

# ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

200 INDIAN SPRING RD., BOYERTOWN, PA 19512

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## 1st Sunday of Lent



### Parish Mission Statement

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

Repent,  
and believe in the  
Gospel



### 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 FEB. 19: FIRST WEEK OF LENT**9:00 am *George Speck***TUE. FEB. 20: FIRST WEEK OF LENT**7:00 pm *Tony Coccia***WED. FEB. 21: FIRST WEEK OF LENT**9:00 am *Bud Curley***THU. FEB. 22: THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE**7:00 pm *The Pjetri Family***FRI. FEB. 23: FIRST WEEK OF LENT**9:00 am *A Special Intention*7:00 pm *Stations of the Cross***SAT. FEB. 24: VIGIL: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**5 pm *Mary Hare***SUN. FEB. 25: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**8:00 am *John Meade*10:00 am *Jerry Keenan (First Anniversary)*

## Weekday Readings

**Mon** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46**Tue** Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15**Wed** Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32**Thu** 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:13-19**Fri** Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26**Sat** Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48**Sun** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10



## Celebrant Schedule

**Feb. 24/25 The Second Sunday of Lent****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 Herbert Howald*

*The Bread & Wine are offered  
In Loving Memory of Ralph Vitelli*



## Today's Readings

**Reading I: Genesis 9: 8-15**

The story of the Great Flood and Noah's leadership is one in which the world is cleansed by water. There follows a covenant between God and the people symbolized by a rainbow which will mean the end of future rainstorms before they destroy the world.

**Reading II: 1 Peter 3: 18-22**

The victory of Christ over sin is applied to Christians by baptism. This was prefigured by the cleansing waters of the Great Flood.

**The Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15**

The brief and simple narrative of Mark contrasts with the more elaborate scriptural debate between the devil and Jesus, as portrayed in both Matthew and Luke, both of which followed Mark in time.

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.



## 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 February 19	Tuesday February 20	Wednesday February 21	Thursday February 22	Friday February 23	Saturday February 24	Sunday February 25
<b>9 am Mass</b> 9:30 am Bible Study 12noon OA 5:30 pm AA 6:30pm G.S. 7pm Emmanuel 7 pm Rosary Group	5:30pm SVPD 6pm Knights of Columbus mtg. 6:45pm Al Anon <b>7 pm Mass</b>	<b>9 am Mass</b> 9am Attic Treasures mtg 5:30pm PREP 6:30pm Disc. Christ 7pm Charismatic Prayer 7pm Scouts PLC	6:30pm RCIA <b>7 pm Mass</b>	<b>9am Mass</b> 1pm Senior Connection 6pm G.S. World Thinking Day 7pm Stations of the Cross	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 Al Anon	<b>8 am-Mass</b> <b>10 am—Mass</b> <b>(Hearing Impaired)</b> 9:00 am Choir 9:15am Sunday Rosary 12pm B.S. Court of Honor



Welcome our new members to our  
parish family of faith!

Mr. Steven Kushnetick  
Mr. & Mrs. Mangam  
Ms. Lisa Saddler

The Salome Family  
The Trovato Family

Our Parish Bereavement group meets every other  
Tuesday evening at 6:30—  
The next meeting is on  
February 27, 2024.

The  
Bereavement  
Journey

If you are interested in at-  
tending, please call the Par-  
ish 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>



## 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, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

FEATURE: Eggs Benedict



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

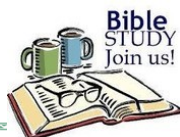


Get your questions answered about  
the Catholic faith. For more infor-  
mation, contact Margaret Chovanec at  
[margaretc@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:margaretc@stcolumbkille.org)

or 610-248-2171.

**Weekly Bible Study:** Please join us for the next Par-  
ish Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. weekly on  
Thursdays.

Contact: [margaretc@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:margaretc@stcolumbkille.org)



## 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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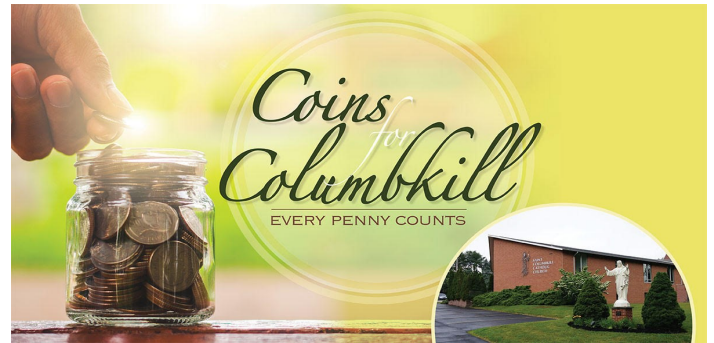
Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	\$61,984.00
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### MONTHLY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year July 2023 to June 2024

Month: January 2024

Last Jan., 2023 (5 weeks)	This Jan. 2024 (4 weeks)
\$54,839.75	\$52,694.25
Includes Online: \$22,323.75	Includes Online: \$23,322.75



Coins for Columbkille benefits our Building Fund  
for future capital needs of the parish. Total col-  
lected to date is \$3,348.30

### 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@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:parishoffice@stcolumbkille.org) to request a stat-  
ment.

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Church donations. Visit  
[www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org) for  
more information and to sign  
up



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.





**Emmanuel Contemporary Mass**

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

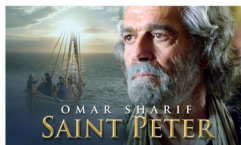
**St. Columbkil Children's Choir**

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



THIS WEEK ON  
**FORMED**

Week of February 18, 2024



**Saint Peter**

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



**The Afterlife | Eternal Rest | Episode 2**

What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.



**Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT**

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

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 GRACIAS PRESENTS

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.

**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** - enhance the music ministry as an accompanist for one of the choirs mentioned here, or by playing 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)

**CRS Spotlight :** This month, we begin our Lenten Journey with the CRS Rice Bowl. We'll encounter communities in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia who are overcoming hunger and the impacts of climate change. Your family can participate through prayer, fasting and almsgiving! Please visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) for more information and to see how you can participate in the CRS Rice Bowl!

"Food shortage is not something natural, it is not a given, something obvious or self-evident. The fact that today, well into the twenty-first century, so many people suffer from this scourge is due to a selfish and wrong distribution of resources, to the 'merchandising' of food. The earth, abused and exploited, continues in many parts of the world to yield its fruits, offering us the best of itself. The faces of the starving remind us that we have foiled its purposes. We have turned a gift with a universal destination into a privilege enjoyed by a select few." ~ Pope Francis

**SAINT FRANCIS CLASSICAL CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

**SFCCA OPEN HOUSE**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
11:15 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

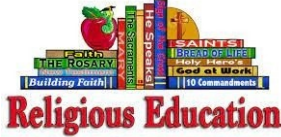
All are invited to join us and learn more about the exciting renewal of Classical Catholic education that is happening in Bally!

**Please come to meet our faculty, tour our school building, meet some of our current families, and find out about our full time curriculum for Pre-K through 10th grade, as well as our part time options for students in grades 3-12.**

Members of Saint Columbkil Parish are eligible for a tuition discount of \$1,000 per family (with only PreK & K students), or \$2,000 per family (with one or more students in Grades 1-10).

[saintfrancisclassical.com](http://saintfrancisclassical.com)

Religious Education—PREP  
Elizabeth Roberge, Director



Regular classes—  
Wednesday evening  
5:30pm

Youth Group—Heather Sochko

**Salsa Fundraiser**

A message will be sent out when orders have arrived. They will be here before or by May 4/5. Stay tuned!

**Easter Flower Sale**

More information coming soon about our Easter Flower sale from 3/1-3/17. Pick up will be Palm Sunday weekend, 3/23 and 3/24.

**Next YG Meeting:** March 11th from 11-1 in Iona Hall

Are we feeling St. Patrick's Day or Lent... come and find out!

**Holy Week Mission**

This year's theme is the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Yes, we will have an overnight. Yes, we will have Chick-Fil-A. Yes, we will visit churches on Holy Thursday. Yes we will have t-shirts and Sister Lisa. Why haven't you signed up yet?!

Cost: FREE

**Save the dates!!**

CHWC- TBD

Steubenville: 7/12-7/14 \*\* New dates



Contact:  
youthgroup@stcolumbkille.org

**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.

**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)

Pre-School—Caitlin Nickel



**2024-2025 Preschool Registration is now open!**

Join us next year as we will be offering programs for children 2-6 years old including transitional kindergarten. In addition to our 2, 3, 4 year old and transitional kindergarten programs, we also offer weekly enrichment and gym classes held by the YMCA all in a safe and secure facility with dedicated and nurturing teachers.

Registration can be completed online and tours are available.

Contact Caitlin Nickel for more information at 610-367-2371 ext. 207.

Vacation Bible School

**Save the dates for VBS  
2024  
June 24-28!!**



Vacation Bible School is held in the summer for one week for children in Pre-K through 5th grade June 24-28 from 9 am-12:00 pm.

This year we will celebrate Mass as our closing ceremony on June 28 at 12:30 pm.

All family members and friends are welcome to attend. The nonrefundable registration fee is \$10 for each child.

(Registration must be received by June 6, 2024)

Look for the HOSPITALITY CART in Quinn Hall!

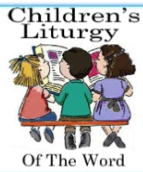
The hospitality cart will be in Quinn Hall for anyone wanting to socialize after Mass and have a cup of coffee, tea or cocoa. The cart will be available after every Mass, every weekend (except Knight Breakfast weekends). The cart is self-serve and complimentary. Initial supplies are sponsored by the 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!







## 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!! Questions: contact Megan at (610) 310-5661 or [meganrepko@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:meganrepko@stcolumbkill.org).

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



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.



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024

#### 24 March - Palm Sunday

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM  
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM  
Parish Lenten Confession: 7:00 PM

25 March - Monday of Holy Week  
Mass: 9:00 AM

26 March - Tuesday of Holy Week  
Mass: 7:00 PM

27 March - Wednesday of Holy Week  
Mass: 9:00 AM

#### THE SACRED TRIDUUM

#### 28 March - Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer: 9:00 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm

Adoration in Quinn Hall: 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Night Prayer: 10:00 pm

#### 29 March - Good Friday

Morning Prayer: 9:00 am

Living Stations of the Cross: 12:00 pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death: 3:00 pm

#### 30 March - Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer: 9:00 am

Blessing of Easter Food & Baskets: 11:00 am

#### The Great Easter Vigil: 8:00 pm

(Please note: there are no confessions or 5:00 pm Mass on Holy Saturday)

#### 31 March - Easter Sunday

Mass: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



For information, call or email Mariane at the office - 610-367-2371 [marianevf@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:marianevf@stcolumbkill.org)

Sign up for an hour:  
Tuesday: 11:00 am  
Wednesday: 7 pm  
Thursday:  
12am, 1am, 2am,  
(1st Thursday at 3am)  
9am, 10pm  
Friday: 2pm



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



## 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!



**Save the date! The next Family Ministry Group Potluck Brunch will be Sunday March 10th after the 10:00 AM Mass in Quinn Hall. Please contact Sarah Sullivan at [SSullivan4916@outlook.com](mailto:SSullivan4916@outlook.com) to RSVP or for more information!**



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.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](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.

### Community News:

"Once Upon a Prom" will be again be hosted by the Boyertown Junior Woman's Club on March 2, 3, and 9, 10 from 12:00 to 4:00. Any junior or senior high school girl in need of a special occasion dress is welcome to come browse our collection of over 800 dresses, in all sizes, plus accessories. Held at the Boyertown YMCA NOW located at 301 W. Spring St. in Boyertown. All girls are invited to take a dress or two home for a small donation which benefits our local community. For questions, or to donate dresses/accessories contact Anita Zuber (610-367-0686) or Judy Leister (610-858-6796).

**Sunday, March 10, 2024, 2:00 pm**  
HGA is hosting a private screening of Cabrini on Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 2:00 pm at the AMC Fairgrounds Theater, 3050 N. 5th Street Highway, Reading, PA 19605. Ticket information: \$25 Ticket includes entry to the movie & voucher for a regular-size popcorn/beverage combo. \$15 Ticket includes entry to the movie. Purchase tickets online You will not need a physical ticket. Movie-goers will be checked in at the theater on the day of the screening. There are 200 tickets available – don't delay! Link to website (with trailer) <https://www.hgaparish.com/post/cabrini-private-screening> - MPAA rating of PG-13

If you have any questions about the event, please contact Tricia Christ at 610-921-2729, ext. 2202 or [tchrist@hgaparish.com](mailto:tchrist@hgaparish.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!*

### LAOH (Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians)

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 4th in the KOC/LAOH room. \*\*If there is inclement weather, please check your email/Facebook\*\* Save the Date: Irish Potato/Scone Sale - March 16/17 at the Ministry Fair



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.

**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.

### Ladies' Prayer Group



The 4th Wednesday of the month: 7-8 PM in the EHST Room  
Come as you are and join us with Mother Mary in our first Women's Prayer Group meeting at St. Columbkille Parish. Who better to teach us than the Blessed Mother! We will meet on the Fourth Wednesday of the month from 7-8 PM. We will have light refreshments from 8-8:30 PM if you would like to stay for some socializing (though not required).

This is for you if you want to deepen your friendship with our Lord. This group will offer you:

- ♦ opportunities to learn new ways to pray
- ♦ ways to read and learn more about Scripture
- ♦ ways to grow in your Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- ♦ opportunities to ask questions about your faith and get answers
- ♦ opportunities to make more friends in our faith community

At our first meeting we will pray together, discuss what you want to get out of our meetings, and enjoy a light snack and beverage. If you have any questions please email or call:

Deb Harris at d\_jharris@hotmail.com 215-740-2934  
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**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

**2024 College Fair At**  
**Pope John Paul II High School**  
**Date: Tues. March 5, 2024**  
**Time: 6-8PM**  
**Location: Main Gym**  
**181 Rittenhouse Rd Royersford PA 19468**  
**Contact: Doreen Bell at dbell@pjphs.org with questions**



**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

## 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.

**Church Votive Candles:** Candles are available in the Priest Sacristy before & after Mass as well as in the Parish office during regular office hours. Suggested offering: \$5.00

**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**



## 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*

