

# ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

200 INDIAN SPRING RD., BOYERTOWN, PA 19512

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## PARABLE OF THE TENANTS

MATTHEW 21:33-43

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

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8 OCTOBER 2023 ~ TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Saint Columbkille Office

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

#### **Office Hours:**

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

**Pastor:** Reverend Richard Clement  
fatherrich@stcolumbkille.org

#### **Deacons:**

James Kochu, deaconjim2015@stcolumbkille.org  
Joseph Petruskas: dcnpjoe2015@stcolumbkille.org

### Parish Staff

**Director of Music:** Michael Repko-  
michaelr@stcolumbkille.org

**R.C.I.A. Coordinator:** Margaret Chovanes  
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**Director of Youth Ministry:** Heather Shainline,  
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**Quinn Hall Coordinator:** Pat Petruskas, 484-941-2467  
pattyp@stcolumbkille.org

#### **Chief Financial Officer**

Gayle B. Fontaine ~ 610-367-2371 ext. 105  
gaylef@stcolumbkille.org

#### **Office Manager:**

Mariane Fragment - marianevf@stcolumbkille.org

**Bulletin submissions:** bulletin@stcolumbkille.org

**Parish Office** parishoffice@stcolumbkille.org

#### **Local Safe Environment Coordinator:**

Liza Mendez~ lizam@stcolumbkille.org

#### **Director of Pre-School:** Caitlin Nickel,

preschool@stcolumbkille.org

### Sunday Mass

Saturday evening: 5:00 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 9: ST. DENIS**9:00 am *Joe Vitelli***TUE. OCT. 10: TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**7:00 pm *Francis E. Scillieri***WED. OCT. 11: ST. JOHN XXIII, POPE**9:00 am *Joseph B. Ferary, III***THU. OCT. 12: TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**7:00 pm *Santo Marabella***FRI. OCT. 13: TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**9:00 am *Debbie Pruitt***SAT. OCT. 14: VIGIL 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**5:00 pm *Janet Fritz***SUN. OCT. 15: 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**8:00 am *Those Enrolled in the Iona Memorial Fund*10:00 am *Jerry Keenan*

## 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 [1-10]

To all of those who helped clean the  
Church after painting, THANK YOU!  
Fr. Rich

## Celebrant Schedule

**Oct. 14/15** Twenty-eighth 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 *Francis Strocen*



The Bread & Wine offered  
On the occasion of the 50th wedding  
anniversary of *Anita & Paul Dombrowski*



The Flowers on the Altar offered  
On the occasion of the 50th wedding  
anniversary of *Anita & Paul Dombrowski*



## 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 2024 book of Mass Intentions is open. 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 9	Tuesday October 10	Wednesday October 11	Thursday October 12	Friday October 13	Saturday October 14	Sunday October 15
<b>9 am Mass</b> 12pm OA 5:30pm AA 6:30 pm JRWC 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7pm Emmanuel 7pm LAOH 7pm Rosary Group 7pm Scouts	SVDP meeting 6:45pm AI Anon  <b>7 pm Mass</b>	<b>9 am Mass</b>  1pm Senior Connection 5:30 pm PREP Class  6:30pm Share Christ 7pm Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm Indian Spring Grp	9:30 am Bible Study   6 pm TOB 6:30pm RCIA  <b>7 PM Mass</b>	<b>9 am Mass</b>	9 am Patriotic Rosary Rosary for Vocations Children's Rosary-Zoom  3pm Medjugorje Prayer Mtg. 4 pm Confessions <b>5 pm Vigil Mass</b>  6:30 pm AI Anon	<b>8 am-Mass</b> <b>10 am—Mass</b> <b>(Hearing Impaired)</b>  9:00 am Choir 9:15am Sunday Rosary 9am Basket Party comm.  11 am Youth Grp Mtg.  1pm CGA mtg.

**Our Parish Bereavement group meets every other Tuesday evening at 6:30. The next meeting is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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*



The next meeting is scheduled for October 15.

1:00 pm in the Ehst room. Feel free to contact Nadine with any suggestions for meeting activities. Please note, due to the holidays, these meetings are on the 3rd Sunday, not the 4th Sunday.

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

### 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 8<sup>th</sup>**




### Stewardship

**FY 23-24 Fiscal Year - Income/Expense Report**

**1st Qtr. - July 2023 through Sept. 2023.**

Total Operating Income	\$212,487.00
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Total Operating Expenses	\$203,400.00
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Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	\$9,087.00
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#### MONTHLY COLLECTION

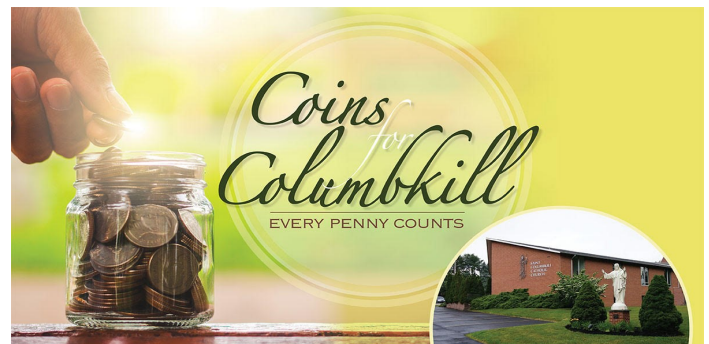
Fiscal Year July 2023 to June 2024

Month: September 2023

Last Sept, 2022 (4 weeks)	This Sept. 2023 (5 weeks)
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\$45,456.25	\$45,783.75
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Includes Online: \$19,661.75	Includes Online: \$19,640.75
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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 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the parking lot.**



### YOUTH GROUP NEWS:

**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](mailto: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](mailto:carolynsings4@gmail.com).

Make a joyful noise to the LORD  
Psalm 100:1

**IGNITE** - the youth/young adults of our parish sing more contemporary music. Contact Carolyn Quinn at [carolynsings4@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:michaelr@stcolumbkill.org)

*Celebrating* 25 YEARS

### **Basket Party Update**

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual party is October 29<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>**, 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 30<sup>th</sup>.

Your participation is greatly appreciated - come celebrate with us!

### **Memorial Mass of Remembrance:**

Come and join with others from our Parish Family to remember and celebrate our loved ones who have gone before us in faith during the past year. A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Friday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm. We invite you to bring a framed picture of your loved one to the parish office by October 27th. These pictures will be placed by the altar during the Mass. Please put your name on the back of the picture. The picture will be returned to you following the Mass



### **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](mailto:meganrepko@stcolumbkill.org).

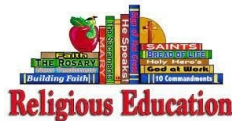
"And to me, my children, give the gift of the rosary, the roses which I love so much." ~ Our Lady of Medjugorje,

**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](mailto: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.



## 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.



## Pre-School-Caitlin Nickels



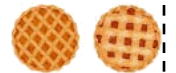
**School is in session!** - Afternoon 3-year-old session added: Tuesday and Thursdays from 12 noon to 2:30 pm. Contact Caitlin at [preschool@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:preschool@stcolumbkill.org) for more information.

Our newly added Transitional Kindergarten class is designed for children who have completed the younger pre-school 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](mailto:preschool@stcolumbkill.org). Visit our website [www.stcolumbkill.org/preschool](http://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](mailto:preschool@stcolumbkill.org) or call the church office at (610)367-2371 ext. 202 to inquire.**

### Preschool Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Please help support St. Columbkil Preschool by purchasing Frecon Farms pies for your Thanksgiving celebrations this year. The preschool will be collecting pie orders after all Masses on 11/4 and 11/5 (cash or check only) in Quinn Hall. Orders can also be placed online through the St. Columbkil website with a credit card and are due by 11/5. Payment is due at the time of the order and all orders will be available for pickup on 11/20 from 10:00am-1:00pm at the church (if this time does not work for you, an alternate time can be arranged). Please email [preschool@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:preschool@stcolumbkill.org) with any questions. Thank you for your support of our school!



**Altar server training for all boys and girls from 5<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> or October 15<sup>th</sup> after the 10 o'clock Mass. All servers must attend one session.**



Riley Bailey  
Shaun Casey  
Josephine DePolo  
Corey Deputy  
Ryan DiPompeo  
Emily Do  
Ethan Do  
Reese Doyle  
Tessa Fosko  
Christopher Fryer  
Christian Gulati  
Jacob McManus  
Jack Minsengerger  
Brennan Pioli  
Julian Plavcan  
Adrian Pollitt



Aaron Repko  
Samuel Rivera  
Maryanna Ruch  
Owen Ruch  
Olivia Rusinski  
William Schneider  
Annie Schreiner  
Eliza Scott  
Andrea Segaline  
Caleb Spece  
Logan Taylor  
Grace Tinneny  
Maeve Tomchak  
Joshua Weidman  
Kolton Youse

**CONGRAUTLATIONS AND  
GOD BLESS OUR  
CONFIRMANDS AND THEIR FAMILIES!**

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



It is not too late to join RCIA - the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and get your questions answered about the Catholic faith. We will continue to meet on Thursday evenings at 7PM in the parish office. For more information, contact Margaret Chovanas at [margaretc@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:margaretc@stcolumbkill.org) or 610-248-2171.



## 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 marianevef@stcolumbkil.org

**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.

## Pro-Life Banquet

Please consider attending the 2023 Celebrate Life Banquet to benefit the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Hershey Lodge. Raymond Arroyo, prominent FOX News and EWTN contributor, will deliver the keynote address. Also, Mark Houck will be honored for his courageous pro-life witness. To register and to learn more about the work of the Federation, visit [www.paprolife.org](http://www.paprolife.org) or call the office at 717-541-0034.



**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](http://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](mailto:meganrepko@gmail.com) or Sue Fryer ([sspence4@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### 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

October 8 - Week 37 - This week mom packed a bag for the hospital. It's just in case I decide to be born early. She has clothing for her and for me and some other stuff. Please continue to pray for me and my mom.

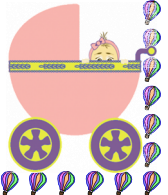
Please pray -

*"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](http://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  
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*"We are a Catholic community drawing people to follow Jesus and His message of love"*

