

The Ascension of the Lord | June 1, 2025



St. Columba Parish



Saint Edward

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Youngstown, Ohio 44504

Saint Columba

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Youngstown, OH 44503
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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!

Please consider donating Canned fruits, Peanut Butter and Cereal for the Month of June.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 1

9:00 am St. Edward † Pope Leo XIV and the Universal Church
& Adeline Marian

10:30 am St. Columba † Friends of St. Columba

11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † Nancy Vogrin, Vladmir Sovec and
Béla Simonyi/Ann. Of Death

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

Monday, June 2

8:30 am St. Edward † Bill Wainio, Jr.

12:10 pm St. Columba † John D. Hulme

Tuesday, June 3

8:30 am St. Edward † Jim Mullen, Margaret Jenkins,
Isabel Tarr & Carol Desmond

12:10 pm St. Columba † Frances Zarmy Timko

Wednesday, June 4

8:30 am St. Edward † Helen & Bill Storey

12:10 pm St. Columba † Neil DePascal Sr.

Thursday, June 5

8:30 am St. Edward † Health & Blessings Rey Carolipio

12:10 pm St. Columba † Bishop George V. Murry S.J.

5:00 pm St. Columba Holy Hour

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

Friday, June 6

8:30 am St. Edward † Harp & Ruth Metzinger

12:10 pm St. Columba † Priests & Deacons of the DOY

Saturday, June 7

8:30 am St. Edward † Charlie Rich/Birthday wishes

4:00 pm Vigil St. Columba † Belszek, Veck & LaCivita Families

4:00 pm Vigil St. Edward † Sonia Niro

Sunday, June 8

9:00 am St. Edward † Martha Beniston

10:30 am St. Columba † Bishop George V. Murry S.J.

11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † Nancy Vogrin, Ed & Vera Gabrick
And Health & Blessings Elizabeth Ford

4:00 pm St. Columba † Mr. & Mrs. William Lamb

Pastor's Column

Seventh Sunday of Easter, June 1, 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, the Ascension of the Lord! 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.

There will be a display of graduate pictures in each Church; please share pictures of your graduates so that we can pray for them and congratulate them. Please place their name and school on the back of the picture and how the person is related to you. The pictures will be displayed during June and then returned to you. If you have not yet submitted your pictures, please do so this week. Please contact Sr. Regina. Please keep all our graduates in prayer.

On Saturday, June 7, 2025, Rev. Deacon Travis Seagraves will be ordained to the priesthood. Please keep him in prayer! 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.

Please visit the Cathedral during this Holy Year to pray for Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Bonnar, our priests, religious, deacons and seminarians. Let us pray for all our parishioners that we all grow as faithful disciples!

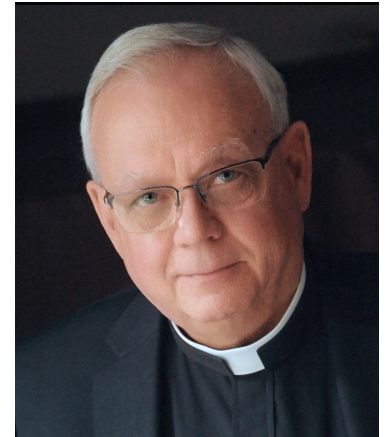
If you have not yet pledged to the Annual Appeal, please be generous!! A special thank you to everyone who has already contributed. Our parish has reached its goal, but let's all of us surpass the goal for the help of the poor and the support of the mission of the Church!

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 is an important part of our life as a parish. 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

The Ascension of the Lord Coming or Going?

The Gospel of John that is read on the Vigil of Pentecost says that "there was . . . no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified" (John 7:39). Obviously the Spirit is co-eternal with the Father and the Son, so John is trying to get our attention. He means that we could not experience the gifts of the Spirit until Jesus had died and risen from the dead. One way of looking at the Ascension is that Jesus can do much more for us in his glory than he could while on earth. How does this work? It happens in two steps. First, he sends the Holy Spirit to the disciples. Second, the disciples become his witnesses to all the nations. So let's look at the first step.

While Jesus walked the earth, he chose to be limited in time and space, so that a few people could get to know and love him. But after his resurrection, he could be more effective by sending his Spirit to all believers. Because he is ascended into glory, he can live in all of us. And that leads to the second step.

Before his death, Jesus began to collect a group of followers. Some got to know him more deeply and became disciples. The rest of the followers were merely curious, or attracted by stories of miracles he had performed. But after his ascension the disciples began to experience Jesus in each other. They could not help but be excited about that and spread that excitement to others. May we all experience that presence in the Spirit, seeing Jesus in ourselves and others. 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 June 7	Sr. Regina Rogers Don Turnbull	Ron Fasano/Host Deacon Syl/CP Jim Carsone/CB	Linda Puryear Ed Palumbo	Jim Leone
9:00 am June 8	David Sweeney Jason Vinkler	John Jablonski/Host Libby Benson/CP Linda Molinaro/CB	Bailey Lloyd Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Shannon Cox Mark Dietz
St. Columba				
4:00 pm June 7	Bill Wainio Jessica Gause	Marilynn Butler/Host Paul Gause/Cup Kathy Gause/Cup	Carol Zarny Rich Conway Dave Sefcik	Sr. Martha Reed
10:30 am June 8	Lisa Devlin Marly Reichert	Laurie Chrobak/Host Rosa Tirado/Cup Barbara Walko/Cup	Randy Grohovsky Michael Kurilla Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	Quinton Miller Harrison Miller
4:00 pm June 8	Joell Stebelton Thomas Gilmartin Jr.	David Oaks/Host Deacon Bill/Cup JoAnn Oaks/Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	
Sts. Peter & Paul				
11:00 am June 8	Michelle Tyson	Mary Rose Purton/Host Branka Sovec Ladd/Cup	Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin

Vocation View/ Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 2025

"You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." - (Luke 24:48-49)

Just as Jesus entrusted His disciples with the mission of sharing the Gospel, He may be inviting you to continue His work within the Church. Trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to equip you for this journey. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

"300" Club #26

300 Club Winner Wk #1

St. Columba Parish

Sarah Moran Number 204

Wins \$50

Stewardship Reflections

The Ascension of the Lord

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." - (Revelations 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week— putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!



Our Stewardship

Sunday Collections for:

St. Columba Cathedral Parish

May 24/25 \$ 9,109.19

Total Mass Attendance

St. Edward

Saturday, May 24 4:00 pm 96

Sunday, May 25 9:00 am 72

St. Columba

Saturday, May 24 4:00 pm 98

Sunday, May 25 10:30 am 115

Sunday, May 25 4:00 pm 138

Sts. Peter & Paul

Sunday, May 25 11:00 am 50

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.

Hubbard

St.

Patrick

Parish

Travel

Group

Bus Trip 2025



All are welcome to join us on a bus trip to Lancaster, PA to enjoy "NOAH" at SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE and "HOLIDAY INN" at DUTCH APPLE DINNER THEATRE, November 14th-15th, 2025. For more information and reservations contact : Andrew Acierno (330) 398-8265.



Knights of Columbus®

The next scheduled meeting for the Knights of Columbus will be Monday, June 9th @ 6:00 pm @ St. Edward.

Remembrance Flames @ St. Columba Cathedral for the week.

Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10

Sanctuary:

Blessed Mother: John C. & Tommy Orlo

St. Joseph:

Lady of Czestochowa:

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

Sanctuary: Dr.Fely Puray / Birthday

Host & Wine: Dr. Fely Puray/ Birthday

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

Irene Nemeth

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.



With sorrow, it has been announced, the death of Father David Ijandir Bridling on May 20, 2025. He was 56 years old and is survived by family in Nigeria and many friends both in Nigeria and the United States.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let Your perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful de-
parted through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.*

Catholic Charities' First Step program provides specific material assistance to expectant parents and families with children age 0-3. Funds collected through *First Step for Change* are used to supplement supportive services with material goods such as food, formula, diapers and hygiene products. Please support this important pro-life, pro-family fundraiser that helps Catholic Charities provide help and create hope for people in need. For more information on Catholic Charities' services visit www.ccdoy.org

Church at Home Combined Collection

This weekend our parish will participate in the combined collection to support the local and national work of three major CHURCH AT HOME ministries: The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the USCCB Catholic Communication Campaign and the Catholic University of America and Newman Campus Ministries. Please give generously.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of June 1, 2025

- Sunday** **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26
- In those places where the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, the Mass and readings of the Ascension are used.
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53
- Monday** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday** **Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**
Act 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11; 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday** **Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr**
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday** **Pentecost Sunday**
Vigil Mass: Gen 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Mass during the Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

"Go to the poor; you will find God"

We are in the process of forming our SVdP council. We need a few good souls to do organizational work and decision making to ensure we service our community to the best of our resources.

In the works: A Thrift Store collection weekend, a trailer will be made available. A Community Outreach event: serving meals and providing food bags to those in need in our community.

Our next service week at the SVdP kitchen on Williamson Ave. will be the week of July 7-11.

Please mark your calendar, contact Diane G if you are available.

Thank you for your consideration of our needs.

Diane Guarnieri, 330-501-4969



St. Edward Clambake

Celebrating Our 86th Year!

Thursday, August 21, 2025
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Social Hall
Doors open at 5:45pm

Reserve your seat or table before we sell out!



Menu:
Bags of Clams
Chicken
Corn on the Cob
Sweet Potatoes
Coleslaw
Dessert
Wine, Beer, &
Soft Drinks included

Donation:
Ticket cost: \$80.00
If you cannot attend, please consider being a donor or sponsor.

Individual or Corporate Sponsorships:
Gold: \$500
Silver: \$250
Bronze: \$100
Sponsorships and Donations over \$25.00 will be recognized in our program.

Tickets are going fast, buy yours today!

Tickets, Sponsorships, or Questions: Call Jody or Diane Guarnieri 330-501-4969

ST. MARON LEBANESE fun fest

Food, Music & Spirits

SATURDAY JULY 12
4pm - 11pm
Food Service till 10:00 pm

SUNDAY JULY 13
12 pm - 8pm
Food Service till 7:00 pm

FREE ADMISSION AND FREE PARKING

YOUNGSTOWN YEARS BAND
Saturday, July 12 • 6-10
The Vegas Band

RDNA
Sunday, July 13 • 3-7
RDNA

Bounce Houses, Carnival Games & Face Painting

FULL PREMIUM BAR
Rare, Crafted Bourbons

\$3,000 RAFFLE
Prize Raffles & 50/50 Raffle
2nd, 3rd & 4th Place Winners

Join us for Mass — Saturday 4:30 pm & Sunday 11:00 am

Great LEBANESE FOOD!
Lamb Kabobs, Kibbee, Grape Leaves, Hummus, Tabouli Salad, French Fries, Chicken Tenders, Chicken Shawarma, Kafta Kabobs, Baklava, Pastries & More!

DINE IN, TAKE OUT OR DRIVE THRU!

1555 S. Meridian Rd. Youngstown, OH | LebaneseFunFest.com

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 November 16, 2025 will be for \$500.



Call the office if you are interested in participating.

2025 Organ Concert Series: The Cathedral of St. Columba

Our Organ Series Continues:

For more information please contact:

rholtzhauser@youngstowndiocese.org

June 28 @ 6:30 pm: Olivier Penin

Saint of The Week

SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND HIS COMPANIONS (martyred 1886-87) June 3

"Master of Pages," reputedly the handsomest man in all Uganda, Charles Lwanga, lay catechist, courageously led about forty teenaged boys, Catholics and Anglicans, on a forty-mile forced march to martyrdom for their common Christian faith. Teaching each other the hymns of their different churches, they strengthened one another for the ordeal ahead. King Mwanga, himself barely twenty, had ordered them executed for being "those who pray." But these royal pages were the king's male harem, who, now Christians, refused what pious accounts demurely describe as his "unreasonable demands." Some were clubbed to death, most burned alive; the youngest, thirteen-year old Saint Kizito, whom Charles had often shielded from the King's lust; the most tragic, Saint Mbagha, whose father was his executioner! In 1964, Paul VI canonized the young Catholics and praised their Anglican companions, recalling the heroism of early Christianity's African martyrs, which we modern Christians of far less faith never expected to see repeated. Forty years after the pope's words, what does our faith cost us? Heroism aside, how generous is our response?

—Peter Scagnelli

