spread the word. We hope you can join us for this uplifting and solemn service.

Music Notes – Michael Repko, Director



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. 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.



Celebrating **25 YEARS**

Basket Party Update

The 25th annual party is October 29th and you're invited! Remember, the theme is Celebrating 25 years! This year's party is sure to be a fabulous, fun event! 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.

Proceeds from the Basket Party will benefit the Building Fund...driving down that debt is something to be celebrated!

Party tickets go on sale September 30th. Your participation is greatly appreciated – come celebrate with us!

Loss – Grief – Letting Go Day of Reflection – Friday, November 17, 2023– 6:30 to 8:00 PM

"Loss, Grief, letting go" are familiar words yet, for so many, grief is a silent pain that is at times unbearable. Sr. Nancy Iampietro will guide you to reflect on loss and hope, on grief and love, on letting go of what we thought would be. It will be a time to invite the Lord to show us that we can find comfort and healing where our wounds hurt the most.

Sr. Nancy is a Missionary Sister of the Precious Blood. She is a Theologian with specialization in Formative Spirituality, and Spiritual Direction, and leadership. To register, call Mariawald Renewal Center at 610-777-0135 or Email mariawaldcenter@gmail.com Register before 11/13/2023 Cost: \$20.00

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

 Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! Psalm 98:1.

Calling all singers! The children's choir is holding a meet and greet event this Sunday, September 24th from 11am to 11:45 am in the Knights of Columbus/ LAOH Room (across from the chapel)!! We will enjoy pizza, lemonade and cookies. We will teach a couple of songs and do some singing!

Can't wait to see you there!

Parents welcome.

Please call or text me to RSVP.

Carolyn Quinn 610-220-5615



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,

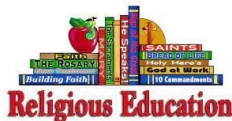
Homebound Communion Calls: Anyone who is homebound and would like to receive Communion on a weekly basis, please call Mariane at the Parish office (610-367-2371, ext 107) or email mariane@stcolumbkill.org and we will coordinate a visit from a Eucharistic Minister. If you are homebound and would like a recording of the Sunday Mass, please let us know.



Religious Education—PREP Elizabeth Roberge, Director

Religious Education has begun! We are so happy to see your children. This week, they received information on the Circle of Grace program. The Diocese of Allentown has once again requested that we give safe environment training for our students. It is called Circle of Grace. The philosophy of the program teaches that we recognize God's love by helping them understand that each of us lives and moves in a Circle of Grace. As adults, we hold the responsibility to help young people understand and respect their own dignity and that of others. A truly safe and protective environment is one where young people recognize when they are safe or unsafe and know how to bring their concerns to the trusted adults in their lives. Our Catechists will present this information to the children in October/November. Please read over the information and if you discern that you would not like your child to attend that particular session, fill out the form attached to the description and send it in to PREP with your child on September 27th.

For Level 8 students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, we will have practice in the Church on Sunday, October 1st at 2pm. Sponsors should attend but if they are not available, parents should attend. Confirmation is scheduled for 4:30pm on Tuesday, October 3rd.



R.C.I.A. — Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

There will be an information session about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA on Thursday September 28th at 6:30 PM in the Elizabeth Seton meeting room. 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: margaretc@stcolumbkill.org or 610-248-2171 with any questions.



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

Join us for our meeting, **Sunday, September 24th at 1pm** - We will catch up on our Summer activities.

Contact: Nadine Blair, at
484 -368-7989 or
nadineann@comcast.net
catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Pre-School-Caitlin Nickels



School is in session! - Afternoon 3-year-old session added: Tuesday and Thursdays from 12 noon to 2:30 pm. Contact Caitlin at preschool@stcolumbkill.org for more information.

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.

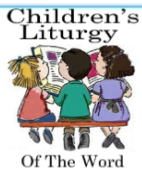
St. Columbkil Preschool is looking for substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. Substitutes are typically needed last minute in the case of sick teachers but are also occasionally scheduled in advance. Candidates must be a high school graduate and fulfill all Diocesan professional requirements 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

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.



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)

Berks Catholic High School is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. To learn more about how Berks Catholic prepares students to be college & life ready please contact Mrs. Smith. nsmith@berkscatholic.org or 610.374.8361 ext. 244. All inquiries are confidential

Berks Catholic High School Homecoming and Partner School Night and BIG tailgate is October 13, 2023 at our Home Football game. All Partner and PREP students admitted free with BC or their school spirit wear. Game time is 7pm.



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

Eucharistic Adoration times available



- ♦ **Wednesday: 7 pm**
- ♦ **Thursday: 12 am, 1 am, 2 am, 10 pm**
- ♦ **Friday: 2 pm**
- ♦ **Substitutes for Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament:** *Maybe you are unable at this time to commit to an hour a week. We are in need of substitutes to fill in now and then. If you wish to be put on a list of substitutes, please contact the Parish office, leave your name, phone number and email and we will add you to the list of subs to receive notification when a scheduled adorer cannot make it. If you are then available for that time slot you can sign up by simply clicking on the link.*
- ♦ **"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@stcolumbkil.org

Pro-Life Corner

Take a stand for Life at the Berks County Life Chain on Sunday, October 1, 2023, 2:00 to 3:30, Penn Avenue, West Reading. The estimated number of babies killed annually in Berks County exceeds 1,000, with approximately 10-15 babies murdered weekly at Reading Planned Parenthood facility. A powerful LIFE CHAIN on October 1 will offer strong encouragement and hope for reducing that number. With your firm support, we are confident of having a strong chain, able to change the lives and minds of those who pass by. Please join with us. Let us invest at least one hour to save a lifetime.

Note that this event will be preceded on Saturday, September 30th with a Prayer Walk on Penn Avenue. Meet at St. James at 5:45pm. For more information, contact Pam Snyder at 610-790-9197 pjsnyd@comcast.net PA March for Life in Harrisburg on Monday, October 16, 2023. While St. Columbkil will not be sponsoring a bus to the PA March for Life, you are welcome to check with neighboring churches that are running busses, including St. Teresa's and St. Benedict's.



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
Airman Grayson Baetzel



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.svdpsusa.org/Assistance-Services>



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 - No diets, no weigh ins, just a new relationship with food you may find healing physically, emotionally & spiritually. Join us Mondays at noon in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton room if you want to stop eating compulsively.

RAISERIGHT gift card program:

A Parish representative will be available after all Masses to sell gift cards to Giant, Redners & Weis.

- Orders can be handed in at this time as well. Order forms are available online at <https://stcolumbkille.org/raise-right-scrip> or pick one up in the parish office.
- Complete the order form and hand it in with the appropriate amount of cash or a check payable to "Saint Columbkille Church" to the gift card sales table after Masses any week.
- All orders received in a month by the last Sunday in that month will be available for pick-up on the 2nd Sunday of the following month. (Please note that the rates listed are the base rebate amount, but they could be higher based on promotional programs that are constantly changing. Please note that cards rarely may be temporarily unavailable, if this is the case you will be notified.)
- Email raiserrightcoord@stcolumbkille.org with any questions.



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

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 open heart and God will do the rest! *Peace! Den Joe*

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.
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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

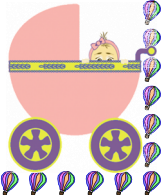
September 24 - Week 35 - I weigh a little bit over 5 pounds now and I am about 15 inches long. Thank you so much for keeping me in your prayers on this long journey. My mom still has a lot of unanswered questions. I hope that when they are answered she is happy that she is carrying me! Please pray -



"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."

Baby Shower for Birthright

Hopefully, when you read the weekly notices describing the development of the child, you were inspired to include the "unborn children in danger of abortion" in your prayers. In celebration of the birth of babies everywhere that have been saved by your weekly prayers, the Human Concerns Ministry is hosting a baby shower to benefit Birthright of Pottstown. *A crib will be set up from October 7-15 to collect unwrapped new baby shower items. New items that are needed include disposable diapers (size NB and 3), crib sheets, white onesies (size 0-3 months), diaper rash cream, sleepers (size 0 to 3 and 3-6 month), elastic bottom gowns (newborn), winter car seat covers, preemie girls' clothing, neutral infant swaddles, neutral sleep sacks (newborn), boys and girls clothing (sizes 0-3, 3-6, 6-9, 12, and 18 month), maternity leggings, and grocery store gift cards. Anyone who would like to make a monetary donation may place cash in the offertory basket in an envelope marked "Birthright," or checks payable to "Birthright."* Please continue to pray for those children who may be in danger of abortion.



St. Columbkil Church Christmas Craft Show

November 18th from 9am to 2pm

For information contact Leona: 484-529-5423



Find a unique, hand crafted gift for everyone on your Christmas shopping list!
Proceeds benefit St. Columbkil Youth Group

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.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT (FORMERLY PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN)

Anyone actively participating as a volunteer at St. Columbkille Church must be up to date with their Diocesan clearances. Please contact Liza Mendez at the office for details. Information regarding clearances can also be found at www.stcolumbkille.org under the Clearances tab.

Liza Mendez, Local Safe Environment Coordinator
lizam@stcolumbkille.org | 610-367-2371 ext. 106

"We always thank God for you and pray for you constantly. We never forget your loving deeds.."

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

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

