



# St. Columba Parish

**JESUS**  
**MASTER!**  
HAVE PITY ON US!



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# Saint Columba Parish

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Cathedral Parish of Saint Columba is two fold: 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 John Rovnak

Parochial Vicar

### Reverend Edward Brienz

In Residence

### 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



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## "300" Club

300 Club Winner Wk #20

St. Columba Parish

Elizabeth Simeo Ngo #150

Wins \$150

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, October 12

9:00 am St. Edward † Dr. Tom Pokabla & Peggy Heintzeman

10:30 am St. Columba † Edward Bartolec

11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † Nancy Vogrin, Jim Majernik,  
Maryann Matasy and James Vargo Sr

4:00 pm St. Columba † Living & Deceased Parishioners of St.  
Columba

### Monday, October 13

8:30 am St. Edward † Prayer Service

12:10 pm St. Columba † Ted & Agnes Kearns

### Tuesday, October 14

8:30 am St. Edward † Prayer Service

12:10 pm St. Columba † Millcreek Metropark Employees Living &  
Deceased

### Wednesday, October 15

8:30 am St. Edward † Prayer Service

12:10 pm St. Columba † Deceased Members of the Youngstown  
Council of Catholic Nurses

### Thursday, October 16

8:30 am St. Edward † Dr. John Cernica & Josephine Wainio

12:10 pm St. Columba † Ellen R. Reed

5:45 pm Sts. Peter & Paul † Priest & Deacons of the DOY

### Friday, October 17

8:30 am St. Edward † Daniel McCauley & Greg Lowry

12:10 pm St. Columba † Gerry Kopp

### Saturday, October 18

8:30 am St. Edward † The Molinaro Family & Birthday Wishes  
Amber Farrell

4:00 pm Vigil St. Columba † Living & Deceased Parishioners of  
St. Columba

4:00 pm Vigil St. Edward † Juan Sepulveda & Donald Radabaugh

### Sunday, October 19

9:00 am St. Edward † Michael Byron Birthday Wishes

10:30 am St. Columba † Leo Tirado

11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † Nancy Vogrin, Mary & John  
Majernik, Michael Bergman and Dorothy Pacic

4:00 pm St. Columba † Kevin Sobnosky

## OCIA for October 14, 2025

**Topic: Advent and the Liturgical Year**

**Presenter: Nicky Uerling**

## Pastor's Column

*The Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

As We Journey Together, May Christ Light Our Way.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power" from psalm 98. The Scriptures today show us the wonderful and compassionate power of the Lord and the creative power of thanksgiving to God.

The invitation and challenge that I offer to you and me is to search for and recognize in our own lives the love and mercy of Jesus. This is an essential work of faith and hope. When we add a spirit of genuine thanksgiving to God, the wonderful effects of God's gifts are multiplied. We cannot give witness to the love and mercy of Jesus until we recognize it in our own lives.

Help us to be a parish that reaches out to those who are not here with us. Do you know anyone who has drifted from their relationship with the Lord, or someone who has not come to know

the Lord? If you do, then welcome them to come with you to worship with us. Also, consider inviting people to join us in the OCIA. Today in the bulletin I have included a copy of Bishop Bonnar's letter and the Decree concerning SS. Peter and Paul Church becoming a secondary site of the parish. Please welcome our brothers and sisters to the other celebrations of the parish and support their activities.

Also, St. Edward Church will have its last Saturday Vigil Mass on October 18th. Please welcome them warmly.

Just a reminder, if you are visiting Mass elsewhere, your envelopes will be sent to St. Columba.

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!

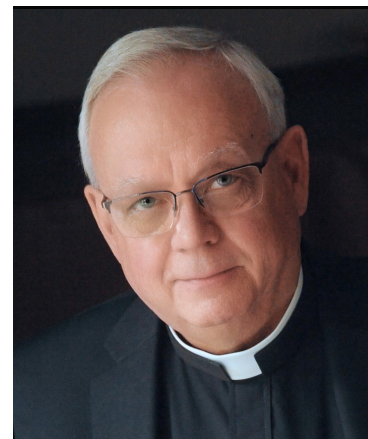
Thank you to parishioners who have called the office to let us know about family or friends who are in nursing homes or are confined to their home.

Religious education has started last week. Please contact Sr. Regina if you have children of school age or know of someone who does not have a connection to a parish.

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

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin



## Reflection

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Miracles of Faith

Besides being cured, what do Nathan (first reading) and the leper who thanked Jesus (Gospel) have in common? Both of them began to believe. Nathan proclaims Israel's God to be the only God. The only leper who returned to thank Jesus was "glorifying God in a loud voice" (Luke 17:15). It makes me wonder, what miracles do we see that help us grow in faith?

For an answer, we can look at a second thing they had in common: they both asked for help. Sometimes we get caught up in self-sufficiency mode, thinking we have to handle all our problems by ourselves. We may miss out on ways to solve those problems by not asking for help. If you think asking for help is a sign of weakness, you may be missing a chance for God to act through one of your friends and give you support. And, of course, you can ask God for help in prayer.

We may have friends who help us in times of need or inspire us with their faith, but we have to decide to make a leap of faith ourselves. The third thing that Nathan and the leper did in common was express their faith. You can spend your whole life thinking that you are a Christian, but if you never express that faith, it will be just a theory. St. Paul in the second reading, for example, was suffering in prison, but he didn't mind because his suffering demonstrated the importance of Jesus' message to him. So he wrote from prison in the hope that other Christians would be encouraged in their faith. Perhaps you know of someone who inspired you with their faithfulness and dedication. Having a friend who helps us grow in faith can be a very nice miracle indeed.

-Tom Schmidt

# 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<br>October 18        | Mike Lowry<br>Jim White            | Betzy Peacock/Host<br>Deacon Bill/CP<br>Linda Puryear/CB           | Angie Palumbo<br>Ed Palumbo                                                               | Jim Carsone                       |
| 9:00 am<br>October 19        | John Barry<br>Ryan Cox             | Andrea Padach/Host<br>Deacon Syl/CP<br>Barbara Barry/CB            | Bailey Lloyd<br>Bob Cashier<br>Jim Kopanic<br>George Mazza<br>Aaron Slifka<br>Dave Slifka | Jennifer Vinkler                  |
| <b>St. Columba</b>           |                                    |                                                                    |                                                                                           |                                   |
| 4:00 pm<br>October 18        | Carol Michaels<br>Melissa Larsen   | Sandra Mansour/Host<br>Deacon Syl/Cup<br>Gerald Filipski/Cup       | Carol Zarny<br>Rich Conway<br>Dave Sefcik                                                 | Sr. Martha                        |
| 10:30 am<br>October 19       | Barbara Walko<br>Deanna Marchionda | Vicki Kidd/Host<br>Deacon Syl/Cup<br>Lisa Young/Cup                | Randy Grohovsky<br>Michael Kurilla<br>Jack Reichert<br>Graigh Snovak                      | Harrison Miller<br>Quinton Miller |
| 4:00 pm<br>October 19        | Margaret Bourne<br>Joell Stebelton | Kathleen Meese/Host<br>Deacon Tony/Cup<br>Leonard Schiavone/Cup    | Deborah Congonello<br>Carole McDonough<br>Jim Morris                                      | Sr. Martha                        |
| <b>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</b> |                                    |                                                                    |                                                                                           |                                   |
| 11:00 am<br>October 19       | Evie Byers                         | Mary Rose Purton/Host<br>Deacon Tony/Cup<br>Branka Sovec Ladd/ Cup | Nancy Gunyula<br>Ray Kovac<br>Pat Purton<br>Bill Sikora<br>John Vogrin                    | John Vogrin                       |

## The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2025

### Deacon Sunday

*"And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice;" (Luke 17:15)*

Just as the healed man returned to glorify God, deacons are called to bring Christ's healing love to others through their dedicated service to the Church. Today, let us show our gratitude for the deacons that serve our Church. If you are called to the diaconate, consider how you can bring Christ's healing love to others through service. Talk to your priest or reach out to

The Diocese of Youngstown Office of Church Vocations at  
[vocations@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:vocations@youngstowndiocese.org).

## Stewardship Reflections

### The Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" (Luke 17:18)*

Most of us live relatively "easy" lives. We have food, shelter, clothing and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.

Please consider donating soups, cereals and tuna for the month of October.





Sunday Collections for:

*St. Columba Cathedral Parish*

October 4/5 \$ 12,740.80

**Total Mass Attendance**

**St. Edward**

|                     |         |     |
|---------------------|---------|-----|
| Saturday, October 4 | 4:00 pm | 81  |
| Sunday, October 5   | 9:00 am | 146 |

**St. Columba**

|                     |          |     |
|---------------------|----------|-----|
| Saturday, October 4 | 4:00 pm  | 110 |
| Sunday, October 5   | 10:30 am | 115 |
| Sunday, October 5   | 4:00 pm  | 141 |

**Sts. Peter & Paul**

|                   |          |    |
|-------------------|----------|----|
| Sunday, October 5 | 11:00 am | 75 |
|-------------------|----------|----|



**You are invited:**

The Hungarian community of Youngstown will hold its yearly memorial service upon the anniversary of their 1956 uprising in Budapest to resist the communist oppression in Hungary. There will be a gathering at the Franciscan Friary, 517 S. Belle Vista Ave. on Sunday Oct. 26th at 3:00pm. After the short program a free dinner of gulyash, kolbasz sandwiches and refreshments will be held. If possible, please bring a dessert to share.

Reservations are requested by Oct. 22 by calling Frank at (330) 549-2935 or Kathy at (330) 746-7704 (Leave Msg.) Wear something Hungarian in honor of our heritage.

Thank you,  
Frank Schauer, President  
Kathy Novak, Vice President

## 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.



**St. Edward the Confessor Feast Day Celebration:**

We will be having a Pancake Breakfast in celebration of the



Feast of St. Edward Sunday Oct. 12th following Mass in Lettau Hall.

**CCD is scheduled for this Sunday after 9:00 mass at St. Edward. Class starts after breakfast.**

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

**Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10**

Sanctuary: Neil Sr., Marie & Kenneth DePascal

Blessed Mother: Edward Vodhanel

St. Joseph:

Lady of Czestochowa: Ginger & Steve Kubala

## Sanctuary Candle/ Host & Wine @ St. Edward October 2025

Sanctuary: Molinaro & Dunlap Families

Host & Wine: Molinaro & Dunlap Families

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

John & Mary Ples

## Saint Columba Parish

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you to those who have and continue to support the works of our SVdP Conference and our Council at large. Your donations of money, food, personal hygiene items as well as the socks and underwear are greatly appreciated.

**Just a reminder: Our Oktoberfest is Saturday, October 18th. St. Christine Social Hall. Tickets will be available at door or contact Diane @ (330) 501-4969.** If you know of a family or individual in need, please contact Sr. Martha at 330-744-5233 or Diane Guarnieri at 330-501-4969.

**As the cold weather approaches, new and used blankets are always appreciated.**

Thank you & God Bless



### St. Edward Knights of Columbus Council 15959 Football CRAZR Ticket Sale

Please consider supporting our annual K of C  
CRAZR ticket sale!



For a fun way to help support the Diocese of Youngstown Charities, as you cheer on your favorite NFL teams weekly, consider purchasing a **CRAZR** ticket from the St. Edward Parish Knights of Columbus, Council 15959. They will be selling tickets at **St. Columba Cathedral** after Masses on the weekends of **October 11 & 12, and October 18 & 19.**

You can double your fun by not only cheering on your favorite NFL team(s), but also your **CRAZR** teams for the week (each ticket has four teams listed weekly for ten weeks). Over 20 cash prizes are awarded weekly based on the highest and lowest total team scores. Cost: \$20 per ticket (for 10 weeks of fun!) Please consider supporting the Knights in helping local Diocesan charities.

Also, we welcome any gentlemen from St. Columba Parish age 18 and over who are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus. Please see one of the Knights who will be selling tickets, or call St. Columba Parish office at 330-744-5233 and they will refer you to someone who will assist you.

Thank you!

*Parishioners that require Low  
Gluten Communion: please  
stop in the sacristy before  
mass to let our priests know  
so they can make sure you  
get the correct communion.*

*Thank you!!*

### Scripture Readings

*For the Week of October 12, 2025*

|               |                                                                                                                           |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday        | <b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13;<br>Lk 17:11-19             |
| Monday        | Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcd, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk<br>11:29-32                                                                       |
| Tuesday       | Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41                                                                                  |
| Wednesday     | <b>Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and<br/>Doctor of the Church</b><br>Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46 |
| Thursday      | Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, Lk<br>11:47-54                                                                      |
| Friday<br>and | <b>Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop<br/>Martyr</b><br>Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7                 |
| Saturday      | <b>Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist</b><br>2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk<br>10:1-9                         |
| Sunday        | <b>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Tm<br>3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8         |

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, a day when Catholics around the globe unite in prayer and generosity for the Church's missionary work. This week, we invite you to pray the World Mission Rosary, created by Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Each decade represents a region of the world, reminding us that we are one family in mission. Please consider how you will participate next Sunday through your prayer and support.



### Color Symbolism

**Green:** Represents the forests and grasslands of Africa.

**Red:** Symbolizes the fire of faith that brought missionaries to the Americas.

**White:** Represents Europe, the seat of the Holy Father.

**Blue:** Symbolizes the ocean surrounding the Islands of the Pacific.

**Yellow:** Represents the morning light of the East, symbolizing Asia.



You're cordially invited to:

### OktoberVines!

Fri., Oct. 17, join Ursuline Sisters

Mission at

St. Mary's Assumption Social Center

356 S. Belle Vista, Yo.

from 6-10pm.

Enjoy an evening of beer and wine tastings, dinner, live music from The Cugines, raffles, a wine pull and more. Proceeds support our life-changing programs, which help vulnerable people achieve fullness of life and a future of hope. Tickets are \$75

each and can be purchased at [givebutter.com/oktobervines](https://givebutter.com/oktobervines).



Catholic Charities Regional Agency is seeking volunteers to assist with our Christmas client giveaway program this year. We are looking for:

**Clerical support** during October

**Volunteer help** the week of December 15th with sorting donations, hall setup, and distribution of gifts to clients

If you or members of your parish are interested in helping, please contact Wendy at **330-744-3320 ext. 203**.

Thank you for helping us bring joy to those in need this holiday season!

### Please be advised: BULLETIN INSERTS

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

**SAINT TERESA OF JESUS (1515-1582)**

**October 15**

*Let nothing disturb you; let nothing frighten you.* Gifted with a passionate spirit, young Teresa dreamed of converting Muslims and becoming a martyr. *All things are passing; God never changes.* But her mother's death when Teresa was fourteen inspired lifelong devotion to Our Lady, and Teresa entered the Carmelites, Mary's order, despite her father's objections and her own fragile health. *Patience gains everything.* Initially, she enjoyed her lax convent's sociability and "busyness," but mystical prayer and John of the Cross' collaboration inspired her to reform the Carmelites. *Whoever has God, lacks nothing.* When her ideals encountered resistance and brought suffering, she maintained her peace—and humor. Discovered devouring leftovers, she told her mildly scandalized nuns, "When I fast, I fast! When I eat, I eat!" To nuns demanding less work and more prayer in the convent schedule, she retorted: "What we really need around here are fewer starry eyes and more strong arms!" *God alone is enough!* The italicized sentences here are her "Breviary Bookmark," the simple, profound prayer of Teresa, the first woman Doctor of the Church.

—Peter Scagnelli

