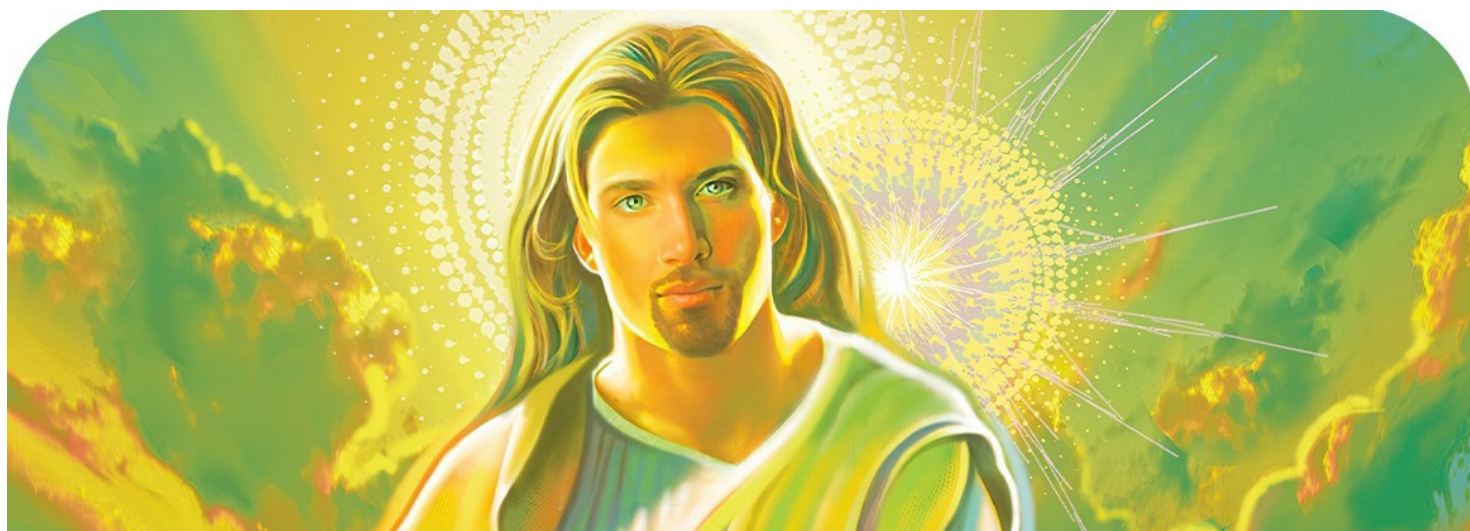


The Fourth Sunday of Lent | March 30, 2025



St. Columba Parish



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Saint Edward

240 Tod Lane
Youngstown, Ohio 44504

Saint Columba

144 West Wood St.
Youngstown, OH 44503
330.744.5233
parish101@youngstowndiocese.org

Saints Peter & Paul

421 Covington Street
Youngstown, OH 44510

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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

Reverend Edward Brienz Vice Rector

Reverend Francis Muriithi Parochial Vicar

Monsignor Peter Polando In Residence

Deacon William Bancroft Deacon

Deacon Sylvester Frazzini Deacon

Ralph Holtzhauser Director of Music

Sister Martha Reed Pastoral Minister

Sister Regina Rogers Pastoral Minister

Karen Thomas Secretary

Members Of Parish Council

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

Members of Finance Council

Denise Walters Dobson, Steve Grzywna, Dave Ivko, Michael McBride, Kathy Lewis, Ed Palumbo, Tom Poole, Frank Rossetti and Julie Tarantino



Scan to make a one time donation to the parish. Recurring will be available soon. Please stay tuned for more information.

Scan me!

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST:

APRIL 2, 2025

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

827 Wilson Ave.

Youngstown, OH 44506

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 30

9:00 am **St. Edward** † **Marge & Ed Scharrer**
10:30 am St. Columba † Betty Forney
10:30 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** Stations of the Cross
11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † **Nancy Vogrin, Edo Pacic,**
Ralph & Mary DeSalle and Tom Markovich/B-day
4:00 pm St. Columba † Living & Deceased Members
of St. Columba Parish

Monday, March 31

8:30am **St. Edward** † **Danny Price**
12:10 pm St. Columba † Jakubko & Benney Families

Tuesday, April 1

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Nick Joaquim/B-Day Wishes**
12:10 pm St. Columba † Friends of the Cathedral
5:30 pm **St. Edward** **Richard & Michael Raymondi**

Wednesday, April 2

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Craig Mackey, Sr. Alma Siffrin &**
Bishop George Murry
9:45 am St. Columba Prayer Service
12:10 pm St. Columba † Living & Deceased Members
of St. Columba Parish
6:00 pm St. Columba Gorzkie Zale & Benediction

Thursday, April 3

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Amber Farrell : Phys & Spiritual Well Being**
12:10 pm St. Columba † Howard & Rosemary O'Malley
5:00 pm St. Columba Holy Hour
5:45 pm **Sts. Peter & Paul** † **Parishioners of St. Columba**

Friday, April 4

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Blake Stewart/B-Day Wishes**
9:00 am **St. Edward** Stations of the Cross
11:30 am St. Columba Stations of the Cross
12:10 pm St. Columba † Rev. Joseph Zamary

Saturday, April 5

8:30am **St. Edward** † **Dr. John Cernica**
4:00pm Vigil St. Columba † Angela Filipski
4:00pm Vigil **St. Edward** † **Carol Desmond**

Sunday, April 6

9:00am **St. Edward** † **Paul Hartwig**
10:30 am St. Columba † Sam Clay
10:30 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** Stations of the Cross
11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † **Sandor Tollas Jr., Eugene & Francise**
Cancel and Health & Blessings Kevin Wegendt
4:00 pm St. Columba † Healthcare Workers and All of the Sick

Pastor's Column

Sunday, March 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent

As We Journey Together, May Christ Light Our Way.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Please make this a time of prayer, penance and good works. Our Ecumenical cooperation with neighboring Churches has been a time for prayer together and a commitment to Ecumenism. Our Ambassadors for Christ meets this Wednesday at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. The Lenten Series continues this Tuesday at St. Edward Church. Next Tuesday is the Seder meal at St. Columba (Reservations are needed!). Next Sunday is Palm Sunday.

In your sacrifice this Lent, please support the parish, the Annual Appeal and our help to the poor. As you know, I am a strong supporter of the Annual Appeal both on the parish level and a personal level. I make the Annual Appeal one of my biggest charitable gifts each year because I know how it helps the mission of Catholic Charities and the ministry of the Diocese of Youngstown. Please be as generous as you can be.

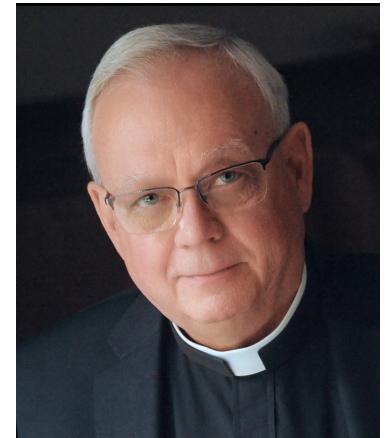
Please note that our mailing address is 144 W. Wood St. Youngstown, Ohio 44503.

The parish office phone number is 330-744-5233. The former office phone numbers will forward your calls to this number.

If you have not received your new envelopes, please call the parish office. Please take time to read our bulletin and access our new website. If you are contributing by check, please make your check payable to **St. Columba Cathedral Parish**. Also, we will be updating the ways that you can contribute electronically.

I will be writing to every household to invite you to a more active faithful life and involvement in the parish. The staff will be calling many households to improve our communication with everyone, especially those who may need our special attention and help. Our ministry 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. Also, if you are interested in joining the volunteers who visit and bring Holy Communion, please contact Sr. Regina.

With my daily prayers for you and your families, I remain,
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin



Reflection

The Fourth Sunday of Lent Arm the Photon Torpedoes?

The book of Joshua tells of the Israelites coming into the Promised Land, where they no longer needed to be fed with manna as in the desert. They had been wandering much longer than expected because of their unfaithfulness. But now they are forgiven, and so celebrate the Passover with food from the land. Then we hear the Gospel parable about another feast. This one is also a celebration of forgiveness, for the prodigal son has returned to his father, and the father's forgiveness shows us how willing God is to forgive us. That's where we end the parable, right?

Wrong. The parable continues with the older son's complaint about a feast for his brother. That son cannot forgive his brother and is angry at the father for welcoming the prodigal back. This is where we come in. Most of us have no trouble asking God's forgiveness. But we may have trouble forgiving others. We are so used to thinking in terms of justice that we are not satisfied with forgiveness. When I have been hurt, I feel like hitting back.

So we have to ask ourselves whose idea of justice we live by. Is it the human expectation of an eye for an eye? Or is it God's justice, which is mercy and forgiveness? When someone cuts you off in traffic, do you feel like firing the photon torpedoes, or offering forgiveness? The Golden Rule could be "Forgive others as you would be forgiven." Jesus gave his life for the sins of the world. Do we have the right to ask for more? -Tom Schmidt

Saint Columba Parish

Mass Times	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeters & Ushers	Altar Server
St. Edward				
4:00 pm April 5	Jeanne McDermott Mike Lowry	Mary Ann Marsco/ Host Deacon Syl/ CP Barbara Barry/ CB	Marcy Haney Ed Palumbo	Kathy Lewis
9:00 am April 6	Mary Lynne West Molly McGuire	Andrea Padach/ Host Missy Rowland/ CP Luke Rowland/ CB	Bailey Lloyd Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Shannon Cox
St. Columba				
4:00 pm April 5	Jessica Gause Ronald Chapman	Mirta Chapman/Host Kathy Gause/Cup Paul Gause/ Cup	Rich Conway Dave Sefcik	Sr. Martha Reed
10:30 am April 6	Natalia Wells Barbara Walko	Laurie Chrobak/Host Marly Reichert/Cup Vicki Kidd/ Cup	Randy Grohovsky Michael Kurilla Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	Maddie Devlin Mya Colella
4:00 pm April 6	John Cisine Margaret Bourne	Laura Elder/Host Leonard Schiavone/Cup Gina Schiavone/Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	
Sts. Peter & Paul				
11:00 am April 6	Evie Byers	John Vogrin/Host Deacon Bill/Cup Diane Buser/Cup	Nancy Gunyula Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin

Vocation View/ Fourth Sunday of Lent March 30, 2025

“ While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.”

-(Luke 15:20)

Our Father calls us to run toward the path He has prepared for us. Is He inviting you to share this compassion with others through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or

cjohnson@youngstowndioces.org.

300 Club Winner Wk #20:

Sts. Peter and Paul

Edward Burnett Number 126

Wins \$150

Easter Flowers:

Please be advised that even though the envelope for Easter Flowers says \$15, it is appropriate to donate \$10 per name or couple listed on the back. This will ensure the proper amount of flowers needed.

Thank you.

Stewardship Reflections

The 4th Sunday of Lent

“ No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.”

-Joshua 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God’s blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.



Sunday Collections for: March 22/23
 St. Columba Cathedral Parish
 \$ 14, 999.12

Total Mass Attendance

St. Edward

Saturday, March 22	4:00 pm	88
Sunday, March 23	9:00 am	101

St. Columba

Saturday, March 22	4:00 pm	126
Sunday, March 23	10:30 am	124
Sunday, March 23	4:00 pm	551

Sts. Peter & Paul

Sunday, March 23	11:00 am	55
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Seder Meal information is provided on the last page of the bulletin. Please note that we are opening this invitation up to other parishes in the dioceses so don't wait to get your tickets.

Thank you for supporting this Lenten Program.



**CCD is scheduled
 For next Sunday
 April 6, 2025 from
 10:15am-11:30am.**



Sts. Peter & Paul will be cleaning the interior of the church on Friday, April 11th @ 8:30 am in preparation for our Easter Celebration. All volunteers are welcome & appreciated.

Remembrance Flames @ St. Columba Cathedral for the week.

Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10

Sanctuary:

Blessed Mother: Ann Tamburino

St. Joseph:

Lady of Czestochowa: Friends of St. Stanislaus

Sanctuary Candle/ Host & Wine @ St. Edward March 2025

Sanctuary: Dr. John Cernica

Host & Wine: Dr. John Cernica

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

Mary Tomsick

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.

Saint Columba Parish

St. Columba will be having Polish Prayers and Benediction On Wednesdays at 6:00 pm during The Lenten Season on March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd and 9th.



The Mothers of The Crucifix Society of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica of Youngstown are sponsoring their annual Bingo & Card Party on Sunday March 30, 2025 @ 3:00pm. Lunch will be served. Tickets are \$7.00 at the door. All are welcome.

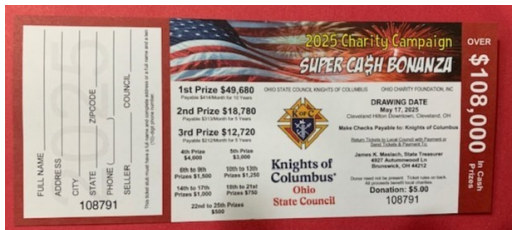


Blood Pressure Screenings will be available after mass on March 29 and March 30 at St. Edward.

Please consider donating Peanut Butter & Jelly and Cereal for the Month of April.



Council 15959



The St. Edward Knights of Columbus will be selling their **Super Cash Bonanza** tickets at : **St. Columba Cathedral: April 5 & 6, 12&13 and 26&27.** Please consider supporting the Knights by purchasing a ticket. Proceeds go to the Diocese of Youngstown. **Ticket cost is \$5.00** for a chance of winning one of the 25 cash prizes. Thank you for your continued support of the Knights of Columbus!

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 30, 2025

- Sunday** **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Scrutiny Readings: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- Monday**
Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday**
Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Ps 51:12a, 14a; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday**
Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday**
Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday**
Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday**
Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday** **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
Scrutiny Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



Please join us.

THE DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. COLUMBA INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE

JUBILEE OF THE SICK & HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Praying for those who are sick and celebrating those in various healthcare ministries throughout the Diocese of Youngstown.

President: Bishop David J. Bonnar
Sunday, April 6, 2025
4:00 p.m.
154 W. Wood St. Youngstown, OH 44503

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE ST. COLUMBA PARISH HALL.

for additional information contact:
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ext. 245 or email:
rmangan@youngstowndiocese.org



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN

Inter-Faith Seder Dinner & Ceremony
 Tuesday April 8th, 2025 Doors open 5:30 P.M.

(Please Join us for Mass at the Cathedral at 5:30 PM-this is part of the Parish Lenten Program)

Program Starts Promptly at 6:00 P.M.

Hosted By: St. Columba Cathedral Parish-In the Parish Hall
Master of Ceremonies:

Rabbi Joseph Schonberger & Rev. George Balasko, Co-Creator of the Youngstown Jewish/Christian Dialogue

Catered by: Kravitz Delicatessen

This is a full Seder Dinner, it will be narrated by Rabbi Schonberger, explaining the Jewish tradition and Rev. Balasko explaining what it means to the Christian Tradition.

Meal includes all items for Passover Seder, and a buffet of Stuffed Chicken, Potato Kugel, Tzimmas, Steamed Asparagus, Chocolate Brownies. Beverages included are coffee, iced tea, water and grape juice for the 4 cups of wine for the dinner. (BYOB wine) Cost per plate is \$25.00. Tickets available during normal weekday hours at St. Columba Cathedral Parish Office. Please call 330 744 5233 for questions.

Looking for Sponsors to help defer the cost.

Speaker Sponsor	\$500.00
Dinner Sponsor	\$500.00
Desert Sponsor	\$300.00
Seder Sponsor	\$100.00
Patron Sponsor	\$25.00

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Saint of The Week

April 2 SAINT FRANCIS OF PAOLA (1416-1507)

A witness to miracles from a young age, Francis of Paola later went on to perform many himself. His parents struggled with infertility, so turned to the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi. Their devout prayers bore them a son, whom they named Francis out of gratitude. As an infant, Francis suffered from swollen eyes and was again healed by his namesake. His parents promised him a friary education, where young Francis voluntarily abstained from meat, practiced solitude, and prayed fervently. After a year, he went on a pilgrimage with his parents to Assisi which deepened his devotion. Upon their return, Francis committed to the life of a hermit, first on family property before moving to a remote cave near the sea. A couple others were inspired by his journey and joined him, forming a small hermitage with a chapel. Over several decades, they expanded to a larger church and monastery as more followers joined. They became known as the Minims Friars, *minim* meaning least to convey their humility. They valued poverty, chastity, obedience, and later added veganism to their vows. Francis is said to have performed many miracles: prophetic speaking, food appearing from nothing, casting out demons, and raising the dead. Despite a life of solitude, he was sought out by many, popes and kings even calling on him for counsel. In his old age, Francis returned to complete solitude for three months, before passing on Good Friday—fitting for a life of perpetual Lent. Francis embodied love for God through radical vocation, giving his all in everything he did. While we may not be as radical in our own lives, the same call of love is extended to us today. —Meghan McDonagh

