



ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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1 OCTOBER 2023 ~ TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Columbkille Office

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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 OCT 2: THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS9:00 am *Special Intention & for James & Augusta Corry***TUE. OCT. 3: TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**9:00 am *Theresa Kriebel* / 4:30 PM **CONFIRMATION****WED. OCT. 4: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**9:00 am *Al Recke***THU. OCT. 5: ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, BL FRANCIS**XAVIER SEELOS 7:00 pm *Tom Graver, Sr.***FRI. OCT. 6: ST. BRUNO/BL MARIE ROSE DUROCHER**9:00 am *Matthew Cwalina***SAT. OCT. 7: VIGIL 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**5:00 pm *Mary Peischl***SUN. OCT. 8: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**8:00 am *On the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary
of Anita & Paul Dombrowski*10:00 am *Bill & Regina Clement*

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

Weekday Readings

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28**Sunday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

Celebrant Schedule

Oct. 7/8 Twenty-seventh 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
Augustine Szamboti, Sr.****The Bread & Wine offered****In appreciation of Father Rich Clement******Deacon Jim Kochu******Deacon Joe Petrauskas***

***The Flowers on the Altar are in
Celebration of the Confirmation Class of 2023***

Today's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 5: 1-7

This "song" of the Lord's vineyard is really a parable about His unrequited love for Israel and her sinful response. It also tells of a future judgment.

Reading II: Philippians 4: 6-9

Here is Paul's call to joy and peace of mind. He also makes notice that God's peace "surpasses all understanding."

The Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

The parable Jesus tells is really an allegory of salvation history. Israel (the vineyard) became the victim of its own leaders, who rejected the landowner's (God's) only Son.

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.

Monday October 2	Tuesday October 3	Wednesday October 4	Thursday October 5	Friday October 6	Saturday October 7	Sunday October 8
9 am Mass 12pm OA 5:30pm AA 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts 7pm Emmanuel 7pm LAOH 7pm Rosary Group 7pm Scouts	9 am Mass 4:30 PM CONFIRMATION 5:45 pm Men's Prayer Grp. 6:30pm Bereavement Grp 6:45pm Al Anon	9 am Mass 5:30 pm PREP Class 6:30pm Share Christ 7pm Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm Human Concerns	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 Al Anon	CLERGY APPRECIATION 8 am-Mass 10 am—Mass (Hearing Impaired) KNIGHTS BREAKFAST 9:00 am Choir 9:15am Sunday Rosary 9am Basket Party comm. 11am Fundraising Comm. 11:30 am Blessing of Pets

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

Please Pray for our Recently Deceased Parishioners & Family of Parishioners



Rose Fox



Herbert Howald

Father of Matthew Howald

Robert Zambanini, Sr.

Father of Rob Zambanini

Tom Palladino

Husband of Carol Palladino

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)
\$54,948.25	\$47,770.71
Includes Online: \$23,546.75	Includes Online: \$25,041.75



Coins for Columbkille benefits our Building Fund for future capital needs of the parish. Total collected to date is \$2,882.30.

Blessing of Pets

Bring your pets for a blessing in honor of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Sunday October 8th at 11:30

a. m. in the parking lot.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS:

Mum Sale- After all Masses 9/30 and 10/2

First YG meeting of the year- 10/15 from 11-1 in Iona Hall





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.



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

Mass for Healing

Please join us for a special evening on Sunday, October 29th here at Saint Columbkil.

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. Francis Groarke. Please spread the word.

We hope you can join us for this uplifting and solemn service.

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.

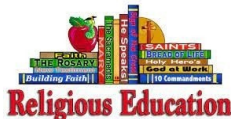


"And to me, my children, give the gift of the rosary, the roses which I love so much." ~ Our Lady of Medjugorje,

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 marianevf@stcolumbkill.org and we will coordinate a visit from a Eucharistic Minister. If you are homebound and would like a recording of the Sunday Mass, please let us know.



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.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Job Opportunity: St. Eleanor Catholic Church in Collegeville, PA is searching for a Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries. St. Eleanor serves over 13k Parishioners in suburban Montgomery County, PA. For inquiries & interest please email Linda Coyne at lcoyne@steleanor.com or call Linda at 610-489-1647 (xt 11) for full job description. Visit us at www.steleleanor.com.

Parishioners from all area Churches are invited to participate in Saint Eleanor's "Life Chain" on Main Street in Collegeville from 2-3:30pm on Respect Life Sunday. (Oct. 1) Signs are available at 6th and Main (the starting point), Collegeville beginning at 1:45pm. Please come and show your support for life! For more information, contact Kathy Zavrotny at (610) 489-3911

Our newly added Transitional Kindergarten class is designed for children who have completed the younger preschool classes but aren't quite ready to go off to kindergarten or who have missed the kindergarten registration cut-off. Contact Caitlin at preschool@stcolumbkill.org 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.

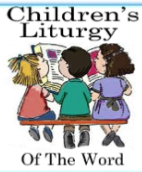
Catholic Grandparents Association

Our Mission: Passing on the faith and keeping prayer at the heart of family life



catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

WWW.STCOLUMBKILL.ORG



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 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.

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



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**

How does one spend an hour before Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament?

This hour Jesus wants you to spend with Him is spent any way you want. You may bring your own prayer books, use the books in the chapel, read the Bible, pray the rosary, or just sit and relax and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from simply being in the Presence of God. You may feel that you can't pray well. Don't let this discourage you. The mere fact that you take time out at a specific time each week to spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament pleases Him very much and is in itself a prayer of great faith. Please remember that Perpetual Adoration in a parish is not just for a day, a week, a month, or a year. Rather, it is for always. It is not temporary, but ongoing, lasting, and permanent.

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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.svdpusa.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 raiserightcoord@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.
Slàinte!

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

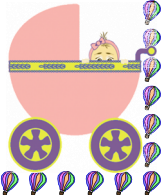
October 1 - Week 36 - My mom is really finding it hard to get comfortable these days. I wish I could tell her how much I appreciate all that she has done for me. Is she anxious for me to be born? Please keep praying for both of us
Please pray -



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

