

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 27, 2025



# St. Columba Parish



WHEN YOU PRAY, SAY:  
**FATHER,  
HALLOWED**  
BE YOUR NAME



## *Saint Edward*

240 Tod Lane  
Youngstown, Ohio 44504

## *Saint Columba*

144 West Wood St.  
Youngstown, OH 44503  
330.744.5233  
[parish101@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto: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 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 Brien

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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to our giving site.

Thank you!

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## "300" Club

300 Club Winner Wk #9

St. Columba Parish

B. Roman #96

Wins \$50

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, July 27

9:00 am St. Edward † Jeanne Foley  
10:30 am St. Columba † Archie & Ann Tamburino  
11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † Derrick Stratton, James & Ralph Jr. DeSalle, Mary & John Majernick and Maryann Matasy and Edo Pacic  
4:00 pm St. Columba † Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Columba

### Monday, July 28

8:30 am St. Edward † Prayer Service  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Ruth Addison

### Tuesday, July 29

8:30 am St. Edward † Prayer Service  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Howard & Rosemary O'Malley

### Wednesday, July 30

8:30 am St. Edward † Prayer Service  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Deceased Priests of the DOY

### Thursday, July 31

8:30 am St. Edward † Rosa Mendoza  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Religious Sisters of the DOY  
5:45 pm Sts. Peter & Paul † Priests and Deacons of the DOY

### Friday, August 1

8:30 am St. Edward † Ben Bernard III  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Howard & Rosemary O'Malley

### Saturday, August 2

8:30 am St. Edward † Jeanne Foley  
4:00 pm Vigil St. Columba † Friends of St. Columba Parish  
4:00 pm Vigil St. Edward † Margaret Jenkins

### Sunday, August 3

9:00 am St. Edward † Sonia Niro and Mike DeCarlo  
10:30 am St. Columba † Mike & Geraldine Butch  
11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † Frances Medovich and Joseph Krusely and Health & Blessings M/M Daniel Scarnecchia and Doreen Constantino  
4:00 pm St. Columba † Living & Deceased Parishions of St. Columba

Please consider donating Tuna, Peanut Butter and Mac and Cheese for the Month of July.



## Pastor's Column

*The Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time.*

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday Jesus invites us into a deeper relationship to his Father through prayer. In Luke's Gospel the Our Father is slightly different than in Matthew but the challenge of persistence and trust in the Lord is very powerful and transformative. We are invited when we pray the Our Father with Jesus to grow closer to the Lord and His Father. Notice we always pray it together with all of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We do not pray "my Father" but "Our Father". This prayer constantly invites us to grow in relationship with all our brothers and sisters. Please consider in your prayer this week the special needs of the brothers and sisters closest to you.

This is also a good opportunity for all of us to reflect on the needs of the homebound and those residing in nursing homes. Who among your family and friends is homebound and unable to come to Church? Please help us to reach out to them providing times for Holy Communion, Anointing of the Sick and especially Last Rites.

Please keep our staff and volunteers in prayer as we begin collaborating with St. Angela Merici and St. Patrick Parishes!

The parish picnic will be on Sunday, August 3, 2025, at the St. Maron's picnic grounds behind their church. Please plan to join us.

More detailed information will be available soon!

Help us with bingo. Every Friday at the Wedgewood Plaza bingo takes place. It supports our parish. Please plan to support our efforts as a player or as a volunteer. Please call the office for more information.

Don't forget to come and check out our weekly bingo!

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!

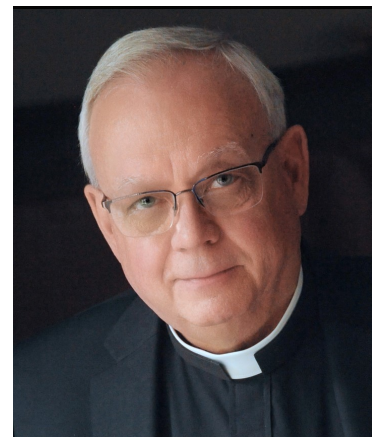
Thank you to parishioners who are beginning to call the office to let us know about family or friends who are in nursing homes or are confined to their home.

Over the Summer we will be discussing ways to support and encourage all our parishioners to grow stronger in their faith and to help others to return to the Church. Please talk with me or any of the staff with ideas about how we can help you and others to grow stronger in your Catholic Faith!

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

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin



## Reflection

## The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Be Careful What You Ask For

Jesus talks about praying for whatever we need with faith and confidence, but he ends by asking, "How much more will the Father . . . give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Luke 1:13). Is he saying there are limits to what we can ask for?

"Be careful what you ask for," the saying warns. Just because we want something doesn't mean it will be good for us. But if we have enough faith to pray for something, we probably would not pray for anything evil. So what is Jesus really saying? He is giving us two lessons about prayer.

First, he assures us that God does hear our prayers and answers them. Many people take "ask and you shall receive" so literally that they expect God to do their bidding no matter what they want. But God is free to do what is best for us, free to answer some prayers with a no when what we seek is against God's will. So maybe our first prayer should be to ask God to show us what we really need.

That leads us to the second lesson: prayer changes us, not God. If we truly pray as Jesus prayed, we would say, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). It's not easy to change our minds about what we want or need. To change our desires from selfish to holy takes a lot of power, the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was raised from the dead by that power and we will be, too (Romans 8:11). So when Jesus promises that the Father will give the Spirit to us for asking, the Spirit is both the source of and the answer to our prayers. Let us ask the Spirit to empower us to desire and pray for what we really need.

-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 August 2	Frann Evanoff Mike Lowry	Kathy Lewis/Host Linda Puryear/CP Mike McBride/CB	Mae Kohn Ed Palumbo	Jim Leone
9:00 am August 3	Mary Lynne West Dan Machuzak	Maggie Herberger/Host Sara Cox/CP Diane Guarnieri/CB	Janet Byrne Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Mark Dietz
<b>St. Columba</b>				
4:00 pm August 2	Ronald Chapman Bill Wainio	Mirta Chapman/Host Deacon Syl/Cup Tess Szenborn/Cup	Carol Zmary Rich Conway Dave Sefcik	Sr. Martha
10:30 am August 3	Natalia Wells Barbara Walko	Heather Bucholtz/Host Lisa Young/Cup Guy Young/Cup	Randy Grohovsky Michael Kurilla Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	Quinton Miller Harrison Miller
4:00 pm August 3	Joell Stebelton Ginger Kubala	Jo Ann Oaks/Host David Oaks/Cup Laura Elder/Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	Sr. Martha
<b>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</b>				
11:00 am August 3	Evie Byers	Ed Habuda/Host Linda Habuda/Cup	Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin

## The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 27, 2025

*"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9)*

If you feel God is calling you to a vocation, ask for His guidance in prayer. *Lord I will go where You want me to go. I will be who You want me to be. I will do what You want me to do. Just make it my will and make it clear to me.* Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org)

*Parishioners that require Gluten Free 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!!*



## Stewardship Reflections

### *17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9)*

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Gratitude and generosity are gifts that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.





## Our Stewardship

Sunday Collections for:

*St. Columba Cathedral Parish*

July 19/20 \$ 10,327.50

### Total Mass Attendance

#### St. Edward

Saturday, July 19	4:00 pm	85
Sunday, July 20	9:00 am	102

#### St. Columba

Saturday, July 19	4:00 pm	107
Sunday, July 20	10:30 am	132
Sunday, July 20	4:00 pm	156

#### Sts. Peter & Paul

Sunday, July 20	11:00 am	50
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St. George CFU Lodge 66  
Indoor Picnic Celebration  
Sunday July 27, 2025

@ Croatian

Home

3200 Vestal

Rd.

Doors Open at

Noon

12:30 Music by Veseljaci of

Farrell, PA

1:30 Recognition of 50 Yr.

Members and candlelight

Memorail for deceased Mem-  
bers

2-6 Music for dancing and lis-  
tening by Sarena of Cleveland.

Beverages and Food Available  
for purchase.

Adult Admission \$6



**Picnic**

### 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.

### 2025 Slovak Fest

The 20th Annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest will take place on Sunday, August 10 from 12:30 pm to 5 pm on the grounds of St. Christine Church. All food will be available in or near the Parish Center. You may eat in the parish center or outside under our dining tent. All food will be packaged for carry out.

This year's Slovak Platter includes stuffed cabbage, haluski, pirohy, cucumber salad and roll with butter for \$12.00

The kielbasa sandwich dinner includes large kielbasa sandwich with doctored sauerkraut, chips and cucumber salad for \$10.00

They strongly urge you to pre-order your food as limited quantities will be available without pre-ordering. Please contact Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.



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

*Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10*

Sanctuary:

Blessed Mother:

St. Joseph:

Lady of Czestochowa: Ivan & Sophie Vincenzini

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

Sanctuary: Dr. John Cernica

Host & Wine: Bob Herberger & Mary Beth Reynolds

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

Jim Majernik

ST. COLUMBA PARISH  
ST. EDWARD · SS. PETER & PAUL · ST. COLUMBA CATHEDRAL

## PARISH PICNIC

ALSO WELCOMING PARISHIONERS OF  
ST. ANGELA MERICI & ST. PATRICK PARISHES

Join us for a day of food, fun, and fellowship  
as we grow together in faith and friendship!

50/50

Kids' Activities

Bocce

Basket Raffle

Sunday, August 3 - 4:00pm

St. Maron Church Pavilion  
1555 S. Meridian Road, Youngstown, OH 44511

Food and drinks provided. If you wish to bring anything,  
you may contribute to our [Parish Cookie Table](#)  
or bring [individual snack bags](#) to share.

RSVP Number of Children/Adults  
by Phone or Online by **July 25**



(330) 744-5233



[stcolumbacathedral.org/picnic](http://stcolumbacathedral.org/picnic)

Visit the picnic webpage for information about the parish picnic!

- See a sneak peek of the prizes in the Basket Raffle
- Information about the venue
- RSVP online



## Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 27, 2025

Sunday	<b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
Monday	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	<b>Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus</b> Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	<b>Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</b> Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday	<b>Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	<b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

### Saint Edward Food Pantry



Saint Edward Food Pantry serves and distributes food on Wednesdays for people that are in need.

We are seeking volunteers to help in preparing food boxes to be distributed on Wednesday, stocking the shelves and unloading the truck for food delivery once a month. As a volunteer you are not obligated to show up every Wednesday but the pantry greatly appreciates any time you can contribute!

The pantry is open from 9:00 AM till 10:30 AM.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact us at 330-744-9055

Saint Edward Food Pantry served 150 households for a total of 376 people in the month of June. This is only possible because of your generous donations to the pantry.

Thank you very much and God bless!

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

"Fill the Trailer" event will be held in the parking lot of St. Edward Parish the weekend of August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Time to take a close look at those treasures whose time has come for a new home. Volunteers will be needed to monitor and assist with drop-offs when the trailer is open.

The needs of the SVDP dining hall extend beyond a meal for many of our guests. Their SNAP benefits do not cover the basic needs such as toilet paper or personal hygiene supplies. Donations of these supplies would be greatly appreciated and discreetly distributed. Please place items in the SVdP boxes located in each parish or directly to our Dining Hall on Williamson Ave.

Your generosity is a blessing.

God Bless

If you are interested in volunteering for our events, or would like more information, please contact Diane Guarnieri at 330-501-4969



## St Edward Parish 86<sup>th</sup> Annual



*Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 6 PM*

*Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Social Hall*

*Donation: Ticket cost \$80.00*

*Menu: Bags of Clams, Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Sweet Potatoes, Coleslaw and Dessert*

Tickets will be sold before and after all masses:  
July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Please make checks payable to: St. Columba Parish  
note "Clambake" on memo line

If you cannot attend, please consider being a sponsor or donating.

Sponsorships: \$500, \$250, \$100

Donations of \$50.00 or more will be recognized in our program

Please direct any questions to: Jody or Diane Guarnieri: 330-501-4969

## FROM TRUNK TO TREASURE SALE

**SELLERS AND CUSTOMERS NEEDED!**

**Date:** Saturday, August 2, 2025

**Time:** 9:00am - 2:00pm

**Place:** St. Christine's  
Church Parking Lot  
3165 S. Schenley Avenue  
Youngstown, Ohio 44511



Food, Drinks & Car Wash Available  
50/50 Raffle  
Proceeds Benefit:

## St. Christine's Celebrate Team

### SPACE RENTAL INFO:

Trunk Sale spots are \$15 for one space, \$10 for each additional space  
Rain or shine – No refunds for any reason!

Reservations are due by August 1st

Make checks payable to: "St. Christine" and mail them  
along with your name, address, and phone number to:

Trunk Sale

3502 Stratmore Avenue  
Youngstown, Ohio 44511

Questions? Call or text Kathy at 330-261-6800

*It's not too late to join the 300 Club  
Raffle. Numbers are still available.*

*We currently have 45 spots left.*

*Help us fill the sheet. \$25 to join.*

*Weekly drawing is for \$50 prize.*

*Weeks 5,10,15,20,25 pay \$150.*

*Week #26 Sunday November 16, 2025 will be for  
\$500. Call the office if you are interested in  
participating.*



## 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 MARTHA (first century) July 29**

Whether you find Martha Stewart admirable or annoying, she has the perfect patron saint. Luke describes Martha—saint, not Stewart—as “burdened with much serving” (Luke 10:40). About Mary, seated, listening to Jesus, Martha complained, “Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?” Jesus’ response, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things . . . Mary has chosen the better part” (10:41, 42), suggests to some the superiority of the contemplative life, leaving the rest of us, supporting families, earning livings, (helping others?), as “second-class” Christians. But Luke introduces Martha and Mary immediately after Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan, whom Jesus recommends as a model of practical compassion, concluding, “Go and do likewise” (10:37). Go and do! Sit and listen! Discipleship is never *either/or but both/and*. Jesus ministered in prayerful silence *and* hospitable service. Monastic calendars add Martha’s sister Mary and brother Lazarus, calling all three “hosts of the Lord,” recalling their welcome of Jesus to their home in Bethany, reminding us Whom we welcome whenever we extend summertime hospitality!

—Peter Scagnelli

