

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 23, 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, 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 23

9:00 am **St. Edward** † Bill Carnie

10:30 am St. Columba † Ralph Naples

11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † Mary A. Ples

Health & Blessing Maria Jitaru

In Honor of John & Dorothy Vogrin's 60th Wedding Anniversary

4:00 pm St. Columba † Living and Deceased Members

Monday, February 24

8:30am **St. Edward** † Mary & Al Sobinsky, Lori Vivolo

And Bishop George Murry

12:10 pm St. Columba † Helen M. Hulme

Tuesday, February 25

8:30 am **St. Edward** † Sonia Niro

12:10 pm St. Columba † Jakubko & Benney Families

Wednesday, February 26

8:30 am **St. Edward** † Ann & Mike Kopanic,

Helen & Steve Susa and Isabel Tarr

12:10 pm St. Columba † Parishioners of St. Columba Parish

Thursday, February 27

8:30 am **St. Edward** † Health & Well being

Mike & Kathy Welsh

12:10 pm St. Columba † James Fair

5:45 pm **Sts. Peter & Paul** †

Friday, February 28

8:30am **St. Edward** † Adam & Suzie Firment

12:10 pm St. Columba † Frances Zarmy Timko

Saturday, March 1

8:30am **St. Edward** † Evelyn Hannon

11:00am St. Columba Combined Confirmation

4:00pm Vigil St. Columba † Friends of the Cathedral

4:00pm Vigil **St. Edward** † Fred A. Beshara

Sunday, March 2

9:00am **St. Edward** † Howard Harris Jr. & Loretta Harris

10:30 am St. Columba † Marianne E. Pekarcik

11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † Elizabeth Simonyi/B-Day,

Edo Pacic and Health & Blessing Sr. Christina Wegendt

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

St. Columba

Ash Wednesday is March 5, 2025

Baskets are available in the back of the church for your old palms.

Please bring in your old palms by Sunday

March 2, 2025

Thank you!!



Pastor's Column

Sunday, February 23, 2025

As We Journey Together, May Christ Light Our Way.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last week I published the midyear report on the finances of the parish. As of December 31, 2024, you see three listings of each of the former parishes. The parishes are now one as of January 1, 2025. The end year report that you will see in August will be a combined report. Your support in prayer and worship is essential for the life of the parish. Your involvement in ministries and service promotes the proclamation and visibility of the Gospel within the parish and outside of the parish as a witness to Christ. Your financial stewardship is also essential for the strength and future of our ministries. I want to point out that our expenses in the first half of the fiscal year were greater than our income. Your financial support is very important. Please pray and reflect on your giving and please support us as best as you are able.

Please note that 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.

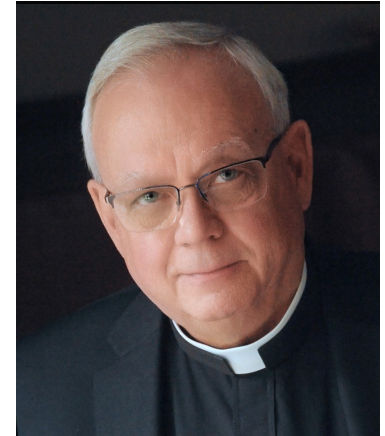
If you have not received your new envelopes, please call the parish office. Please take time to read our bulletin and access our new website. If you are contributing by check, please make your check payable to St. Columba Cathedral Parish. Also, we will be updating the ways that you can contribute electronically.

The staff is putting 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. Also, if you are interested in joining the volunteers who visit and bring Holy Communion, please contact Sr. Regina.

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

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin



Reflection

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Stagnant or Overflowing?

We find ourselves in the midst of a short, seven and a half week stint of Ordinary Time. It can seem like we are somewhat lost in time - no longer in the Christmas season and not yet in the throes of Lent. How can we not grow stagnant in our walk of faith during this time? A friend once told me that Ordinary Time was his favorite season of all. He shared that, just as the liturgical color green indicates, Ordinary Time is a season of growth. As we muddle through the mundane, tackle the trivial and battle the boredom, we are invited to continue blossoming and blooming. In today's first reading Saul finds himself in a jealous rage and wishes to extinguish David, while David's men encourage him to obliterate Saul. But when afforded the opportunity to retaliate, he refused to lay a finger on the Lord's anointed one. He acquiesced to God rather than anger. Jesus puts the actions of David into words saying: "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you... Do to others as you would have them do to you...and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked." Sounds selfless and saintly and... super hard. To act in a way that gains no reward, not even a tiny bit of dopamine, sounds just horrible. Yet we live for the promise of a different kind of reward all together: "then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High...gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing..." So let us shake off the ordinariness of this time and dive into the growth, so that our heavenly reward may be overflowing.

Saint Columba Parish

Mass Times	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeters & Ushers	Altar Server
St. Edward				
4:00 pm March 1	Clara Mullen Mike Lowry	Betsy Peacock/ Host Deacon Syl/ CP Sr. Regina Rogers/ CB	Mae Kohn Ed Palumbo	Jim Leone
9:00 am March 2	Joe Kenneally Dan Machuzak	Fely Puray/ Host Diane Guarnieri/ CP Mary Lynne/ CB	Janet Byrne Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Mark Dietz
St. Columba				
4:00 pm March 1	Jessica Gause Jean Wainio	Sandra Mansour/Host Marilynn Butler/Cup Gerald Filipski/ Cup	Rich Conway	Sr. Martha Reed
10:30 am March 2	Lisa Devlin Natalia Wells	Ginger Kubala/Host Laurie Chrobak/Cup Vickie Kidd/ Cup	Randy Grohovsky Michael Kurilla Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	Maddie Devlin Anthony Williams
4:00 pm March 2	Tom Gilmartin Jr. Joell Stebelton	Laura Elder/Host Barbara Walko/Cup Kathleen Meese/Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	Sr. Martha Reed Tim Domer
Sts. Peter & Paul				
11:00 am March 2	Jim Sutton	Evie Byers/Host Deacon Bill/Cup John S. Vogrin/Cup	Nancy Gunyula Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin

Vocation View/ Presentation of the Lord- February 23, 2025

“Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you.” (Luke 6:27)

Priests, religious brothers and sisters and married couples are each called to live out a vocation rooted in love and forgiveness. Is God calling you to witness to His mercy and compassion through a religious vocation? Talk to your priest or reach out to

Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

February is Catholic Charities Awareness Month in the Diocese of Youngstown! Did you know that Catholic Charities receives 60% of the funds raised through the Annual Diocesan Appeal to provide material goods and services to people in our community? To learn more, visit ccdoy.org

300 Club Winner Wk #15:
Sts. Peter and Paul
Fr. Joseph Rudjak Number 123
Wins \$150

Stewardship Reflections

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back...”-Luke 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.



Sunday Collections for: Feb. 15/16

St. Columba Cathedral Parish \$8969.23

Total Mass Attendance

St. Edward

Saturday, Feb.15	4:00 pm	74
Sunday, Feb.16	9:00 am	120

St. Columba

Saturday, Feb. 15	4:00 pm	91
Sunday, Feb. 16	10:30 am	121
Sunday, Feb. 16	4:00 pm	100

Sts. Peter & Paul

Sunday, Feb. 16	11:00 am	53
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Blood Pressure Screenings will be available this weekend, Feb. 22 and Feb. 23 following mass at St. Edward Church.

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.

Remembrance Flames @ St. Columba Cathedral for the week.

Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10

Sanctuary:

Blessed Mother:

St. Joseph:

Lady of Czestochowa: Friends of St. Stanislaus

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

Sanctuary: Wilber & Elizabeth Ferrell and Dorothy Durina

Host & Wine: Martha Beniston

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

Renee L Ples

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



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 cereal, soups and condiments this month.



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.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 23, 2025

- Sunday** Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103; 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38
- Monday** Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday** Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday** Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday** Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
- Friday** Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday** Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18; Mk 10:13-16
- Sunday** Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14; 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45



Hubbard St. Patrick Church

357 N. Main St. Hubbard, OH

LENTEN FRIDAY FISH DINNERS

March 7, 14, 21, 28 April 4 & 11, 2025
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Haddock (Baked, Fried or Italian Style)
Adult: \$15.00 Child: \$8.00

Two sides included:

Choose 1 from:

Homemade Halushki, Mac & Cheese, Pierogi, Hand-cut fries, Ravioli

and 1 from: Coleslaw or Applesauce

Other dinners available:

Fried Shrimp Dinner: \$12

Halushki, Pierogi, Mac & Cheese & Ravioli Dinners are \$8.00 each.

These dinners include coleslaw/applesauce, drink & dessert.

Eat-in, take-out or drive-thru.

Call 330-534-4532 beginning at 3:30 pm for take-out and drive-thru orders.

CATHOLIC CHALLENGE 2.0



Catholic Challenge 2.0 It's a game show for listeners. Play along and learn more about our Catholic Faith. Sunday at noon. Saturday at 10AM. Tune in to Living Bread Radio on **AM 1060** (NE Ohio), **94.5 FM** (Canton) and **89.5 FM** (Youngstown), Alexa, our app and streaming on livingbreadradio.com. Living Bread Radio may change your life or the life of another.

Saint Edward
Saint Columba Cathedral
Sts. Peter and Paul

You are invited to Mardi Gras Celebration at
Saint Edward's Lettau Hall
Saturday, March 1st, 2025
The event will start after the 4:00 pm mass.
We will provide ham, beverages,
bread and table services.
Please consider bringing a dish that can be shared!
Family members and friends are welcome!

**SAINT COLUMBA PARISH
LENTEN SERIES at
SAINT EDWARD CHURCH**

Saturday, March 1, 2025
4:00 pm Mass
Mardi Gras Party

Wednesday, March 5, 2025
Please see the bulletin for Mass times

Tuesday, March 11, 2025
5:30 pm Mass
Simple supper
Talk: What is meant by the Holy Year? Deacon Syl

Tuesday, March 18, 2025
5:30 pm Mass
Simple supper
Talk: Structure of the Church Msgr. Siffrin

Wednesday, March 19, 2025
6:30-8:30pm The Lights are On St. Columba

Tuesday, March 25, 2025
5:30 Mass
Simple Supper
Talk: Vision for merged parishes Msgr. Zuraw

Tuesday, April 1, 2025
5:30 pm Mass
Simple supper
Talk: What is meant by evangelization Fr. Brienz

Tuesday, April 8, 2025
5:30 pm **Mass - Saint Columba
**Seder Meal - Saint Columba Hall

Tuesday, April 15, 2025
5:30 pm Mass: Tuesday of Holy Week
Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered
Simple supper

Saint of The Week

SAINT GREGORY OF NAREK, ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH (c. 945-1003)

February 27

It can be so comforting to those who have experienced certain hardship in life to be able to identify with a particular saint. For example, today's saint, Gregory of Narek, was an orphan. He was born in Turkey in the middle of the 10th century. After his parents died, he went to live with his uncle, who was a monk. Gregory entered the monastery and later became a priest and a theology professor. He was also a mystic and became a well-known writer and poet. One of his pieces, which he described as "an encyclopedia of prayer for all nations," has been translated into thirty languages. He spent his life within the walls of the Narek monastery and was buried there in the early 11th century. Pope Francis declared Gregory, already a saint of the Armenian Apostolic Church, a Doctor of the Church in 2015. He is the patron saint of musicians, singers, students and teachers. Saint Gregory of Narek, pray for us!

—Tami Urcia

