

Epiphany | January 5, 2025



St. Columba Parish



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Saint Columba Parish

Mission Statement

The mission of the Cathedral Parish of Saint Columba is twofold: to participate in the saving mission of Jesus Christ by caring for the spiritual and physical needs of people in Central Youngstown, and to serve as the spiritual center of the Diocese of Youngstown by fostering the mission of the Bishop.

Saint Columba Parish Directory

Most Reverend David J. Bonnar

Bishop Of The Diocese Of Youngstown

Very Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Siffrin Rector

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Reverend Francis Muriithi Parochial Vicar

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Sister Martha Reed Pastoral Minister

Sister Regina Rogers Pastoral Minister

Karen Thomas Secretary

Members Of Parish Council

Laura Elder, Steve Grzywna, Louise Korhan, Josephi Markulin, Linda Puryear, David Sweeney, Julie Tarrantino, Jennifer Vinkler, Bill Wainio, Mary Lynne West, Guy Young and Barb Zorn

Members of Finance Council

Our New Finance Council will be announced at a later date.

Please watch the bulletin for updates.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 5

9:00 am **St. Edward** † **Paul Hartwig**

10:30 am St. Columba † Marianne E. Pekarcik

11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † **Joseph & Angela Gierchak, Derrick Stratton & Helene Gombas**

4:00 pm St. Columba † Friends of the Cathedral

Monday, January 6

8:30am **St. Edward** † **Dr. Teo Puray**

12:10 pm St. Columba † Bogdan Lawera

Tuesday, January 7

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Martha Beniston**

12:10 pm St. Columba † Dayna Hulme

Wednesday, January 8

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **A J Farrell**

12:10 pm St. Columba † Rev. Joseph Zamary

Thursday, January 9

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Jane Szelest**

12:10 pm St. Columba † Barbara Kuras

5:45 pm **Sts. Peter & Paul** †

Friday, January 10

8:30am **St. Edward** † **Annie & Ed Reck-Birthday**

12:10 pm St. Columba † Jack McHan

Saturday, January 11

8:30am **St. Edward** † **Morgan Reese**

4:00pm Vigil St. Columba † Belszek, Veck and LaCivita Families

4:00pm Vigil **St. Edward** † **Martha Beniston**

Sunday, January 12

9:00am **St. Edward** † **Ed Billock**

10:30 am St. Columba † Bishop Bonnar on his 4th Anniversary of Ordination

11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** **Edo Pacic**

4:00 pm St. Columba † Living and Deceased members of St. Columba Parish



Pastor's Column

Sunday, January 5, 2025 | Epiphany

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin this New Year together as a parish, I offer my prayers and support to all of our members, and I ask your help and prayers to support your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Special thanks to those who prepared our Churches for Christmas and everyone who supported our gifts for the poor. Also, a heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped us in establishing our new office in the chancery. We will be scheduling an open house soon.

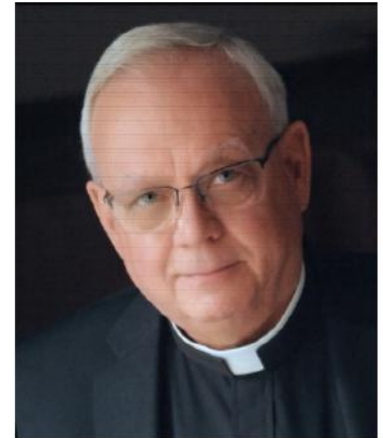
If you have not received your new envelopes, please call the parish office.

Our New Year emphasis on ministry is to reach out in the Lord's name to the homebound, hospitalized and unchurched. Please help us with your prayers and help us to know of anyone you know who would like a visit or call from the staff.

With my daily prayers for you and your families, I remain.

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin



Reflection

Epiphanies

The journey of our lives to Christ is rarely a straight path. Especially for those who were baptized into the Catholic faith as babies, we often need to find our own way by winding roads and paths until we arrive at and embrace faith as our own. Merriam-Webster defines "epiphany" as "a usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something." Almost always, this entails a "Aha!" moment, which changes the course of the story.

I experienced this in my own life in the middle of the Covid pandemic. When the world began to shut down, I finally knew that I was not alone, and that I never had been. You see, I found myself newly pregnant for the fifth time with no living children, after having experienced loss after loss. In my pain and struggle, I had turned from God the previous fall when it seemed door after door had closed for the opportunity to have a child.

But while the world was radically changing, I had an incredible moment which can only be described as an epiphany from the Holy Spirit: I became acutely aware that I was not alone, nor had I ever been alone. Struggling with feeling alone was something that had plagued me throughout my life. And now, suddenly, in the middle of a world that was radically shifting toward being apart, I came to believe that I was not alone, had never been alone, and will never be alone. How radical!

It is also radical that, in the course of human history - of salvation history - God would reveal Himself to all of humanity. After all, God was the God of Israel. And yet, God planned to reveal Himself in the form of a helpless baby to all nations. Juxtapositions abound with God, and somehow they all make sense. Today, as we celebrate the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord, may we always be open to the seeming contradictions that God places in our lives and be willing to learn from them.

By Mary Thissen



Saint Columba Parish

Mass Times	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeters & Ushers	Altar Server
St. Edward				
4:00 pm January 11	Jeanne McDermott Molly McGuire	Don Turnbull/ Host Deacon Bill/ CP Mary Beth Loto/ CB	Angie Palumbo Ed Palumbo	Jim Carsone
9:00 am January 12	Kelly Sandy Ryan Cox	Sara Cox/ Host Deacon Syl/ CP Beverly DeMario/ CB	Pat Metzinger Bob Cashier David Slifka	Dan Rowland
St. Columba				
4:00 pm January 11	Ronald Chapman Jean Wainio	Mirta Chapman/ Host Marilynn Butler/ Wine Tess Szenborn/ Wine		
10:30 am January 12	Natalia Wells Deanna Marchionda	Vicki Kidd/Host Juliann McLennan Cup Marly Reichert/ Cup	Graigh Snovak	Maddie Devlin Mya Colella
4:00 pm January 12	Laura Elder Tom Gilmartin Jr.	Kathleen Meese/Host Leonard Schiavone/Cup Gina Schiavone/Cup		
Sts. Peter & Paul				
11:00 am January 12	Evie Byers	John Vogrin Eric Cromwell	Nancy Gunyula John Vogrin Ray Kovach Bill Sikora Pat Purton	John Vogrin

Vocation View/ Epiphany of the Lord– January 5, 2025

“They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:11)

What gift can you offer Christ? If he is calling you to a vocation that serves the Church, He is asking for the gift of your life to serve His people. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org

Mass for Anniversary of Bishop Bonnar’s Episcopal Ordination

Date: January 12, 2025

Time: 10:30 am– 11:30 am

Location: St. Columba Cathedral
154 West Wood St,
Youngstown, OH 44503



Stewardship Reflections

The Epiphany of the Lord

“They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” - Matthew 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God everyday. Gold– we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense– represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh– is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.



Our Stewardship

Sunday Collections for Dec 21/22
St. Edward: \$5347.00
St. Columba: \$3683.00
Sts. Peter & Paul: \$2516.00
CAF Foundation: \$ 147.00

Total Mass Attendance

St. Edward
 Saturday, Dec 21 4:00 pm and
 Sunday, Dec 22 9:00 am 187
St. Columba
 Saturday, Dec 21 4:00 pm 70
 Sunday, Dec 22 10:30 am 97
 Sunday, Dec 22 4:00 pm 182
Sts. Peter & Paul
 Sunday, Dec 22 11:00 am 57

Membership Forms Available

Membership forms are located in the literature rack. Simply fill out your form and return in the collection basket. Or you may call (330) 744-5233 Monday-Friday from 8:00 am– 4:00 pm. Children of registered members should register on their own as adults on their 18th birthday.

A special Thank You to all who donated toward the giving trees. We were able to help many families in need.



Remembrance Flames @ St. Columba Cathedral for the week.

Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10
 Sanctuary: Blessed Mother: Bill, Sue & Kenny Gause
 St. Joseph: Lady of Czestochowa: Former members of St. Stanislaus Parish

Sanctuary Candle/ Host & Wine @ St. Edward December 2024

Sanctuary: Marge & Ed Scharrer
 Host & Wine: Marge & Ed Scharrer

Sanctuary Candle/ Host & Wine @ Sts. Peter & Paul for the week.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated at 1:00 to 1:30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday and at 9:15 - 9:45 am on Saturday at St. Columba. St. Edward offers the sacrament before 8:00 am every Saturday morning. Communal celebrations are held during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

Baptism

Please make arrangements with the office for the necessary preparation at least four weeks in advance. All parents and when possible, godparents, participate in the baptismal preparation program prior to their child's baptism. Call the parish office for registration and further information.

Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated with the eighth grade students in the spring. Our young people must participate in the preparation program according to the diocesan and our parish's guidelines.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

A person who desires to become a Catholic is encouraged to be a part of a religious process which may begin each autumn and may culminate with the Sacraments of Initiation being celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

Marriage

Please make arrangements with Monsignor Siffrin at least six months before the marriage is to be celebrated. All engaged couples participate in a preparation program for their marriage following the diocesan and our parish's guidelines.

Holy Orders Of Religious Life

Any woman desiring to become affiliated with a religious order and any man desiring to become a priest, permanent deacon, or brother is welcome to discuss her/his vocation with Monsignor Siffrin.

Anointing of the Sick

Communal celebrations are held in the spring and in the autumn. Individual celebrations may be celebrated upon request at any time.

Sick Calls

For visitation, please contact the office if a parishioner is in the hospital. The Eucharist is taken to those unable to attend Mass each week. Anyone desiring a visitation is asked to call the office at any time.

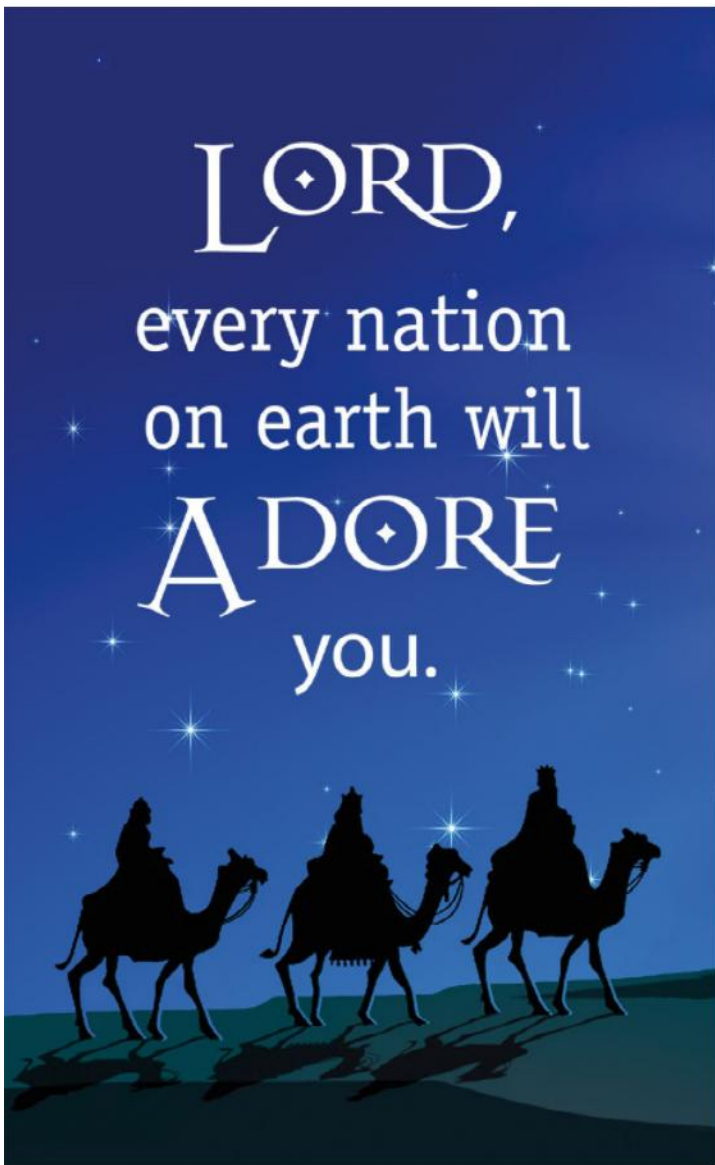
CCD classes will resume Sunday Jan. 12 from 10:15 am-11:30 am.

Wedding Banns

Please remember all couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. We pray that God will bless them with a lifetime of good health and happiness.

Please Pray For:

All the sick and homebound of our parish.



Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 5, 2025

- Sunday** **The Epiphany of the Lord**
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
- Monday** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2; 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22
- Friday** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday** **Baptism of the Lord**
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



To our Holiday Raffle winners hosted by Holy Apostles;

- 1st Place: \$1,000 Pat Purton
(Donated \$500 to the elevator repair.)
- 2nd Place: \$500 Jennifer Vinkler
- 3rd Place: \$250 Richard Placich
- 4th Place: \$150 John Perlic
- 5th Place: \$100 Carla Catheline

300 Club Winner Wk #7:

Sts. Peter and Paul

Helen Urchick \$50 Number 94





The Epiphany of the Lord

The gift for the Wise Men

A rather liberal priest was teasing one of the women of the parish, asking, “How do we know the Wise Men weren’t Wise Women?” She answered, “If they were, they’d have brought bottles, diapers, and a bassinet, instead of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

Maybe they were wise enough to know that Mary could have bought a lot of diapers with the gold.

The gifts, of course, are symbols of who Jesus is: a king who is both God and human. And I wonder what our gifts to the Lord say about our faith in him. Remember the song about the little drummer boy, who had no gift to bring but his ability to play

the drum? Or the parable of the woman who brought two small coins to donate at the temple (Mark 12:42)? They both remind us that a person who gives all they have, no matter how little it seems, is the most generous.

So what do we bring to the newborn king? I can give my time by coming to church for the Feast of Epiphany and actually paying attention. How often do I sit in the pews, answer the prayers by heart, and suddenly realize that I can’t remember what the first reading was, or what the homily was about? Just making the effort to listen to the words of Scripture, to hear what God may be trying to tell me, could be a great gift. Or I could bring someone in our family, or a friend, who doesn’t go to church very much.

Now let’s not forget the meaning of “epiphany.” In ancient times it meant the appearance or manifestation of a divine being. In the early Church the feast included the baptism of Christ (with the voice of the Father and the Spirit as a dove) and the miracle at Cana, as well as the visit of the magi. So what we celebrate is not so much our gifts or those of the wise men, as it is a gift from God, manifested in Jesus. Maybe a way to celebrate the Epiphany is to reflect on how God has been made known to me. Simple things, like a hug from a friend or an answered prayer, or major events like a wedding, the birth of a child, or a funeral, can all be ways to experience the Lord. The wise men received the gift of an epiphany by following a star. May the light of Christ lead you to him also.

Tom Schmidt



Please note:

Our new bulletin is under construction. If your name was omitted please do not take offense.

We are still trying to gather needed information and are also being challenged with deadlines for submission due to Holiday deliveries. Your patience is appreciated. If you have any concerns please contact

Karen at the rectory office to discuss.

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