

Fourth Sunday of Easter | May 11, 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!

Our Grand Prize Winner

300 Club Winner Wk #26

Sts. Peter and Paul

Darla Bocker Number 72

Wins \$500

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 11

9:00 am **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

Monday, May 12

8:30am **St. Edward** † Dorothy Welsh, Patty Metzinger and Maureen Schrecengost
12:10 pm St. Columba † Betty Forney

Tuesday, May 13

8:30 am **St. Edward** † Kenneth Pratt
12:10 pm St. Columba † Roy Snyder

Wednesday, May 14

8:30 am **St. Edward** † Dr. John Cernica
12:10 pm St. Columba † Millcreek Metropark Emp. Living & Deceased

Thursday, May 15

8:30 am **St. Edward** † Carol Desmond and Francis, Joe & Jim Firmont
12:10 pm St. Columba † Jimmy Tawney
5:45 pm **Sts. Peter & Paul** † Priests & Deacons of the DOY

Friday, May 16

8:30 am **St. Edward** † Garnett Puryear
12:10 pm St. Columba † Priest & Deacons of the DOY

Saturday, May 17

8:30 am **St. Edward** † Higinio Abatayo
4:00 pm Vigil St. Columba † Belszek, Veck & LaCivita Families
4:00 pm Vigil **St. Edward** † Martha Beniston

Sunday, May 18

9:00am **St. Edward** † Larry Kobus
10:30 am St. Columba † Joseph Bartolec
11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † Nancy Vogrin, Deceased Members of the Ruban & Becane families and Health & Blessings Bishop David Bonnar
2:00 pm St. Columba Wedding Anniversay Mass
4:00 pm St. Columba † Mario Silvestri

Pastor's Column

Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 11, 2025

As We Journey Together, May Christ Light Our Way.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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.

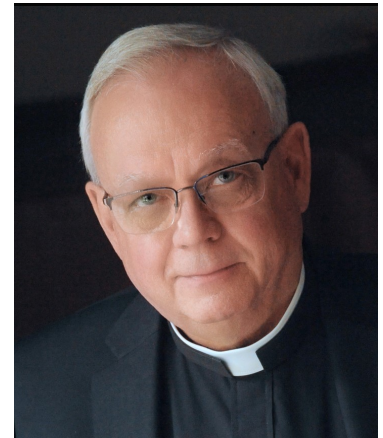
The service of hospitality and welcome is very important for a vibrant parish. I think the people of the parish in all three sites are very welcoming. Thank you. It would be even more helpful if more people were willing to greet people at the church doors when we have liturgies and events. For example, the Cathedral often has special events, and it would be helpful to have a group of people trained to service to welcome people for special events. This training would also help with liturgies and events at St. Edward and SS. Peter and Paul. On Sunday May 18th, there is a special Wedding Anniversary Celebration at 2:00 pm in the Cathedral. If you would like to help, please contact Sr. Martha.

Fr. Rudjac will be celebrating his anniversaries to diaconate and priesthood on Sunday, May 18, 2025, at the 11:00 am Mass at SS. Peter and Paul. Prayers and congratulations!!

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 of us surpass the goal for the help of the poor and the support of the mission of the Church!**

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

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



Reflection

Fourth Sunday of Easter A Lot of Nerve

Last week we saw how the disciples rejoiced to suffer for their faith. This week we see them turn away from their persecutors and begin preaching to the Gentiles. Even though they are thrown out of town, they still are filled with joy (Acts 13:50–52). What I find interesting is that the disciples' joy comes from their failure to convert the Jewish leaders in Antioch. If those Jews had become believers and had not rejected Paul and Barnabas, the disciples probably would never have thought to preach to non-Jews about Jesus. I think that failure to convert their own people allowed them to see how God's power was working for them. That's why their joy was so great. They were not just congratulating themselves on how well they were preaching. No, they saw how God was doing the real work. And that took the pressure off of them. They could stop worrying about every word of their preaching, or being afraid that someone might make fun of them. ("Isn't that Saul, who used to persecute Jesus' followers? He's got a lot of nerve thinking he could now be one of them.") None of that mattered, because they knew that the Spirit was leading them. They knew they were in God's hands, as we heard in the Gospel (John 10:28). Can we be like those disciples? Instead of getting angry at frustrations, can we see them as an opportunity to experience God's grace? Do we let our failures get us down, or do we let God bring us through them, teaching us to rely on the Lord? Of course, the disciples didn't go around looking for ways to suffer. But they did look for ways to share their great news that Jesus is risen from the dead. Let us ask the Lord to send us the Spirit to show us how we can spread that same news. -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 17	Kathy Lewis Don Turnbull	Jimmy Weller/Host Deacon Syl/CP Tom O'Donnell/CB	Colleen Frazzini Ed Palumbo	Jim Carsone Linda Puryear
9:00 am May 18	Rowland Family Rowland Family	Barbara Barry/Host Deacon Syl/CP Rowland Family/CB	Mary Ann Cashier Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Dan Rowland
St. Columba				
4:00 pm May 17	Ronald Chapman Bill Wainio	Tess Szenborn/Host Deacon Bill/Cup Mirta Chapman/Cup	Carol Zarny Rich Conway Dave Sefcik	Sr. Martha Reed
10:30 am May 18	Marly Reichert Natalia Wells	Vicki Kidd/Host Deacon Syl/Cup Barbara Walko/Cup	Randy Grohovsky Michael Kurilla Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	Andrew Brine Vincent Brine
4:00 pm May 18	Tom Gilmartin, Jr. Margaret Bourne	Kathleen Meese/Host Deacon Syl/Cup Ginger Kubala/Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	
Sts. Peter & Paul				
11:00 am May 18	Michelle Tyson	Ed Habuda/Host Deacon Bill/Cup Linda Habuda/Cup	Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin

Vocation View/ 4th Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

- (John 10:27)

Let's unite as Church to ask the Lord to inspire more hearts to hear His call and to follow Him in the priesthood and consecrated life. Trust that He knows each of us by name and will lead the right hearts to their vocation. Talk 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.



Stewardship Reflections

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit" - (Acts 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

There will be no HAP Bingo tonight.





Our Stewardship

Sunday Collections for:

St. Columba Cathedral Parish
May 3/4 \$ 11,354.00

Total Mass Attendance

St. Edward

Saturday, May 3	4:00 pm	74
Sunday, May 4	9:00 am	158

St. Columba

Saturday, May 3	4:00 pm	121
Sunday, May 4	10:30 am	159
Sunday, May 4	4:00 pm	151

Sts. Peter & Paul

Sunday, May 4	11:00 am	50
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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.



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.

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: 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.

Terry Logorda

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

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 11, 2025

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
Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3,4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Blood Pressure Screening will be available the weekend of May 17th and May 18th after masses at St. Edward.



There will be no fellowship at Sts. Peter & Paul on Sunday May 18th.

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.

Today is the 4th Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Christ, the Good Shepherd, has given to the church men who are to be the voice, the heart and the hands of our Savior. The parish of Saint Columba would like to thank Monsignor Siffrin, Father Brienz and Fr. Francis who are the shepherds of our parish. They lead our community in prayer, administer sacraments and provide guidance and support, ultimately aiming to help parishioners grow in faith and holiness. Thank you for your faith-filled and joyful service and your willingness to meet the demands and expectations that are placed upon you. May God bless you as you bless us.



Please Remember: Sts. Peter & Paul offers a weekday mass on Thursdays @ 5:45 pm. following Centering Prayer at 5:00 pm. Please join us for worship. All are welcome and mass intentions are also available.

2025 Organ Concert Series:
The Cathedral of St. Columba

Our Organ Series Continues:

For more information please contact:

rholtzhauser@youngstowndiocese.org

May 16 @ 6:30 pm: David Blazer

June 28 @ 6:30 pm: Olivier Penin

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 13 Our Lady of Fatima

I recently listened to an audio version of the book *Heaven is for Real*. I will not go into the amazing experience this young boy went through, but I will share what he repeated over and over to his parents following the ordeal: "Jesus loves children...Jesus really loves the little children...Jesus loves children so much!!" This is made evident by the repeated Marian apparitions three Portuguese children experienced in 1917. Jesus sent his Mother to Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia, to ask them to pray the rosary for world peace, an end to World War I, for sinners and for the conversion of Russia. Our Lady also confided in them three secrets, which were revealed publicly at different times. These apparitions were approved by the local bishop in 1930, at which time they began celebrating her feast day in Portugal. It was added to the calendar of the Catholic Church worldwide in 2002. May Our Lady's words continue to touch the hearts of God's beloved children and motivate us to pray the rosary frequently, begging our Lord for world peace and the conversion of sinners.

