




# ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

200 INDIAN SPRING RD., BOYERTOWN, PA 19512

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A photograph of a church interior looking up at a large, colorful stained glass cross set in a high window. Light rays stream down from the cross, illuminating the floor below.

“Destroy this temple and in  
three days I will raise it up.”

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

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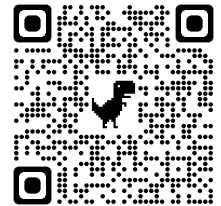
The Disciple Maker Index Survey is Open this Week!

The first step in helping St. Columbkille assess our greatest strengths and opportunities is to complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey today! Share your perspective now to help strengthen St. Columbkille and better prepare us for the future – as we seek to grow in missionary discipleship!



For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey link, please visit:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/b3b5b5>



*Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.*

3 MARCH 2024 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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: dcjoe2015@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 MAR. 4: ST. CASIMIR**

9:00 am *Douglas Laraway*

**TUE. MAR. 5: THIRD WEEK OF LENT**

7:00 pm *Bud Curley*

**WED. MAR. 6: THJRD WEEK OF LENT**

9:00 am *Margaret Foley*

**THU. MAR. 7: SS. PERPETUA & FELICITY**

7:00 pm *Clare Ritz*

**FRI. MAR. 8: ST. JOHN OF GOD**

9:00 am *For those who have no one to pray for them*

7:00 pm *Stations of the Cross*



**SAT. MAR. 9: VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

5 pm *Regina Yoder*

**SUN. MAR. 10 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00 am *Joyce Kocon*

10:00 am *Chuck Kimmel*

## Weekday Readings

**Mon.** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30

**Tue.** Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35

**Wed.** Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

**Thu.** Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11:14-23

**Fri.** Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Mk 12:28-34

**Sat.** Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Lk 18:9-14

**Sun.** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21



## Celebrant Schedule

**Mar. 9/10 The Fourth 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 William Clement*



## Today's Readings

**Reading I: Exodus 20: 1-17, or 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17**

Yahweh asserts Himself as the only deity for Israel. Three commands pertain to Him, and seven apply to human behavior.

**Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25**

Paul declares that God's foolishness is a crucified Christ, and that it is far superior to human wisdom.

**The Gospel: John 2: 13-25**

After angrily cleansing the Temple of any commercialism practiced there, Jesus predicts His death and resurrection. The disciples will remember His words after the Resurrection.



Fridays during Lent at 7:00 pm

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 March 4	Tuesday March 5	Wednesday March 6	Thursday March 7	Friday March 8	Saturday March 9	Sunday March 10
<b>9 am Mass</b> 9:30 am Bible Study 12noon OA  5:30 pm AA 6:30pm Scouts 7pm Scouts 7pm G.S. 7 pm Rosary Group 7pm LAOH	6pm Men's Bible Study  6:45pm AI Anon  <b>7 pm Mass</b>	<b>9 am Mass</b> 1pm Senior Connection  5:30pm PREP  6:30pm Disc. Christ  7pm Charismatic Prayer  7pm Human Concerns	6:30pm RCIA   <b>7 pm Mass</b>	<b>9am Mass</b>   <b>7pm Stations of the Cross</b>  Pinewood Derby set-up	9 am Patriotic Rosary Rosary for Vocations Children's Rosary-Zoom 3pm Medjugorje Prayer Mtg. 4 pm Confessions <b>5 pm Vigil Mass</b>  8am-noon Pinewood Derby 9am Disc. Christ Retreat  6:30 pm AI Anon	<b>8 am-Mass</b> <b>10 am—Mass</b> <b>(Hearing Impaired)</b>  9:00 am Choir 9:15am Sunday Rosary  10am Family Ministry 11am Fundraising Comm.



## Music Notes Michael Repko, Director

**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

### 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.

Make a  
joyful noise  
to the LORD  
Psalm 100:1

### Children's Liturgy



### 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.

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



**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. 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 (sspenca4@comcast.net) if you are interested so that we know to expect 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? 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. Contact Kim Frattone at (484)300-1808.



### 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.

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



Get your questions answered about the Catholic faith. For more information, contact Margaret Chovanec at

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

**Weekly Bible Study:** Please join us for the next

Parish Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. weekly on

Thursdays. Contact: mar-

garetc@stcolumbkill.org or 610-248-2171.



### Family Ministry

Contact: SSullivan4916@outlook.com

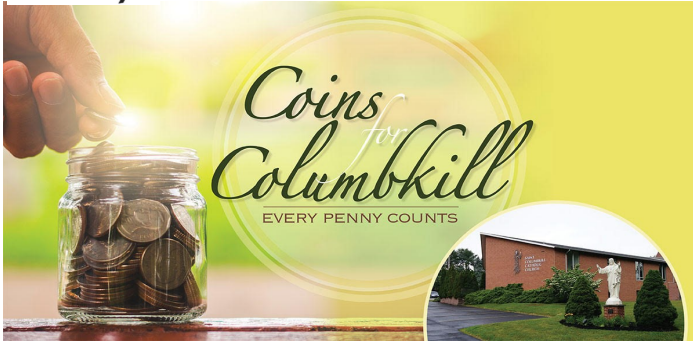
*Creating fellowship for families with young children as we teach our children the Catholic faith!*



**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 to RSVP or for more information!**

Welcome

Our family of faith welcomes you and your family. If you have moved to the area, please register with the parish office. We would love the opportunity to introduce ourselves. Your Parish family welcomes you!



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

#### 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.)

#### 2024 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

Many thanks to those who have already contributed to the 2024 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](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org).

### 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: 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

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#### Business owners/managers:

We have contracted with John Patrick Publishing Company to update our bulletin for our congregation that will be available at the Church. The printing is being provided at no cost to our Church. Local businesses are being asked to be featured in the bulletin in the way of advertising.

If you own or manage a business or know someone that does want to be featured please call Marlene Richards 845-492-1547 cell directly, or email her at [mrichards@jppc.net](mailto:mrichards@jppc.net) at any time for more information on how to advertise.

### 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



#### 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.



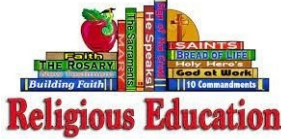
Our next Breakfast is on **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**FEATURE: Eggs Benedict**





## 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— June 16-21 Dover, DE  
Steubenville: 7/12-7/14 \*\* New dates



Contact:  
youthgroup@stcolumbkille.org

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).

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!



**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.



**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.

## 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—tours are available.

Contact Caitlin Nickel for more information at

610-367-2371 ext. 207.

### Preschool Camp

Join us this summer for camp at St. Columbkille Pre-school! We will be holding 2 camps this summer for children 3-5 years old.

Camps will meet from 9:00-11:30am each day and will cost \$125 per week.

S'mores and More: June 17th-21st

Under the Sea: July 29th-Aug. 2nd

Registration can be completed online.

Email preschool@stcolumbkille.org with questions.

## 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.

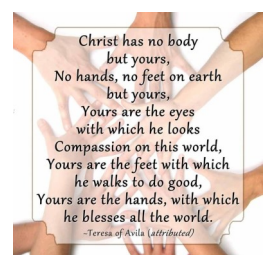
(Registration must be received by June 6, 2024)



### 2024 Basket Party Save the Date

Sunday, October 27, 2024

*Mark your calendars!*  
*Parish Spiritual*  
*Ministry Fair*  
*Saturday and Sunday*  
*March 16th and 17th*  
*after all Masses*



**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.

**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@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:marianevf@stcolumbkil.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.



**Our Parish Bereavement group meets every other Tuesday evening at 6:30—The next meeting is on March 12, 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)

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.

**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)



**GO TO ADORATION AS ONE WOULD TO HEAVEN.**  
~ St. Peter, Julian Eymard

**Weekly hours available:**  
Tue: 11 am or 11 pm  
Wed: 7 pm  
Thu: 12am, 1am, 2am, (1st Thursday at 3am) 9am, 10pm  
Fri: 2pm  
**Substitutes needed: Contact Mariane to sign up as a sub.**

To sign up, call or email Mariane at the office - 610-367-2371

## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of March 03, 2024



**Liturgical Living | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney**

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>.



**The Faithful Departed | Eternal Rest | Episode 4**

What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.



**Death, Where is Your Sting? Sarah Kirchner's Story | Fearless | Episode 4**

Despite our attempts to cheat it, we all must face death eventually. Listen as Chris shares the powerful story of Sarah Kirchner and her courageous battle against pediatric bone cancer. Who can bring us victory in the face of such significant trials? Find out in this lesson.

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

## 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  
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*End Poverty Through Systemic Change*

*(Poor box located in the Narthex ~ helping those in need in our local community)*

Find out more about us:

<http://www.svdpusa.org/Assistance-Services>



## Human Concerns



Many Families in our Community will Benefit Wow! Our parish is once again truly amazing and so generous! Thank you to everyone who donated to the Souper Bowl collection of non-perishable high-need items for Preston's Pantry at the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. In a very close race, we delivered 663 pounds of items. 292 pounds were from the San Francisco 49ers fans, 277 pounds were from the Kansas City Chiefs fans, and 94 pounds were donated in the neutral bin by fans who had no preference as to who won the game. Apparently, our parish was hopeful but not successful in choosing the Super Bowl Champs, but many families in our area will benefit from your generous donations!

**Our Trinity of Holy Rollers will Bowl for the Babies on March 17th!**

The Human Concerns Ministry once again "pinned" down Deacon Joe and Deacon Jim to represent St. Columbkille...and Sister Jean is coming back by popular demand to join them as they bowl for the babies of Mary's Shelter.

Mary's Shelter and Home provide housing, education and loving support to pregnant young women and women with children, offering help and hope to generations to come. Any amount you can 'spare' for this worthwhile cause would be greatly appreciated. Stop by the table in the narthex after Mass on the first two weekends of March to make a pledge OR you may donate online through Parish Giving OR place your donation (cash or check made payable to Mary's Shelter) in the collection basket at any time in an envelope marked Mary's Shelter Bowlathon. Watch future bulletins to find out how "striking" their performance is at the bowling alley! Thank you for your support!



**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**



### 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 IONA 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!*  
*Peace! Don Joe*

### 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



### 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. Columbkil 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).

If you have any questions please email or call:

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

Lori Psota at LKPpsota@gmail.com 484-919-8629

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### 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.  
Slàinte!



### Stewardship

Learn how you can make additional donations to St. Columbkil parish without spending anything extra.

#### How?

A few small changes in your budget can have your cell phone company and/or your cable provider foot the bill. A personal review with John White is available via telephone call (up to ½ hour) for free (as long as you promise to donate at least the first 2 months savings to the parish.) 610-468-7111

At your home, step by step installation assistance is available @\$50/hr. payable to the parish.

I view this as my personal stewardship for our parish, so I want no compensation.

**POSITION AVAILABLE: A Morning Facility Personnel position is available at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish. Please see website for details or call the Parish Office at (610) 287-2525.**

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



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Saint Columbkil, and Saint Philip Neri Parishes

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## 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*

