



ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

14 JANUARY 2024 ~ SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Columbkille Office

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

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michaelr@stcolumbkille.org

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Liza Mendez~ lizam@stcolumbkille.org

Director of Pre-School: Caitlin Nickel,
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Sunday Mass

Saturday evening: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Daily Mass

Monday Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Holydays

Vigil Mass the day before the Holyday of Obligation .
4:00 p.m.

Masses on the Holyday of Obligation:
9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Parish Religious Education

Director of Religious Education

Elizabeth Roberge ~ prep@stcolumbkille.org

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC

Direct Line: 800-791-9209

Safe Environment Coordinator

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS

610-871-5200, Ext. 2204

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

1-800-276-1562, www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

Parish Council

Parish Council meets the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Room. Meeting minutes are posted on the parish website. Select "Ministries" and then select "Parish Council".



PARISH GIVING is a safe, secure and easy way to make online Parish and Church donations. Visit www.parishgiving.org for more information and to sign up

Information

Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held daily in the chapel.

Reconciliation (Confession)

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4:00-4:45PM or any time by contacting the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for anointing and Communion for the sick and dying.

Baptism of Children

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the **first Sunday of each month at 12 PM** and the **last Sunday of each month during the 10 AM Mass. (except during Lent)**

Baptism Prep Classes for parents and godparents are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made at least six months before the wedding date. All couples must participate in the Marriage Prep Program.

Visits to Sick and Homebound

If you are sick or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Parish office to arrange a visit. (610) 367-2371

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA prepares adolescents and adults for Baptism and full communion in the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Margaret Chovanes at 610-248-2171.

Religious Education (PREP)

Religious instruction for elementary school students takes place on Wednesdays - Sept through May. Please contact Elizabeth Roberge for more information.

New Parishioners : New parishioners are most welcome, and are encouraged to register online at www.stcolumbkille.org or call the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

MON JAN. 15: SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME9:00 am *Catherine Runowski***TUE. JAN. 16: SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**7:00 pm *Beverly Ann Kehs***WED. JAN. 17: SAINT ANTHONY**9:00 am *Olga Volpi***THU. JAN. 18: SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**7:00 pm *Glenn Martin***FRI. JAN. 19: SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**9:00 am *Charles Haddad***SAT. JAN. 20: VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**5 pm *Ralph Vitelli***SUN. JAN. 21: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**8:00 am *On the occasion of the 60th Wedding
Anniversary of Bob & Sandra Eidle*10:00 am *Robert Zambanini, Sr.*

Weekday Readings

Mon. 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21,23 Mk 2:18-22**Tue.,** 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28**Wed.,** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6**Thu.,** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 Mk 3:7-12**Fri.,** 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 Mk 3:13-19**Sat.,** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21**Sun.,** Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

Today's Readings

1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19: The call of young Samuel is itself a classic description of how such a call can be misinterpreted at first. In this case, the future prophet is given a command to communicate a particular Word to the people.

1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20: Sexual pleasure for its own sake and unconnected with conception contradicts the fact that our bodies "are not our own." Saint Paul's powerful message is that our bodies are Temples of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

John 1: 35-42: The Baptist's preaching is fulfilled when two of his former disciples, namely Andrew and his brother Simon, decide to follow Jesus. The Lord, in turn, poses to them (and us) a life-altering question: "What are you looking for?"

Sanctuary Memorials

The Sanctuary Candle will burn
In Loving Memory of Robert Zambanini, Sr.



CURIOUS ABOUT THE MEANING OF YOUR LIFE?

Seek answers at Discovering Christ.



A great (free) dinner



An engaging video message



Conversation about the message

Seven Wednesday Nights During Lent

January 31st - March 20th

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Registration is required!

Childcare available by request

Learn more and register:
www.stcolumbkil.org

No cost to participate! Childcare available.



Celebrant Schedule

Jan. 20/21 Third 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

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 January 15	Tuesday January 16	Wednesday January 17	Thursday January 18	Friday January 19	Saturday January 20	Sunday January 21
9 am Mass 12noon OA 5:30 pm AA 7 pm Scouts 6:30pm G.S. 7pm Emmanuel 7 pm Rosary Group	6pm Knights 6:30pm Bereavement 6:45pm AI Anon 7 pm Mass	9 am Mass 5:30pm PREP Parent mtg-1st Penance 5:30pm PREP 7pm Charismatic Prayer 7pm Christ Life Team 7pm Scouts PLC	9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm RCIA 7 pm Mass 7:30pm Parish Council	9am Mass 11:30am PreK	9 am Patriotic Rosary Rosary for Vocations Children's Rosary-Zoom 3pm Medjugorje Prayer Mtg. 4 pm Confessions 5 pm Vigil Mass 6:30 pm AI Anon	8 am-Mass 10 am—Mass (Hearing Impaired) 9:00 am Choir 9:15am Sunday Rosary

Our Parish Bereavement group meets every other Tuesday evening at 6:30—The next meeting is on January 16th, 2024.

The Bereavement Journey

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)

Knights Corner



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

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Our Monthly Breakfast is moved to the **SECOND** Sunday in January, 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, January 14th

FEATURE: Philly Cheesesteak Omelet



Annual Baby Bottle Drive! Beginning January 6, and after all the Masses, your St. Columbkil Knights will have baby bottles for you to take home and fill with your loose change and then return to us for the Pro-Life causes the council supports through your generosity.

We have provided an Ultrasound machine to Life Line in the past, as well as supported March for Life busses, Birth Right in Pottstown, Mary's Shelter in Reading and Generation Life.

Our Council can help your donated dollars grow through support from the National Supreme Support!

Thank you for all you have done in the past, we look forward to another year of spreading the Pro-Life message of love and caring!



Stewardship

Fiscal Year 23-24 - Income/Expense Report

Half Year - July 2023 through December 2023.

Total Operating Income	\$487,567.00
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Total Operating Expenses	\$425,583.00
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Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	\$61,984.00
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MONTHLY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year July 2023 to June 2024

Month: December 2023

Last Dec., 2022 (4 weeks)	This Dec. 2023 (4 weeks)
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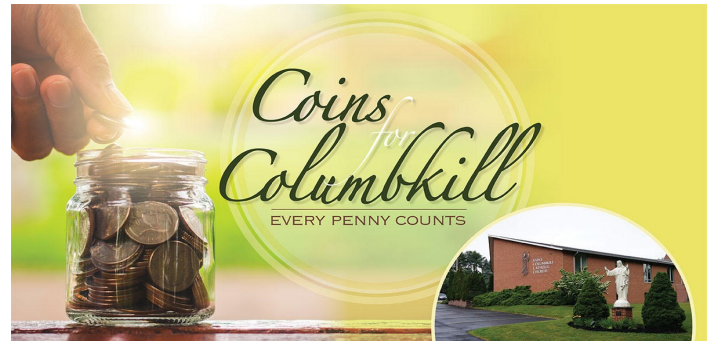
\$57,565.75

This Dec. 2023 (4 weeks)

\$49,597.75

Includes Online: \$20,650.75	Includes Online: \$20,373.75
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Coins for Columbkil benefits our Building Fund for future capital needs of the parish. Total collected to date is \$3,317.30

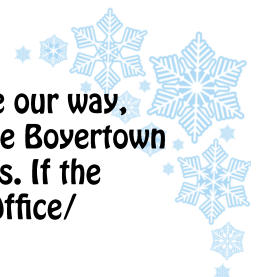
Many thanks for your generous Christmas donations!

Christmas Collection \$29,623.00

Christmas Flowers \$2,923.00

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
\$2,286.50

Should winter weather come our way, please note we will follow the Boyertown Area School District closings. If the BASD is closed the Parish Office/ Center will be closed also.



Music Notes – Michael Repko, Director

Emmanuel Contemporary Mass

Vocalists plus violin, viola, cello, oboe, and trumpet are needed for the 10 AM Mass on the 1st & 3rd Sundays. We rehearse on Monday nights from 7-9 PM. Contact Kathy Herber at 610.741.4546 or email: kathyhemmanuel@stcolumbkill.org

St. 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

THIS WEEK ON
FORMED

Week of January 14, 2024



God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



The Bible Collection - Genesis

Experience the epic tale of creation in this Christian anthology that details the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah and the Ark.



Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and *grace press*

Our 2024 book of Mass Intentions is open. Please note the maximum number of announced Masses for each deceased is three per year. The IONA Memorial fund is also an option for the deceased to be included in a Mass once a month perpetually. Other opportunities include: The bread and wine offered and burning of the sanctuary candle. See page 10 for details.



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

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.

2023 Donation Report for Tax Statements

If you would like to receive your family's 2023 contribution statement, please write "Send tax statement" on your contribution envelope and place it in the collection basket as usual or email parishoffice@stcolumbkill.org to request a statement. **Statements will be mailed mid-January.**

2023 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

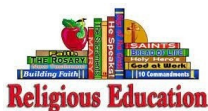
Many thanks to those who have already contributed to the 2023 Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal. Your gifts support children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. If you have not already done so, please include the Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal in your holiday gift-giving plans by making an online donation at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

Religious Education—PREP

Elizabeth Roberge, Director

PREP classes resumed on Wednesday, January 3rd.

Important mandatory meetings are coming up if your child will be receiving their First Penance or First Holy Communion for both in-class and home school children:



PARENT ONLY MEETING FOR FIRST PENANCE

- ♦ WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17th
- ♦ 5:30 pm in the EHST Room

PARENT ONLY MEETING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- ♦ WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24th
- ♦ 5:30 pm in the EHST Room

Youth Group—Heather Sochko

1/14- Youth Group Meeting

Bring in the new year by coming to Youth Group! We welcome you ANYTIME! We will be having a mac-n-cheese bar at this meeting!



1/27- Chili Cook-Off

Help run our salsa taste testing table at the chili cook-off. We will have some salsa to sell and will take orders until 2/11.

SALSA FUNDRAISER

We will take pre-orders from January 27th-February 11th. Come taste test the salsa at the Chili Cook-Off on 1/27. Orders will be available for pick-up on May 4th/5th (Cinco de Mayo).

Save the dates!!

Holy Week Mission: 3/27-3/30

CHWC- TBD

Steubenville: 7/19-7/21

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

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year will be opening soon.

Look for flocknote and website updates

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

The annual Chili Cook-Off is back on this year and will be held Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024 from 6 to 8 pm in Quinn Hall.

Anyone interested in entering their chili, please contact Todd Bowers at tbowe@spring-ford.net or 610-960-0196.

Only 20 participants will be accepted. The entrance fee of \$10 will be refunded once you participate that night!

Hope to see you there!

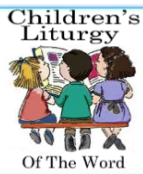


Serran Prayer for Vocations O God, who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, St. Joseph her spouse, St. Junipero Serra and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow 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.

Important Saint Aloysius Cemetery Information

Saint Aloysius and Holy Trinity Cemeteries will begin the Spring/Lenten Clean up process on Monday, March 4. If there are items currently on your loved one's gravesite that you would like to save, we ask that you kindly remove the items by Sunday, March 3.

Anything remaining will be removed and disposed of on Monday, March 4 by our cemetery crew. Thank you for your cooperation.



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.

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@stcolumbkill.org.



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



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.

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.

Family Ministry

Contact: SSullivan4916@outlook.com

Creating fellowship

for families with young children as we teach our children the Catholic faith!



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)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Sign up for an hour:

Tuesday: 11:00 am

Wednesday: 7 pm

Thursday: 12am, 1am, 2am,
9am, 10pm

Friday: 2pm



For information, call or email
Mariane at the office

610-367-2371 marianevf@stcolumbkill.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.

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.



RETROUVAILLE HelpOurMarriage.org
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

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. The next program will be held February 16 - 18, 2024 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.



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.svdpsa.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)

Our next meeting in February will be our St. Brigid's Mass. Stay tuned for more details. **Please note that if there is inclement weather, please check your email/Facebook**



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.

Human Concerns

Souper Bowl Sunday: Our parish will be celebrating the National Football League Championship by sponsoring the annual "Souper Bowl" collection of non-perishable most-needed items for Preston's Pantry, located at the Boyertown Area Multi-Service, the weekends of February 3 & 4 and February 10 & 11. You can vote for your favorite team by depositing your items in the bin in Quinn Hall that represents your choice for Super Bowl Champs! For those undecided, there will also be a "neutral" bin. Current most-needed items include granola bars, oatmeal, jelly, cereal, pancake mix, crackers, coffee, unscented bar soap, dish soap, hand soap, laundry detergent, shampoo and conditioner, paper towels, toilet paper, and size 4T, 5T and 6 diapers. Please keep in mind that we are unable to accept expired items or home canned items. Thank you in advance for your support in this important drive.



SCOUT ME IN
JOIN TODAY AT SCOUTSBSA.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

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.



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Dear Parishioners of St. Columbkille Church:

I am writing this letter to thank you for providing Catholic Charities with the generous donations of new baby items. Your contributions help Catholic Charities fulfill its mission to provide compassionate human services with respect for the sanctity of all human life.

Because of your hard work and generosity with your baby item drive, Catholic Charities will be able to continue offering its vital programs and safety-net services in Berks County including the pregnancy and parenting support program. We are sincerely grateful to you and your Parish for providing help and creating hope for the most vulnerable among us.

Sincerely, Lori McGeehan
Berks County Supervisor, Catholic Charities

Church Memorials 2024

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"

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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.

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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

