

Third Sunday of Easter | May 4, 2025



St. Columba Parish



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

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!

300 Club Winner Wk #25

Sts. Peter and Paul

Christine Kutasi Number 40

Win \$150

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 4

9:00 am **St. Edward** † **Larry Kobus**
First Communion Mass
10:30 am St. Columba † **Stephen Evens**
First Communion Mass
11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † **Maureen Simonyi, Nancy Vogrin, Health & Blessing Cancel Family and Linda Fulmer/B-day**
4:00 pm St. Columba † **Living & Deceased Members of St. Columba Parish**

Monday, May 5

8:30am **St. Edward** † **Mary & Al Sobinosky**
12:10 pm St. Columba † **Chuck Reed**

Tuesday, May 6

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Margaret Jenkins**
12:10 pm St. Columba † **Wanda Marciano**

Wednesday, May 7

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Sonia Niro**
12:10 pm St. Columba † **Dr. Thomas Pokabla**
7:00 pm St. Columba **Combined Confirmation**

Thursday, May 8

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Jim Mullen**
12:10 pm St. Columba † **Parishioners of St. Columba**
5:45 pm **Sts. Peter & Paul** † **Steve & Mary Jean Sotlar**
In Honor of 66th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, May 9

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Francis, Joe & Jim Firment**
12:10 pm St. Columba † **John C. & Tommy Orlo**

Saturday, May 10

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Dr. John Cernica**
4:00 pm Vigil St. Columba † **James Fair**
4:00 pm Vigil **St. Edward** † **Inez Naples**

Sunday, May 11

9:00am **St. Edward** † **Hartwig & Scharrer Families**
10:30 am St. Columba † **Leo Tirado**
11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † **Terry Logorda, Michael Schwartz, Henry Vukovich/Wedding Ann. and Health & Blessings Msgr. Siffrin**
4:00 pm St. Columba † **Living & Deceased Members of St. Columba Parish**

Pastor's Column

Third Sunday of Easter, May 4, 2025

As We Journey Together, May Christ Light Our Way.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter! May the Lord Bless you and your family during this joyous Season of Easter! As we continue our journey through the Easter Season, we are planning for new relationships with Angela Merici Parish and St. Patrick. Let's pray for each other as we look forward to our journeys of faith together.

Please support the parish with your prayers, volunteer your time and talent and support the ministry of the Church financially. If you have not yet pledged to the Annual Appeal please be generous!! A special thank you to everyone who has already contributed. **Our parish has reached its goal, but let's all surpass the goal for the help of the poor and the support of the mission of the Church!**

You may have noticed in the Cathedral that the side altar statues of Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and the Sacred Heart of Jesus have been removed. They are being refurbished

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

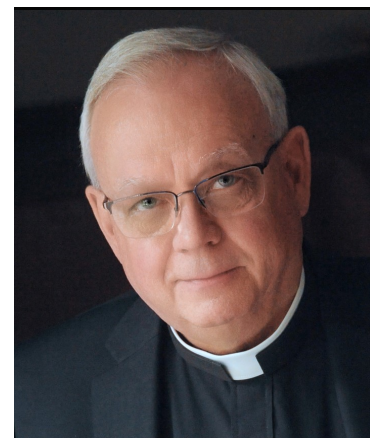
The parish office phone number is 330-744-5233. The former office phone numbers will forward your calls to this number.

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 in 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. Our ministry to the homebound is growing, thank you!

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

Sincerely in Christ,
Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin



Reflection

Third Sunday of Easter "Smoting" or Non-"smoting"?

Sometimes, I get angry at things that frustrate me. So I have to struggle with the line in our first reading, where the disciples were "rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name" (Acts 5:41). Imagine rejoicing over pain and suffering. These disciples had seen Jesus on the cross. When he rose from the dead, they began to see that his suffering was not a tragic loss, but a sign of his glory. And when they suffered because they believed in him, as in today's reading, they saw that as a way to imitate Jesus on the cross. Those who had followed him in life could also follow him to the cross. Most of us today find ourselves suffering because we have done wrong. God does not use special interventions to smite sinners. Think of the times we were punished as a child. Think of the times we lost a friend because of a cruel remark. These are the result of our actions. These are sufferings that we would rather avoid. Jesus, however, suffered for our sins when he was totally innocent. If he could do that, could we not accept suffering for our own sins when it comes? If we behave differently because of it, if we can grow to be better persons, then that suffering can be our way of accepting the cross. Of course, not all suffering is caused by the sins of the person suffering. The suffering of the innocent is a great mystery, a cause for sorrow and a challenge to help where we can. But like growing pains, all suffering is a step to new life in Christ. And that is what Easter is about. -Tom Schmidt

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<i>Mass Times</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Greeters & Ushers</i>	<i>Altar Server</i>
St. Edward				
4:00 pm May 10	Jeanne McDermott Molly McGuire	Linda Puryear/ Host Sr. Regina Rogers/CP Mike McBride/CB	Marcy Haney Ed Palumbo	Kathy Lewis
9:00 am May 11	Kelly Sandy Jim White	Barb DeCarlo/ Host Deacon Syl/ CP Ron Fasano/CB	Pat Metzinger Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Mark Dietz
St. Columba				
4:00 pm May 10	Melissa Larsen Carol Michaels	Chuck Zarny/Host Deacon Bill/Cup Marilynn Butler/ Cup	Rich Conway Dave Sefcik	Sr. Martha Reed
10:30 am May 11	Natalia Wells Lisa Devlin	Juliann McLennan/Host Guy Young/Cup Lisa Young/Cup	Randy Grohovsky Michael Kurilla Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	Quinton Miller Patrick Young
4:00 pm May 11	Ginger Kubala Joell Stebelton	Kathleen Meese/Host Laura Elder/Cup Barbara Walko/Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	
Sts. Peter & Paul				
11:00 am May 11	Kathy Vogrin	John S. Vogrin/Host Diane Buser/Cup	Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin

Vocation View/ 3rd Sunday of Easter May 4, 2025

"It is the Lord!" - (John 21:7)

Recognizing Jesus in your life opens the door to responding to His call. If you feel His presence prompting you toward a vocation, consider talking to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Please consider donating Peanut Butter, Canned Fruits & Canned Vegetables for the Month of May.



Ursuline Assisted Living has immediate openings for health care aides. Part or full time available. Morning, afternoon and night shifts available. Call 330-793-7636 to schedule an interview. 4250 Shields Rd., Canfield.

Stewardship Reflections

Third Sunday of Easter

"...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" - (John 21:17)

How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all were made by love and for love. Tell someone you love them every day.



Our Stewardship

Sunday Collections for:

St. Columba Cathedral Parish

April 26/27 \$ 12,038.87

Total Mass Attendance

St. Edward

Saturday, April 26 4:00 pm 80

Sunday, April 27 9:00 am 135

St. Columba

Saturday, April 26 4:00 pm 89

Sunday, April 27 10:30 am 127

Sunday, April 27 4:00 pm 158

Sts. Peter & Paul

Sunday, April 26 11:00 am 62

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.



**Knights of
Columbus®**

**The next scheduled
meeting for the Knights of
Columbus will be Monday,
May 12th @ 6:00 pm @ St.
Edward.**

There will be a special collection on May 11 for Seminarian Support (Good Shepherd Sunday) This is a white envelope in your packets.

The next scheduled meeting for the Ladies Guild will be held @ Sts. Peter & Paul Social Hall on Wednesday, May 7th @ 5:00 pm. All women are invited and encouraged to attend.



Remembrance Flames @ St. Columba Cathedral for the week.

Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10

Sanctuary:

Blessed Mother:

St. Joseph: John C. & Tommy Orlo

Lady of Czestochowa: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Grzywna

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

Sanctuary: Wilber & Elizabeth Ferrell and Dorothy Durina

Host & Wine: Martha Beniston

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

Nancy C. Vogrin

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.

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300 Club #26 ST. COLUMBA PARISH

Central Office - 144 W. Wood St.
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

Dear Parishioners & Friends of St. Columba Parish
Spring, 2025

In a few short weeks we will be completing 300 Club #25. It was a very successful endeavor for raising funds for our parish and I thank you for your continued interest and support. For those of you joining us for the first time – welcome! We will be starting our next **300 Club #26** on **May 25th, 2025**. By joining the 300 Club you will be helping St. Columba Parish to meet its financial obligations.

As in the past, the game runs for 26 weeks. Every 5th week the prize is **\$150**, and on the 26th week it will be **\$500**, and all the other weeks will pay **\$50**. This is a great way to raise money for St. Columba Parish and have some fun.

Once again thank you! May the Lord bless each of you for your generosity.

Msgr. Robert Siffrin

WHAT IS THE 300 CLUB #? It is a fundraising game limited to 300 members and is a special way to offer support and to help maintain the properties of St. Columba Parish; St. Columba Church, St. Edward Church, and St. Peter & Paul Church.

HOW DO I JOIN THE CLUB? Return the slip along with the club fee of \$25 by Monday, May 19th, 2025. You can either drop your completed form with your check or money in an envelope in the collection basket marked “300 Club”, or mail it to the Central Office, address listed above. You can even join after the drawing starts, but the sooner the better. Slips available in the back of the church.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I JOIN THE CLUB? You will be sent a list of names & numbers of everyone participating and also the winners from the last club. You will receive the list the week before the new game starts. Numbers are assigned to members in the order they are received.

HOW OFTEN CAN I WIN? You can win every week for the next 26 weeks!! Each week a lucky number is drawn for the weekly prize of **\$50**, except for weeks 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 in which it pays **\$150**. The number is then thrown back into the hopper and you are eligible to win again. Week #26, **Sunday, November 16th, 2025** the winner will receive **\$500.00**. Prizes for the 26 weeks total **\$2,250.00!**

WHO CAN JOIN THE CLUB? Anyone! We are accepting the first 300 people who wish to join. Any names coming in after that, will be returned. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office at 330-744-5233.

WHEN & WHERE WILL THE DRAWINGS TAKE PLACE? Every week for 26 weeks, a number will be drawn after Mass on Sundays. The winner will be listed weekly in the parish bulletin.

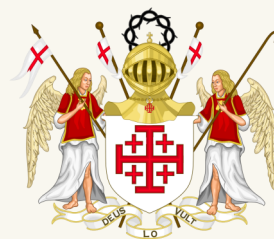
The committee reserves the right to change or modify the game if necessary. Your support is very much appreciated. Thank you & good luck!

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 4, 2025

Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14
Monday	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Welcome to The Knights of The Holy Sepulchre!



We would like to take this opportunity to Welcome the Knights of The Holy Sepulchre that are joining us for mass this morning at St. Columba Cathedral. Welcome to all and thank you for joining us today.

Fr. Joseph Rudjak **25th year of Ordination**

Fr. Joseph Rudjak will be celebrating his 25th year of ordination with Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul on Sunday, May 18, 2025 @ 11:00 am

Brunch and artistic reflection on ministry to follow from 12:30pm-4:30pm Palermo Center
404 Tenney Ave. Campbell, OH 44405
All are welcome but seating is limited.

For Reservations please call Diane @ (330) 720-1605
By May 12, 2025

No Gifts Please, just Fellowship.

Our apologies for any omissions:

We apologize for any omissions or errors in the Easter Flowers Booklet. It has occurred to us that we omitted: Frances Piersante remembered by Frank Tomic



Scan the QR code
to donate to the 2025
Annual Diocesan Appeal



DOY.org/Appeal

For questions or assistance, please call
the Appeal Office at 330-744-8451 ext.324

Yarn Needed

The Ursuline Sisters Mission Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of yarn donations. Our volunteers knit or crochet shawls that represent the embrace of God's love and are available for free to anyone in need, especially people in area hospices, hospitals and healthcare facilities. No wool, please. Yarn can be left at USM, 4280 Shields Rd., entrance A, during business hours. For more information, contact Michele Gatts at 330-793-3004 or mgatts@ursulinesistersmission.org.



Please be advised: Bulletin News

Announcement requests for the bulletin **MUST** be turned in, at the very latest two weeks prior to the date of the bulletin you would like it in. Our finished bulletins are sent to the printer on Monday of the week prior to the Sunday Bulletin. Therefore nothing can be added on Monday. We usually receive our bulletins by Thursday to distribute at mass on Saturday and Sunday. During Holidays we are required to get our bulletins in even sooner. Don't wait to send in your event or you may not make the bulletin.

Thank you!

Saint of The Week

May 10 SAINT DAMIEN JOSEPH DE VEUSTER OF MOLOKA'I (1840-1889)

In the mid-1990s, a heavily bearded, bespectacled Robin Williams appeared on *Late Night with David Letterman*, whose host was clearly taken aback. Letterman inquired as to why the wild look. Uncharacteristically subdued, the usually manic comic responded that he was producing and starring in a movie about a most extraordinarily compassionate man, Damien, the Leper Priest of Moloka'i.

Some saints transcend religious and ethnic boundaries to touch the heart that beats in each human being: Francis of Assisi; Mother Teresa; and, though Williams' film was never completed, his admiration speaks, as does Damien's statue outside the capitol in Honolulu, of this newest saint's universal appeal. Far from his native Flanders' idyllic beauty and rich culture, Damien volunteered to bear Christ's light into Moloka'i's bleak leper colony, building decent homes, opening schools, establishing clinics, planting farms, sharing the sufferings—and the social stigma—of those with whom he delighted to identify: "We lepers," he would proudly say when finally he contracted leprosy. Saint Damien challenges us to identify the lepers of our own day, to examine our compassion for and our identification with them. —Peter Scagnelli

