

The Fifth Sunday of Lent | April 6, 2025



St. Columba Parish



Saint Edward

240 Tod Lane
Youngstown, Ohio 44504

Saint Columba

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Youngstown, OH 44503
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Saints Peter & Paul

421 Covington Street
Youngstown, OH 44510

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 9, 2025

Sts. Peter & Paul Church

421 Covington St.

Youngstown, OH 44510

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 6

9:00 am 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 & Blessing Kevin Wegendt
4:00 pm St. Columba † Healthcare Workers & All of the Sick

Monday, April 7

8:30am St. Edward † Will Meier/B-day
12:10 pm St. Columba † Frances Zamary Timko

Tuesday, April 8

8:30 am St. Edward † Francis, Joe & Jim Firment
12:10 pm St. Columba † Parishioners of St. Columba Parish
5:30 pm St. Edward † Helen & Steve Susa

Wednesday, April 9

8:30 am St. Edward † Health & Well Being Kathy & Mike Welsh
9:45 am St. Columba Prayer Service
12:10 pm St. Columba † Bishop James Malone
6:00 pm St. Columba Gorzkie Zale & Benediction

Thursday, April 10

8:30 am St. Edward † Grace Lodge
12:10 pm St. Columba † Jakubko & Benney Families
5:45 pm Sts. Peter & Paul † Parishioners of St. Columba Parish

Friday, April 11

8:30 am St. Edward † Dr. John Cernica
9:00 am St. Edward Stations of the Cross
11:30 am St. Columba Stations of the Cross
12:10 pm St. Columba † Howard & Rosemary O'Malley

Saturday, April 12

8:30am St. Edward † Charles & Dorothy Butler
4:00pm Vigil St. Columba † Todd Zamary
4:00pm Vigil St. Edward † Elizabeth & Frank McCaffrey and Grace Lodge

Sunday, April 13

9:00am St. Edward † Ray & Valerie Kobus
10:30 am St. Columba † Living & Deceased Members of St. Columba Parish
10:30 am Sts. Peter & Paul Stations of the Cross
11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † Nancy Vogrin & Edo Pacic
Health & Blessings Irene Vince/B-day and M/M Kurt Morris & Miriah
4:00 pm St. Columba † Anna Wyka

Pastor's Column

Sunday, April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Lent

As We Journey Together, May Christ Light Our Way.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is the Fifth 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 SS Peter and Paul. The Lenten Series continues this Tuesday at St. Edward Church. This Tuesday is the Sedar 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.

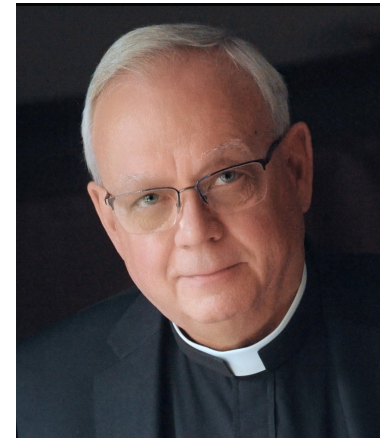
Please note that our mailing address is 144 W. Wood St. Youngstown, Ohio 44503.

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

Thank you to parishioners who are beginning to call the office to let us know about family or friends who are in nursing homes or are confined to their home.

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 in Christ,
Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin



Reflection

The Fifth Sunday of Lent God's Justice

The story of Jesus and the woman caught in adultery is sometimes considered as a put-down of the scribes and Pharisees. They were hoping to get Jesus to cause a scandal by refuting the law, or, if he upheld the law, the woman would be killed with Jesus' approval. Jesus had a better idea. He shows that God's justice is mercy and forgiveness. He also knew that someone whose sins were forgiven would be willing to forgive the woman.

That's what St. Paul means in the second reading. He says he has given up the idea of making himself righteous (right with God) by keeping the laws of his people. Now he depends on his faith in Christ and Christ's forgiveness, which was shown in his death and resurrection. Why did Paul come to this kind of faith? Because he had been forgiven for persecuting Christians. He had persecuted them, not because he was evil, but because he thought he was keeping the law.

So is keeping the law a bad thing? No, but the important thing is why we keep the law. We can do it like the Pharisees—keeping the law as a status symbol: "I'm too good (or too important) to break the law." Or we can choose to follow Jesus' way of love. Then we still keep the laws and commandments, only because they are examples of how to love God and love each other. -Tom Schmidt

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Mass Times	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeters & Ushers	Altar Server
St. Edward				
4:00 pm April 12	Clara Mullen Jim White	Mike McBride/ Host Don Turnbull/ CP Tom O'Donnell/ CB	Angie Palumbo Ed Palumbo	Jim Leone Jim Carsone
9:00 am April 13	John Barry Jason Vinkler	John Jablonski/ Host Diane Guarnieri/ CP Sara Cox/ CB	Pat Metzinger Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Jennifer Vinkler Brine Boys
St. Columba				
4:00 pm April 12	Melissa Larsen Bill Wainio	Tess Szenborn/Host Marilynn Butler/Cup Jean Wainio/ Cup	Carol Zamar Rich Conway Dave Sefcik	Sr. Martha Reed
10:30 am April 13	Ginger Kubala Deanna Marchionda	Heather Bucholtz/Host Rosa Tirado/Cup Juliann McLennan/ Cup	Randy Grohovsky Michael Kurilla Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	Patrick Young Maddie Devlin
4:00 pm April 13	Tom Gilmartin Jr. Joell Stebelton	Joan Oaks/Host Kathleen Meese/Cup David Oaks/Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	
Sts. Peter & Paul				
11:00 am April 13	Kathy Vogrin	Mary Rose Purton/Host Nancy Gunyula/Cup	Nancy Gunyula Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin

Vocation View/ Fifth Sunday of Lent April 6, 2025

"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

-(John 8:11)

Jesus' words remind us of God's mercy and His invitation to a fresh start. In every vocation, we are called to accept His forgiveness and step forward with a renewed commitment.



Easter Flowers

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.

Deadline for flowers is April 14th

Thank you!

300 Club Winner Wk #21:

Sts. Peter and Paul

Louise Horvath Number 20

Wins \$50

Stewardship Reflections

The 5th Sunday of Lent

"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."

-(Philippians 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts—our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.



Sunday Collections for: March 29/30

St. Columba Cathedral Parish

\$ 11,193.23

Total Mass Attendance

St. Edward

Saturday, March 29	4:00 pm	81
Sunday, March 30	9:00 am	106

St. Columba

Saturday, March 229	4:00 pm	110
Sunday, March 30	10:30 am	121
Sunday, March 30	4:00 pm	189

Sts. Peter & Paul

Sunday, March 30	11:00 am	67
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Sts. Peter & Paul Green Team

– We are in need of volunteer grass cutters, grounds help (Men, women and teens) for the upcoming Spring, Summer and Fall Seasons. Scheduled time is on Saturdays from 8:00am-11:00am. Our first grass cutting is scheduled for Saturday, April 19th. Please contact David Ivko at (330) 270-1571 if you are able

VOLUNTEER



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



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.

Community Kitchen:

Volunteers are needed for the week of April 21 thru April 25 at the Community Kitchen of Youngstown. Scheduled time is 9:30am-1:30pm daily. There will be a collection at Sts. Peter & Paul after 11:00am mass on Sunday, April 13. The collection will support the cost of meals for the week. (\$500.00) If you can help, please contact David Ivko at (330) 270-1571 Thank you!

Remembrance Flames @ St. Columba Cathedral for the week.

Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10

Sanctuary:

Blessed Mother: John C., Tommy and Carl Orlo

St. Joseph:

Lady of Czestochowa:

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

Sanctuary:

Host & Wine: Bob Herberger & Mary Beth Reynolds

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

Sandor Tollas Jr.

Saint Columba Parish

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church to minister in parishes, provide to Catholic schools, offer religious education and undertake social and charitable works.

It is vital that we support Christians living in the Holy Land in order to maintain a Christian presence in the very land made holy by the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church of the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

Sts. Peter & Paul Easter Clean-up-

We have scheduled our church interior Easter Clean-Up for Friday, April 11 from 8:00am-12:00 noon. We will have cleaning supplies and the only thing you need to bring is a bucket. We will also be "scrubbing" the carpet in the church on Wednesday, April 16 from 8:00am-12:00 noon. If you have a carpet scrubber, we would appreciate you bringing it with you. We have scrubbers at the church too. Please let Dave Ivko know if you are able to attend either one of these cleaning days. (330) 270-1571 Thank you!

Please join us in celebrating Fr. Francis Muriithi. Fr. Francis will be greatly missed and we want him to know how much he is loved and respected by all. We will be having a small reception after each mass on the following dates. Please plan to join us on:

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| Saturday, April 5 | after 4:00 mass: | St. Edward |
| Sunday, April 6 | after 10:30 mass: | St. Columba |
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Palm Sunday Weekend: | | |
| Saturday, April 12 | after 4:00 mass: | St. Columba |
| Sunday, April 13 | after 9:00 mass: | St. Edward |
| | after 11:00 mass: | St. Peter & Paul |
| | after 4:00 mass: | St. Columba |



Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 6, 2025

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| 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
<i>Scrutiny Readings:</i> 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 |
| Monday | Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:12-20 |
| Tuesday | Num 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30 |
| Wednesday | Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42 |
| Thursday | Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59 |
| Friday | Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42 |
| Saturday | Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56 |
| Sunday | Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49 |

Youngstown Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Annual meeting--Wednesday May 7th 8:15 a.m.-3:00p.m.
Divine Mercy Parish-St. Barbara's 2813 Lincoln Way W. Massillon, Parish Life Center
All women of the Youngstown Diocese are welcome to attend.

Registration and continental breakfast 8:15-9:15 a.m.
Two Speakers: Hannah Howell-RAHAB Ministries.
Amy Dornack LPCC, CommQuest, Massillon Family Living Center.
Mass Celebrant Diocesan Bishop David J. Bonnar

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Please specify Gluten-free __Vegetarian____
Other dietary need _____

Cost \$20.00. Check payable to YDCCW. Mail with form to Bonnie Workman 5814 Armistice Ave. N.W. Canton, OH 44718
RESERVATIONS DUE BY FRIDAY APRIL 25th, 2025
Questions contact: Mary Jane Malich 330-833-3756

The Ladies Guild would like to thank all those who supported our Valentine Bingo Party: those who attended, donated gifts or money, or helped in any way. This included cooking and serving our delicious lunch, making gift baskets and doing all the other necessary work to make the event fun.

We successfully raised a little more than \$2,500. This money will enable us to continue to help meet the needs of the parish and also contribute to community charitable organizations. Thank you again for your time, talents and generosity.



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!

Confessions Schedule at St. Columba Cathedral: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 1:00pm during Holy Week.



.HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

Palm Sunday - April 12/13
 4:00 pm (Saturday) - Saint Columba
 4:00 pm (Saturday) - Saint Edward
 9:00 am (Sunday) - Saint Edward
 10:30 am (Sunday) - Saint Columba (Bishop Bonnar)
 11:00 am (Sunday) - SS Peter and Paul
 4:00 pm (Sunday) - Saint Columba

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper - April 17
 5:00 pm - Saint Columba (Bishop Bonnar)
 Adoration 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 7:00 pm - Saint Edward
 Adoration - 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Good Friday - April 18
 11:00 am - Prayer and Reflection - SS Peter and Paul
 11:30 am - Stations of the Cross - Saint Columba
 12:00 noon - Walk with the Cross - SS Peter and Paul
 3:00 pm - Passion of the Lord - Saint Columba (Bishop Bonnar)
 6:00 pm - Passion of the Lord - St. Edward

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil - April 19
 2:00 pm - Blessing of Food - Saint Columba
 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass - Saint Columba (Bishop Bonnar)

Easter Sunday - April 20
 9:00 am - Saint Edward
 10:30 am - Saint Columba (Bishop Bonnar)
 11:00 am - SS Peter and Paul
 12:30 pm - Saint Columba

Saint of The Week

April 11 SAINT STANISLAUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR (1030-1079)

Have you ever had to confront evil or injustice? Have you ever tried to reason with those who could not see reason, or share your faith with those who were not open to God? I remember a few episodes in high school where I would ask those around me not to use foul language or when I chose to disassociate with those who were known to drink, smoke or act promiscuously. But all of this pales in comparison to what Stanislaus went through. He was born near Kraków, Poland in 1030. He was ordained a priest, became known for his preaching and holy example, and was ordained bishop of Kraków in 1072. He was known for his boldness and spoke out against unjust wars, immorality and other evils. Preceding Thomas More and Thomas Becket, all three of them vigorously opposed the evils of unjust government, even to the point of standing up to the king. King Boleslaus killed Stanislaus himself, after the saintly bishop excommunicated him due to his evil ways. May we learn from the example of Saint Stanislaus to boldly proclaim the truth, no matter what the cost.

