



# ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

200 INDIAN SPRING RD., BOYERTOWN, PA 19512

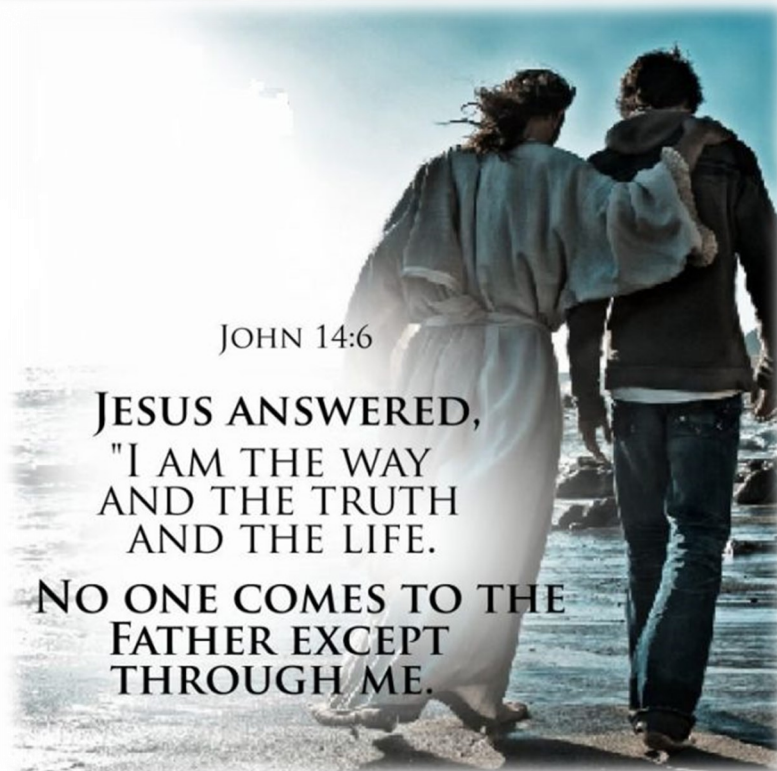
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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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



JOHN 14:6

**JESUS ANSWERED,  
"I AM THE WAY  
AND THE TRUTH  
AND THE LIFE.**

**NO ONE COMES TO THE  
FATHER EXCEPT  
THROUGH ME.**

21 JANUARY 2024 ~ THIRD WEEK 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  
margaretc@stcolumbkille.org 610-248-2171

**Director of Youth Ministry:** Heather Sochko,  
youthgroup@stcolumbkille.org

**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

#### **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 JAN. 22: DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF  
UNBORN CHILDREN**

9:00 am *Adele Speck*

**TUE. JAN. 23: SS VINCENT & MARIANNE COPE**

7:00 pm *Gene Orlando*

**WED. JAN. 24: ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**

9:00 am *John & Ruth Wynne (Living)*

**THU. JAN. 25: THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL**

7:00 pm *Mary Ann Keenan*

**FRI. JAN. 26: SS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS**

9:00 am *For a Return to the Sacraments*

**SAT. JAN. 27: VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5 pm *Catherine Runowski*

**SUN. JAN. 28: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 am *Joan Marburger*

10:00 am *Richard & Margaret Toth*

## Weekday Readings

Mon. 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 Mk 3:22-30

Tue. 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Mk 3:31-35

Wed. 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 Mk 4:1-20

Thu. Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Mk 16:15-18

Fri. 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 Mk 4:26-34

Sat. 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mk 4:35-41

Sun. Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

## Today's Readings

**Reading I: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10**

Nineveh was famous for its enormous violence and cruelty. That fact underlines the miracle of that city's sudden and total conversion based on repentance.

**Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31**

Paul believed in an imminent parousia, or end of the world. Therefore, he recommended detachment as essential preparation.

**The Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20**

The fate of John the Baptist "being handed over" foreshadows Jesus' passion and death. Repent and believe will frame everything that follows in this earliest and shortest gospel.

## Sanctuary Memorials



*The Sanctuary Candle will burn  
In Celebration of the 60th Wedding Anniversary  
of Sandra & Bob Eidle*



*The Bread & Wine are offered  
In Celebration of the 60th Wedding Anniversary  
of Sandra & Bob Eidle*



*The Flowers arrangements are  
In Celebration of the 60th Wedding  
Anniversary of Sandra & Bob Eidle*

**NEW!** Starting this weekend (Jan 20-21), look for the  
HOSPITALITY CART in Quinn Hall!

The hospitality cart will be in Quinn Hall for anyone wanting to socialize after Mass and have a cup of coffee, tea or cocoa. The cart will be available after every Mass, every weekend (except Knight Breakfast weekends).

The cart is self-serve and complimentary. Initial supplies are sponsored by the Youth Group to encourage fellowship and to welcome visitors.

After receiving Jesus in the Eucharist come into Quinn Hall and encounter Jesus in each other. See you after Mass in Quinn Hall!

If your ministry would like to sponsor the cart for a weekend please sign up [HERE](#) using the QR code!



## Celebrant Schedule

**Jan. 20/21 Fourth 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.

Calendar	Monday January 22	Tuesday January 23	Wednesday January 24	Thursday January 25	Friday January 26	Saturday January 27	Sunday January 28
	9 am Mass  12noon OA  5:30 pm AA 7 pm Scouts 6:30pm G.S. 7pm Emmanuel 7 pm Rosary Group	6:45pm AI Anon  <b>7 pm Mass</b>	9 am Mass   5:30pm PREP & Parent Mtg. First Com- munion  7pm Charismatic Prayer 7pm Christ Life Team 7pm Scouts PLC 7pm Family Rosary	9:30am Bible Study   6:30pm RCIA   <b>7 pm Mass</b>	9am Mass     6pm Cub Scouts	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>6pm CHILI COOK-OFF</b>	<b>8 am-Mass</b> <b>10 am—Mass</b> (Hearing Impaired)  9:00 am Choir 9:15am Sunday Rosary

## Pastor's Corner

*To you - my family of faith, from myself and my family of blood, thank you for your prayers, the Masses and condolences at the death of my twin brother Bill. From all the Clements (and they are many) thank you and God bless.  
 f Father Rich*

Our Parish Bereavement group meets every other Tuesday evening at 6:30—  
 The next meeting is on January 30th, 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. Columbkille Knight or visit our website: <https://kofc16544.org>

**Annual Baby Bottle Drive!** Beginning January 6, and after all the Masses, your St. Columbkille 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.

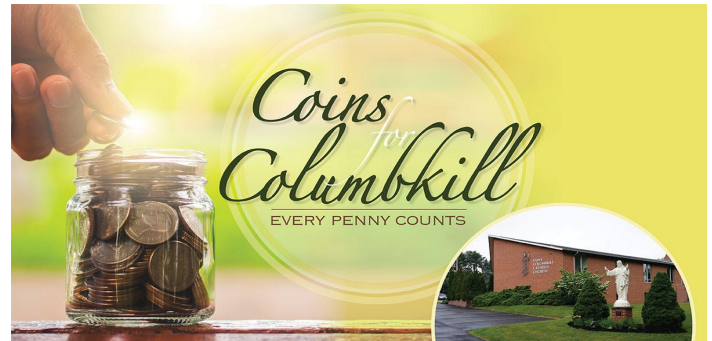
Our Council can help your donated dollars grow through support from the National Supreme Support!

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
Total Operating Expenses	\$425,583.00
Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	\$61,984.00
MONTHLY COLLECTION	
Fiscal Year July 2023 to June 2024	
Month: December 2023	
Last Dec., 2022 (4 weeks)	This Dec. 2023 (4 weeks)
\$57,565.75	\$49,597.75
Includes Online: \$20,650.75	Includes Online: \$20,373.75



Coins for Columbkille benefits our Building Fund for future capital needs of the parish. Total collected to date is \$3,317.30

## Knights of Columbus Breakfast



Our Monthly Breakfast is the **FIRST** Sunday of the month, from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. For Updates check-out the Knight's web site or the Knight's Corner in the Bulletin.

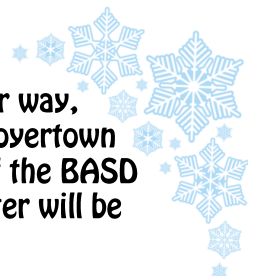


**Our next Breakfast is on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

**FEATURE Strawberry Pancakes**



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](mailto:kathyhemmanuel@stcolumbkill.org)

**St. Columbkille Children's Choir**

Children's Choir is open to 2nd through 6th grade children. Please contact Carolyn Quinn with any questions at [carolynsings4@gmail.com](mailto:carolynsings4@gmail.com).



THIS WEEK ON  
**FORMED**

Week of January 21, 2024



**Saint Francis de Sales and the Character of a Christian: Devotion (Part 1 of 4)**  
In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work "The Introduction to the Devout Life", and the character of a Christian.



**The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3**  
The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



**The Conversion of Saint Paul**  
Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the conversion of one of the largest figures in Christianity, Saint Paul.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  graciana 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.**



**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!

**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)

Make a  
*joyful noise*  
to the LORD  
Psalm 100:1

**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](mailto:nadineann@comcast.net)  
[catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://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.



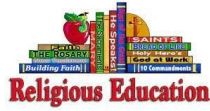
**2023 Donation Report for Tax Statements**  
If you would like to receive your family's 2023 contribution statement, please write "Send tax statement" on your contribution envelope and place it in the collection basket as usual or email [parishoffice@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:parishoffice@stcolumbkill.org) to request a statement. **Statements will be mailed in January.. (No need to send in multiple requests)**

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.

## Religious Education—PREP Elizabeth Roberge, Director

PREP classes are in session.

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 HOLY COMMUNION

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

## Youth Group—Heather Sochko

### 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

## 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.

## 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](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.

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Registration is not complete until you receive a confirmation email from the Director.

## St. Columbkille's



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024**

**Quinn Hall - 6:00 to 8:00 pm**

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WIN THE COVETED  
CHILI COOK-OFF TROPHY???

ENTER YOUR RECIPE TODAY AND FIND OUT!!!



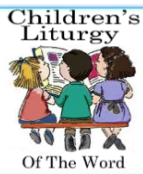
FOR QUESTIONS or to SIGN UP, E-MAIL TODD BOWERS at  
[tbowe@spring-ford.net](mailto:tbowe@spring-ford.net)

NO cost to enter the contest!

Prefer to come and sample instead? Just \$10 a person!

**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.





## 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](mailto: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,  
(1st Thursday at 3am)

9am, 10pm

Friday: 2pm



*For information, call or email  
Mariane at the office*

**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 [mariane.vf@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:mariane.vf@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](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  
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](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 [raiserightcoord@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:raiserightcoord@stcolumbkille.org) with any questions.



**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** "Our Hearts Are Restless Until They Rest In You" St. Augustine in his "Confessions" reminds us that in our restlessness is God calling us to a deeper relationship with Him. One way to grow deeper in your faith and to develop a closer relationship with God is to consider teaming up with a trained Spiritual Director. Contact Peg Choinski at 610-845-9272 [pegtyl@gmail.com](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 email Sue T. Susana.techman@gmail.com or Don-dondenick@comcast.net.

### *Attention All Men!*

*There are now two opportunities for adult men to come together in fellowship to pray and grow in their Catholic Faith.*

*Men's Monthly Bible Study* - first Tuesday of every month from 6 P.M. to 7 P.M. in JONA Hall (behind the EHST room) to reflect on the upcoming Sunday scripture readings.

*New! Into the Breach Coffee Hour* - first Saturday of every month from 7:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. in Quinn Hall (coffee and donuts provided). "Into the Breach" is a Catholic Men's study program that focuses on what it means to be and live the life of a Catholic man in today's world.



*No registration is required... just show up!*



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

## Novena Prayer for Life

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life.

Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering.

Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.

Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all.

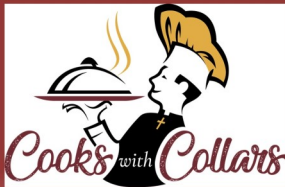
Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

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**VOTE TODAY!**



Scan the QR Code or go to [www.cookswithcollars.com](http://www.cookswithcollars.com) to vote for Fr. Rich.

Vote early and vote often  
(January 12, 2024 through February 12, 2024)



## 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.

## 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](http://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*

