

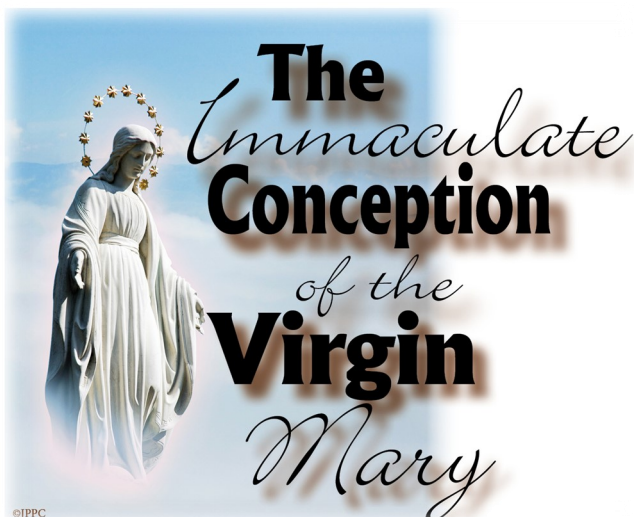


ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

200 INDIAN SPRING RD., BOYERTOWN, PA 19512

PHONE: 610-367-2371 ~ FAX: 610-369-0242

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The Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule:

Thursday, December 7 Vigil | 4 PM

Friday, December 8 | 9 AM & 7 PM



**Parish Advent
Confessions
Sunday
December 17
7:00 PM**

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

Join our PREP students - (Religious Ed)
for an evening of Sing-a-long Caroling
All are Welcome!

Wednesday, December 20th
5:30 pm in the Church



3 DECEMBER 2023 ~ THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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
margaretc@stcolumbkille.org 610-248-2171

Director of Youth Ministry: Heather Shainline,
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Quinn Hall Coordinator: Pat Petruskas, 484-941-2467
pattyp@stcolumbkille.org

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

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Mariane Fragment - marianevf@stcolumbkille.org

Bulletin submissions: bulletin@stcolumbkille.org

Parish Office parishoffice@stcolumbkille.org

Parish Secretary/LSEC:

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 DEC. 4: ST. JOHN DAMASCENE9:00 am *Mildred Hartman***TUE. DEC. 5: FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**7:00 pm *Kevin Martin***WED. DEC. 6: ST. NICHOLAS**9:00 am *Joanne Lawlor-Sokowski***THU. DEC. 7: VIGIL: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**4:00 pm *Mary & Edgar Palmer, Sr.***FRI. DEC. 8: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**9:00 am *Gloria Stoudt*7:00 pm *Robert Morrison***SAT DEC. 9: VIGIL— SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**5 pm *Those Enrolled in the IONA Memorial Fund***SUN. DEC. 10: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**8:00 am *Alecia Chelius*10:00 am *Catherine Hastings*

Weekday Readings

Monday: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27**Friday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

Celebrant Schedule

Dec. 9/10 Second Sunday of Advent**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 James Vargo*

Today's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64: 2-7

A wish for Yahweh to come down from heaven and help cleanse the nation of its guilt and sins.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Paul thanks the Lord for all the gifts the community has received. He asks for His help in keeping them firm in the faith.

The Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

Jesus warns His listeners to be alert, for no one knows the time of the Lord's return. Watchfulness regarding the Kingdom of God is essential.

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.



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 December 4	Tuesday December 5	Wednesday December 6	Thursday December 7	Friday December 8	Saturday December 9	Sunday December 10
9 am Mass 12pm OA 5:30pm AA 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7pm Emmanuel 7pm Rosary Group 7pm Scouts	5:45pm Men's Prayer gr 6:45pm Al Anon 7 pm Mass	9 am Mass 5:30pm PREP 7pm Christ Life Team 7pm Human Concerns 7pm Charismatic Prayers	4 pm VIGIL Mass 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm RCIA	9am Mass IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 7pm 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	8 am-Mass 10 am—Mass (Hearing Impaired) 9:00 am Choir 9:15am Sunday Rosary 11am Family Ministry 11am Youth Group 11am Fundraising

Cookie Walk - Bake Sale

Our Parish Bereavement group meets every other Tuesday evening at 6:30. The next meeting is scheduled for December 12th 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

Advent Family Ministry Brunch:

Join us after the 10AM Mass on **Sunday December 10th** for our Advent Family Ministry Brunch! Please RSVP to Sarah Sullivan at SSullivan4916@outlook.com to let us know what you will be bringing. Any families with young children are welcome to join!



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>



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

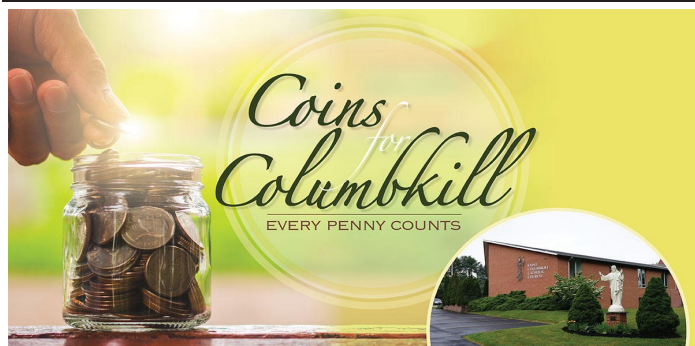
Fiscal Year July 2023 to June 2024

Month: October 2023

Last Oct, 2022 (4 weeks)	This Oct. 2023 (5 weeks)
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\$53,695.75	\$51,971.97
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Includes Online: \$19,589.75	Includes Online: \$20,063.75
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Coins for Columbkille benefits our Building Fund for future capital needs of the parish. Total collected to date is \$ \$3,074.30 .

For those who are having difficulty hearing during Mass, there are hearing assistance devices in the sacristy for your use. Please pick one up in the Sacristy before Mass.



Be aware that there are 'dead zones' in the Church. They are under the speakers on the right and left front and back of the church. If you have difficulty hearing, these seats will not serve you well.



Everyone is invited to pray the rosary every Saturday, at 9:00 am. From the Zoom app enter the Meeting ID: 488 598 630 and password: Rosary -Zoom app. All are welcome to Join us!! If you have questions please contact

Megan at (610) 310-5661 or meganrepko@stcolumbkille.org.



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

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.

Adult Choir - The Adult Choir practice is held on Sunday after the 8 am Mass in the Ebst Room.

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!

Make a joyful noise to the LORD
Psalm 100:1

Contact: michaelr@stcolumbkill.org

Catholic Grandparents Association

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

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

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


CATHOLIC CHARITIES
DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN
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CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE COLLECTION

Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown.

Catholic Charities focuses its Christmas giving on respect life efforts providing counseling and material assistance to expectant and new mothers and their children. This year the current administration in Harrisburg decided to not renew the annual government contract with Real Alternatives, the non-profit organization that funds our program. Because of this, your support is more needed than ever.

To that end, Saint Columbkil is participating in the Giving Tree collection during the Advent Season. Possible donations include: Diapers, wipes, clothing, bottles, baby bathtubs, & training pot-ties. Additionally gift cards to stores for babies will be accepted. These items will be used to support pregnant and new mothers throughout the five counties of the Diocese of Allentown.

You can place your items in the crib in the vestibule for pick-up by **Monday, December 18th.**

Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Oh Holy Night

Sunday, December 17 | Third Sunday of Advent
Confessions before Christmas: Parish Advent Confessions at 7:00 PM | Several Priest will be available to hear confessions.

Wednesday, December 20 at 5:30 PM in Church
PREP Sing-along Carolling-All are welcome!

Saturday/Sunday, December 23/24 | Fourth Sunday of Advent
Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM on Saturday, December 23
Mass at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM on Sunday, December 24th

Sunday, December 24 | Christmas Eve
Mass at 4:00 PM in Church
Mass at 4:00 PM in Quinn Hall
Mass at 7:00 PM in Church
Mass at 10:00 PM in Church

Monday, December 25 | Christmas Day
Mass at 10:00 AM in Church

No Mass on Tuesday, December 26th.
The Parish Center and Office will be closed .

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during Christmas week . Adoration will resume on Tuesday, January 2nd.

The Parish office will be open on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9:30 AM to 12 noon, December 27, 28 & 29. The Parish office and center will be closed on January 1, 2024 for the New Year's Holiday.

Best wishes for a Holy Christmas Season!



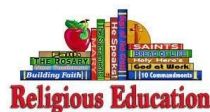
Religious Education—PREP

Elizabeth Roberge, Director

The last PREP Class before Christmas is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20th, at the normal 5:30 time; but in place of classroom instruction, and in homage to the season of Advent, the program for December 20th will be an hour of traditional Christmas music and caroling for all PREP students, to be held in the main church. Lyric sheets will be provided; and adult musicians from the Children's Choir will provide direction and accompaniment.

Families and friends are very welcome to come and participate! The children will sit with their classmates in the two middle sets of pews, directly facing the altar. Families and friends are invited to sit in any of the adjacent pews.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
As a reminder, there will be no PREP Class Wednesday, December 27th, Class will resume on Wednesday, January 3rd



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 Chovanec at margaretc@stcolumbkill.org or 610-248-2171.

Human Concerns Ministry

LOVE LIGHTS

The Human Concerns Ministry will be selling "Love Lights" after all Masses November 25 through December 10 for \$4.00 each. Love Lights may be purchased "In Memory of a Special Loved One" or "In Honor of Someone Special." The love light dove is placed on the tree in the Narthex from the fourth Sunday of Advent through Epiphany Sunday. The person purchasing the Love Light receives a beautiful Christmas card that may be sent to the person they are honoring or shared with others commemorating the memory of their loved one. Proceeds from the love light sales will benefit the John Paul II Center for Special Learning.

Advent Day of Prayer- December 9, 2023, 9:30 AM–4 PM
Advent is the time of promise! Join us as we explore the doors that await us during this time of promise. Sr. Nancy Iampietro will guide us as we seek and find the door/doors that call to us to open our hearts. We will follow where God leads, not with certainty but rather to be present where we are. This is the place our God is waiting to meet us; waiting to show us the doors that will incarnate His promise to us. 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 12/4/2023 Cost: \$40.00

Pre-School-Caitlin Nickel



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.

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. Visit our website www.stcolumbkill.org/preschool or at the Parish Office. \$40 non-refundable registration fee.

St. Columbkille 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.

Women's Advent Retreat: A Season of Joy

Saturday, December 16, 9:00 am – 12 noon, St. Mary's Church Hall, 94 Walnut Rd., Hamburg, PA. Open to women of all ages, the morning will feature breakfast, fellowship, Keynote by Fr. Stephan Isaac, and prayer. Co-Sponsored by the Diocese of Allentown's Bishop's Commission for Women and the Catholic Women's Society of Giving.

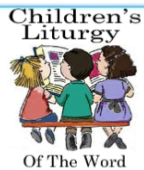
Warming Tree Gifts

The Human Concerns Ministry is again sponsoring the annual "Warming Tree" November 25 through December 10. You may help to keep our neighbors warm this winter by bringing new, unwrapped gifts to put on or under the tree in the Narthex. The items will be distributed to area families in need through the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Suggested items include baby sleepers, pajamas, mittens, gloves, socks, blankets, sweatshirts, sweatpants, or other warm clothing. Thank you for sharing your love with your neighbor!



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.





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.

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. **For November and December we will meet on Wednesday, November 15th and December 20th**

Project Rachel & Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Programs : Project Rachel is a 10 week free post abortive 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)

YOUTH GROUP

NEWS

11/18 to 12/3- Poinsettia Orders
12/10- Next Youth Group meeting from 11am-1pm in Iona Hall
12/16 and 12/17- Poinsettia Sale pick-up after all Masses in Quinn Hall



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



"A soul united to Jesus is a living smile that radiates Him and gives Him." "Prayer is a rest, a relaxation...We must look at him all the time; we must keep silent, it is so simple." St. Elizabeth of the Trinity
"...how to pray with just seven words from Scripture:

Lord, the one you love is sick...

Lord, the one you love is anxious...

Lord, the one you love is in danger...

Lord, the one you love is unemployed and feels rejected...

Lord, the one you love needs you..."

"Believe that He loves you. He wants to help you Himself in the struggles which you must undergo. Believe in His Love, His exceeding Love."

Wednesday: 7 pm | Thursday: 12am, 1am, 2am, 10 pm | Friday: 2 pm

Call or email Mariane at the office 610-367-2371
marianevf@stcolumbkille.org

RETROUVAILLE HelpOurMarriage.org A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

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. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Sugar Cookies/Chocolate Chips

M.B.S.: Annual sugar cookies will be ready for sale starting Nov. 4th and chocolate chip will be for sale starting December 2nd. You can get order forms on the Most Blessed Sacrament website or you may call orders into Ben Puzauskas at 610-367-5786 or 484-624-2452. Orders can also be emailed to bepuzauskas@dejazzd.com.

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
Sgt. Ryan M. Peck
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 email Sue T. Susana.techman@gmail.com or Don-dondenick@comcast.net.

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)

Next meeting: Sunday, December 3rd at Bally Hotel for our Christmas Party

Please make sure to pay your dues

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.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be set-up with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for 6 important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at BecauseweareCatholic.org



Here at St. Columbkille, we have an established Cub Pack, open to girls and boys in Kindergarten through fifth grade, as well as a Scouts BSA Troop, open to boys in sixth through twelfth grade (up to age 18). We have great leaders and volunteers who devote time each week to ensure our youth get the most from their scouting experience, and we encourage other parents to get involved as they are able.

Meetings are held Monday nights at the church from 7 to 8 PM for the Cub Pack, and 7 to 8:30 PM for the Troop. Please contact the New Member Coordinator, Eugene Kovach at 484-432-6778, or email emkovach@outlook.com for more information.

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

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL (PLACE IN COLLECTION BASKET OR DROP OFF @ OFFICE)

Each year at this time we approach our parish family seeking nominations for Parish Council. The Parish Council is the administrative arm of our parish and spearheads all our ministries. It is the clearing house for all parish activities. The Council is composed of 9 elected members plus 5 staff members (including the Finance Officer). Members are elected for a three-year term, renewable once. Parish Council meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. You are invited to nominate yourself and/or other parishioners by using the ballot below.

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____



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



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.



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

Parish Organizations/Ministry Contacts

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Dcn Joe Petruskas	dcnjoe2015@stcolumbkille.org	Altar Servers
Parish Office	parishoffice@stcolumbkille.org	Altar Flowers/Decorations
Chris Karver/Linda Lignelli	ckmay22@aol.com	Attic Treasures
Brenda Fronheiser	brendaf@stcolumbkille.org	Basket Party
Dcn Jim/ Laura/Mike ...	bereavement@stcolumbkille.org	Bereavement Ministry
Nadine Blair	nadineann@comcast.net	Catholic Grandparent Association
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SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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..". ~1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

