

The Presentation of The Lord | February 2, 2025



# St. Columba Parish

FOR MY EYES HAVE SEEN  
*Your Salvation*

LUKE 2:30



## *Saint Edward*

240 Tod Lane  
Youngstown, Ohio 44504

## *Saint Columba*

144 West Wood St.  
Youngstown, OH 44503  
330.744.5233

## *Saints Peter & Paul*

421 Covington Street  
Youngstown, OH 44510

parish101@youngstowndiocese.org

[StColumbaCathedral.org](http://StColumbaCathedral.org)

# 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, 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, February 2

9:00 am **St. Edward** † **Paul Hartwig**  
10:30 am St. Columba † Consecrated Men & Women  
11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † **Edo Pacic, Diane Vonhof, Ann Ples and Tom Markovich**  
4:00 pm St. Columba † Friends of St. Columba Cathedral

### Monday, February 3

8:30am **St. Edward** † **Maria Constantino**  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Living & Deceased Members of St. Columba Parish

### Tuesday, February 4

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Fran Doyle**  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Living & Deceased Members of St. Columba Parish

### Wednesday, February 5

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Sonia Niro**  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Angela Filipski

### Thursday, February 6

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Margie Rochford**  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Bishop Emmet Walsh  
5:00 pm St. Columba (Holy Hour)  
5:45 pm **Sts. Peter & Paul** †

### Friday, February 7

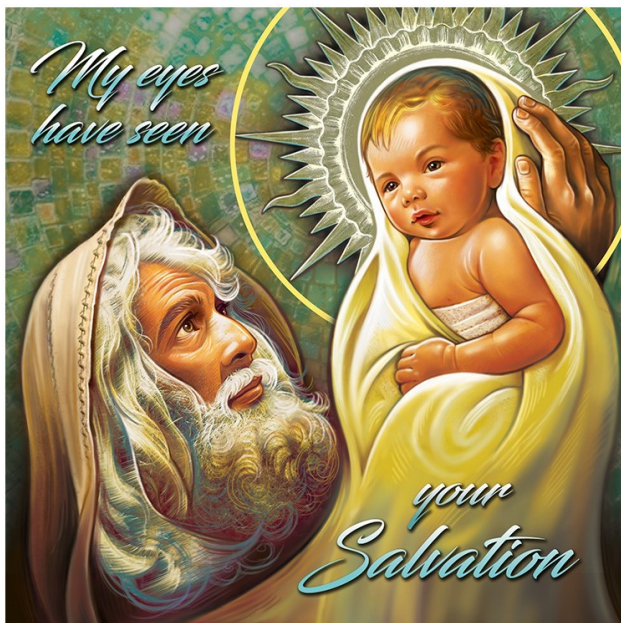
8:30am **St. Edward** † **Sonia Niro**  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Bishop William Hughes

### Saturday, February 8

8:30am **St. Edward** † **Joe, Jim & Francis Firment**  
4:00pm Vigil St. Columba † Mary Ann Valley  
4:00pm Vigil **St. Edward** † **Martha Beniston**

### Sunday, February 9

9:00am **St. Edward** † **Tim Wilster**  
10:30 am St. Columba † Parishioners of St. Columba Parish  
11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † **Dorothy Kryasley/B-day, Edo Pacic, Renee L Ples and Health & Blessing Mary Ellen Schwartz/B-day**  
4:00 pm St. Columba † Hannelore Thomas



## Pastor's Column

*Sunday, February 2, 2025*

*As We Journey Together, May Christ Light Our Way.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The new office is taking shape, and I invite you to visit the new office today, Sunday, February 2, 2025, after morning Masses from 1:00 pm. to 2:00 pm. Please park in the Elm Street Visitors parking and enter the main doors of the Chancery. Our staff will be there to greet you.

Our mailing address will be 144 W. Wood St. Youngstown, Ohio 44503. The parish office phone number will be 330-744-5233. The former office phone numbers will forward your calls to this number.

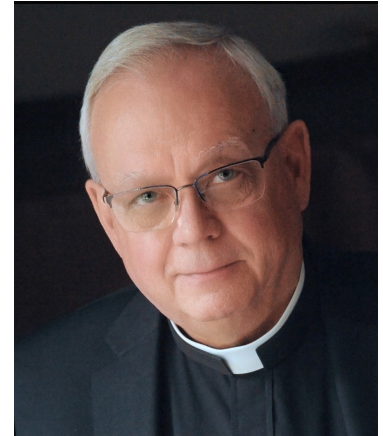
If you have not received your new envelopes, please call the parish office. Please take time to read our bulletin and access our new website. If you are contributing by check, please make your check payable to St. Columba Cathedral Parish. Also, we will be updating the ways that you can contribute electronically.

The staff is putting a strong emphasis on 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.

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

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin



## Reflection

## Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Unwavering Fidelity to God's Will

In the old tradition of the Church, the Christmas season was celebrated up until this day, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This allowed for 40 days of bringing to mind the glorious day of Christ's birth on earth, similar to the 40 days we celebrate from Easter Sunday until the Feast of the Ascension. While current calendars have us taking down our trees at the Baptism of the Lord, just three short Sundays after the Nativity, today's Feast still holds great significance.

Jesus, our Lord and Savior, was born into a humble Jewish family. His parents were faithful to God's will, whether it be agreeing to a supernatural conception, following instructions given in dreams or fleeing to a foreign land. On this day, they were called to carry out a religious custom. 40 days after birth, the family was to bring their child to the temple to dedicate him to the Lord. A sacrifice was brought for the ritual offering, normally a lamb, but since Mary and Joseph were of humble means, they brought either a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.

But perhaps the most surprising element of this event is the fact that the Holy Family falls into the background. They are not the main characters in this story, but rather two elderly individuals who seemingly come out of the woodwork when the Christ Child is brought into the temple. Simeon and Anna, two righteous and devout people who were awaiting the redemption of Israel, were chosen as some of the first people whose eyes lit up upon seeing our Savior! In fact, Simeon even got to hold Him in his arms!

And that is why some still call this day "Candlemas" as well. They bless candles that symbolize Jesus as the Light of the World. Simeon and Anna experienced first hand the splendor of the Lord and went on to give thanks to God and speak about the child to all who would listen. The light that shone forth from the tiny Babe, went on to shine forth through them, for Jesus illuminates all the nations.

As we gaze upon the unwavering fidelity of Simeon and Anna, Mary and Joseph, what will our response be? Let us ask for the intercession of these saints to imitate their prayerful faithfulness. May we always be ready to follow God's will in our lives and present all that we are to Him in love.

Tami Urcia

# Saint Columba Parish

<i>Mass Times</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Greeters &amp; Ushers</i>	<i>Altar Server</i>
<b>St. Edward</b>				
4:00 pm February 8	Mary Beth Loto Kathy Lewis	Jimmy Weller/ Host Deacon Bill/ CP Linda Puryear/ CB	Maureen Mann Ed Palumbo	Jim Leone
9:00 am February 9	Nick Farrell David Sweeney	Valerie Kust/ Host Sr. Regina Rogers/ CP Maggie Herberger/ CB	Mary Ann Cashier Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Shannon Cox Jennifer Vinkler
<b>St. Columba</b>				
4:00 pm February 8	Jean Wainio Ronald Chapman	Sandra Mansour/Host Mirta Chapman/Cup Tess Szenborn/ Cup	Rich Conway	
10:30 am February 9	Barbara Walko Deanna Marchionda	Vicki Kidd/Host Rosa Tirado/Cup Marly Reichert/ Cup	Randy Grohovsky Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	Quinton Miller Harrison Miller
4:00 pm February 9	Joell Stebelton Leonard Schiavone	Laura Elder/Host Kathleen Meese/Cup Gina Schiavone/Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	
<b>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</b>				
11:00 am February 9	Michelle Tyson	Mary Rose Purton/Host Deacon Syl/Cup Branka Sovec-Ladd/Cup	Nancy Gunyula Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin

## Vocation View/ Presentation of the Lord- February 2, 2025 **World Day for Consecrated Life**

*“When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.” (Luke 2:22)*

God invites us to dedicate ourselves fully to His will. Could He be asking you to present your life to Him in a special way? Trust in God’s plan for you. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org)

February is Catholic Charities Awareness Month in the Diocese of Youngstown! Did you know that you do not have to be Catholic to receive assistance from Catholic Charities? We help all people in need regardless of their faith or lack of faith as our resources allow. To learn more, visit [ccdoy.org](http://ccdoy.org).

Last weekend, the Diocese of Youngstown sponsored the **Church Overseas Combined Collection** for ministries to needy people. Thank you for your participation in this important collection. If you did not have the opportunity to respond last week, there is still time to contribute to this combined collection.

## Stewardship Reflections

### *The Presentation of the Lord*

*“Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.”- Hebrews 2:18*

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.



Sunday Collections for Jan. 18/19  
**St. Edward:** \$6076.40  
**St. Columba:** \$6557.22  
**Sts. Peter & Paul:** \$1066.00

**Total Mass Attendance**

<b>St. Edward</b>		
Sat./Sun. Jan. 18/19		123
<b>St. Columba</b>		
Saturday, Jan. 18	4:00 pm	126
Sunday, Jan. 19	10:30 am	118
Sunday, Jan. 19	4:00 pm	153
<b>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</b>		
Sunday, Jan. 19	11:00 am	60

**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.

On February 1st and 2nd St. Columba will have baskets at the doors available for food pantry donations. Please consider donating cereal, soups and condiments this month.



**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 Schedule for February 2025:**

- Sunday, February 2 No Class is scheduled.
- Sunday, February 9 Class grades K-8 10:15-11:30
- Sunday, February 16 Class grades K-8 10:15-11:30
- Sunday, February 23 No Class is scheduled.

**Remembrance Flames @ St. Columba Cathedral for the week.**

*Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10*

Sanctuary:

Blessed Mother:

St. Joseph:

Lady of Czestochowa: John C & Tommy Orlo

**Sanctuary Candle/ Host & Wine @ St. Edward February 2025**

Sanctuary:

Host & Wine: Martha Beniston

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

Anton & Mary Pacic



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

Scan me!



The Knights of Columbus goal is to help men, their families and their parishes to grow closer to Christ. Through their many programs and resources, the Knights provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith. Would you like to join our organization and be a part of this special duty to spread and share our faith?

For more information, please contact our Financial Secretary, Bob Cashier @ (330) 518-2702 or email [rcashier@neo.rr.com](mailto:rcashier@neo.rr.com)

**The Ladies Guild of Sts. Peter & Paul will be having their monthly meeting on Feb. 5th @ 5:00 pm in the Social Hall @ Sts. Peter & Paul.**

**There will be no Fellowship on Feb. 9, 2025 @ St. Peter & Paul due to the Valentine's Card Party. Thank you.**

Sunday, February  
9th 2pm-4pm  
Ladies Guild  
Valentine's Bingo  
Party!!  
St. Peter & Paul  
Social Hall  
421 Covington St.  
Youngstown,  
44510

*Valentine's Bingo*

5	20	9	24	19
22	11	1	6	16
12	2	♥	21	13
18	14	17	7	10
4	8	23	15	3

Tickets will be available at the door for \$7. This includes a pasta, salad & desert luncheon. Basket and other raffles will be held.

## Scripture Readings

*For the Week of February 2, 2025*

- Sunday**      **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**  
Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32
- Monday**      Heb 11:32-40, Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday**      Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday**      **Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**  
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday**      **Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**  
Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday**      Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday**      Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday**      **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

### 300 Club Winner Wk #11:

**Sts. Peter and Paul**

Larry Zunic Number 168

Wins \$50

**Wk#12**

Charles Hernan Number 137

Wins \$50

*It's not too late to join the 300 club raffle. Numbers are still available. \$25 to join. Weekly drawing is for \$50 prize. Weeks 5,10,15,20,25 pay \$150. Week #26 Sunday May 4th, 2025 will be for \$500.*

*Call the office if you are interested in participating.*



**Discover How Planning Ahead can be a Gift of Love**

You and a guest are cordially invited to a complimentary lunch at Resurrection Cemetery on February 19 at 12:00pm. Learn about the benefits of pre-planning. All attendees will receive a free planning guide.

**WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 19, 2025  
12:00 PM**

**Resurrection Cemetery**  
*(Meals will be held in the Chapel)*  
300 N. Raccoon Rd.  
Austintown, OH 44515

*Join us for a Lunch & Learn*  
**Please RSVP by February 14:  
(330) 799-1900**

**Start Planning Today!**  
Cemetery | Cremation Niches | Family Estates  
 [\(330\) 799-1900 | cfcsyoungstown.org](http://(330) 799-1900 | cfcsyoungstown.org)



SATURDAY,  
MARCH  
**08**  
2025

**ENCOUNTER  
LOVE**

*Diocesan Youth Convention*

at Walsh University

Guest speaker  
**CHRIS PADGETT**

NO ONE HAS GREATER LOVE THAN THIS, TO  
LAY DOWN ONE'S LIFE FOR ONE'S FRIENDS.  
-JOHN 15:13

OPEN TO HIGHSCHOOLERS | GRADES 9-12  
\$40 TO REGISTER  
NOON - 8 PM  
2020 E. MAPLE ST., NORTH CANTON, OHIO

[doy.org/encounter-2025](http://doy.org/encounter-2025)

Office of Youth & Young Adult Accompaniment  
DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN

REGISTRATION IS LIVE!

GROUP LEADERS - REGISTER TODAY!

**Saint of The Week**

**SAINT AGATHA (died 251)**

**Feast Day February 5**

“Of noble birth and great beauty,” so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman’s offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means “good,” goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty—or not! So brutal were the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Long invoked as protector against earthquakes—Mount Etna erupted as she was being tortured—recent attention has focused on the particularly cruel torture decreed for Agatha, the cutting off of her breasts. This has inspired cancer survivors to promote Saint Agatha as patron and intercessor for women courageously facing breast cancer, for their families and the multitude of supporters who participate in fund-raising marches and races, and, of course, for the dedicated researchers who seek a cure.

—Peter Scagnelli

