

The Third Sunday of Lent | March 23, 2025



# St. Columba Parish



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## *Saint Edward*

240 Tod Lane  
Youngstown, Ohio 44504

## *Saint Columba*

144 West Wood St.  
Youngstown, OH 44503  
330.744.5233

## *Saints Peter & Paul*

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Youngstown, OH 44510

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[StColumbaCathedral.org](http://StColumbaCathedral.org)

# 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, Tom Poole, Ed Palumbo, 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.

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### AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST:

MARCH 26, 2025

St. Angela Merici

397 S. Jackson St.

Youngstown, OH 44506

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, March 23

9:00 am St. Edward † Joseph Marian Sr & Joseph Marian Jr  
10:30 am St. Columba † Living & Dec Member of St. Columba  
103:30 am Sts. Peter & Paul Stations of the Cross  
11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † Edo Pacic, Irene Nemeth and  
Health & Blessings Daniel & Meghan Wegendt & Gabriel  
4:00 pm St. Columba † Bishop Elect Fr. John Keehner

### Monday, March 24

8:30am St. Edward † Jim Mullen  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Frank Cibulas

### Tuesday, March 25

8:30 am St. Edward † Analese Rose Booth  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Msgr. Glenn Holdbrook  
5:30 pm St. Edward Mass & Simple Supper

### Wednesday, March 26

8:30 am St. Edward † Francisco Constantino  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Marie DePascal  
6:00 pm St. Columba Gorzkie Zale & Benediction

### Thursday, March 27

8:30 am St. Edward † Lily Meier/B-day  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Parishions of St. Columba Parish  
5:45 pm Sts. Peter & Paul † Parishioners of St. Columba

### Friday, March 28

8:30 am St. Edward † Dorothy Welsh  
9:00 am St. Edward Stations of the Cross  
11:30 am St. Columba Stations of the Cross  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Howard & Rosemary O'Malley

### Saturday, March 29

8:30am St. Edward † Raphael Farrell/B-day  
11:00 am St. Columba Combined Confirmation  
4:00pm Vigil St. Columba † Belszek, Veck & LaCivita Families  
4:00pm Vigil St. Edward † Sonia Niro

### Sunday, March 30

9:00am St. Edward † Marge & Ed Scharrer  
10:30 am St. Columba † Betty Forney  
10.:30 am Sts. Peter & Paul Stations of the Cross  
11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † Nancy Vogrin, Edo Pacic,  
Ralph & Mary DeSalle and Tom Markovich/B-day  
4:00 pm St. Columba † Living & DecMembers of St. Columba

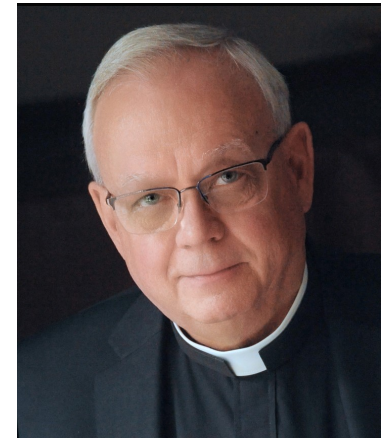
## Pastor's Column

*Sunday, March 23, 2025*

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is the Third Sunday of Lent. Please make this a time of prayer, penance and good works. Our Ecumenical cooperation with neighboring Churches has been a time for prayer together and a commitment to Ecumenism. Our Ambassadors for Christ meets each Wednesday of Lent. Please see the bulletin for this prayer service and the many opportunities for prayer. Please plan on joining us on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings especially. Please know that the staff and I will be praying for you and your families each day!



Today at St. Columba we joyfully gather at the Sunday 4:00 pm Mass to pray for and support Bishop-elect John Keehner as we thank him for his generous and faithful service to the Diocese of Youngstown as a faithful priest, especially his years of service to St. Columba Cathedral as vice Rector and Rector! May the Lord bless him abundantly in the coming years as the Bishop of Sioux City, Iowa.

In your sacrifice this Lent, please support the parish, the Annual Appeal and our help to the poor. As you know, I am a strong supporter of the Annual Appeal both on the parish level and a personal level. I make the Annual Appeal one of my biggest charitable gifts each year because I know how it helps the mission of Catholic Charities and the ministry of the Diocese of Youngstown. Please be as generous as you can be.

Please note that our mailing address is 144 W. Wood St. Youngstown, Ohio 44503.

The parish office phone number is 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.

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.

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

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin

# Lent



# Saint Columba Parish

Mass Times	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeters & Ushers	Altar Server
<b>St. Edward</b>				
4:00 pm March 29	Tom O'Donnell Jim White	Mary Beth Loto/ Host Carol McBride/ CP Mike McBride/ CB	Liz Spencer Ed Palumbo	Jim Leone
9:00 am March 30	Fran Evanoff Ryan Cox	John Jablonski/ Host Linda Molinaro/ CP Caroline McBride/ CB	Mary Lynne West Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Mark Dietz
<b>St. Columba</b>				
4:00 pm March 29	Jean Wainio Melissa Larsen	Sandra Mansour/Host Bill Wainio/Cup Marilynn Butler/ Cup	Rich Conway Dave Sefcik	Sr. Martha Reed
10:30 am March 30	Deanna Marchionda Lisa Devlin	Juliann McLennan/Host Guy Young/Cup Lisa Young/ Cup	Randy Grohovsky Michael Kurilla Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	Quinton Miller Karsten Miller
4:00 pm March 30	Leonard Schiavone Tom Gilmartin Jr.	Ginger Kubala/Host Deacon Bill/Cup Gina Schiavone/Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	
<b>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</b>				
11:00 am March 30	Eric Cromwell	Evie Byers/Host Deacon Syl/Cup Nancy Gunyula/Cup	Nancy Gunyula Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin

## Vocation View/ Third Sunday of Lent March 23, 2025

*"I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future." (Luke 13: 7-9)*

We are invited to consider how God may be cultivating our hearts and preparing us for a vocation of service. Is God calling you to priesthood or consecrated life and patiently waiting for you to respond? Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or [cjohnson@youngstowndioces.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndioces.org).

**300 Club Winner Wk #19:**  
**Sts. Peter and Paul**  
Becky Onuska Number 92  
Wins \$50

### Easter Flowers:

**Please be advised that even though the envelope for Easter Flowers says \$15, it is appropriate to donate \$10 per name or couple listed on the back. This will ensure the proper amount of flowers needed.**

**Thank you.**

## Stewardship Reflections

### The 3rd Sunday of Lent

*"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'"*

**-Luke 13:7**

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all of our gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.



Sunday Collections for: March 15/16  
 St. Columba Cathedral Parish  
 \$ 10,121.05

**Total Mass Attendance**

**St. Edward**

Saturday, March 15	4:00 pm	90
Sunday, March 16	9:00 am	110

**St. Columba**

Saturday, March 15	4:00 pm	109
Sunday, March 16	10:30 am	126
Sunday, March 16	4:00 pm	162

**Sts. Peter & Paul**

Sunday, March 16	11:00 am	70
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There will be no Coffee & Donuts in the Cathedral Hall after Mass today.

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.

Sts. Peter & Paul will be cleaning the interior of the church on Friday, April 11th @ 8:30 am in preparation for our Easter Celebration. All volunteers are welcome & appreciated.



**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 March 2025**

Sanctuary: Dr. John Cernica

Host & Wine: Dr. John Cernica

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

Nancy Vogrin

**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

St. Columba will be having Polish Prayers and Benediction On Wednesdays at 6:00 pm during The Lenten Season on March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd and 9th.



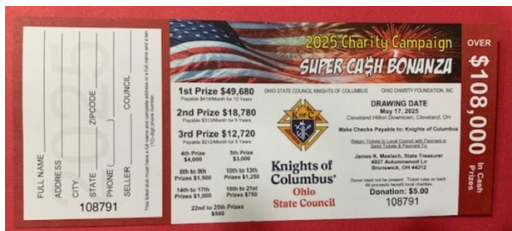
The Mothers of The Crucifix Society of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica of Youngstown are sponsoring their annual Bingo & Card Party on Sunday March 30, 2025 @ 3:00pm. Lunch will be served. Tickets are \$7.00 at the door. All are welcome.



**Blood Pressure Screenings will be available after mass on March 29 and March 30 at St. Edward.**



Council 15959



The St. Edward Knights of Columbus will be selling their **Super Cash Bonanza** tickets at :  
**St. Edward Church March: 22 & 23**  
**St. Columba Cathedral: April 5 & 6, 12&13 and 26&27.**  
 Please consider supporting the Knights by purchasing a ticket. Proceeds go to the Diocese of Youngstown.  
**Ticket cost is \$5.00** for a chance of winning one of the 25 cash prizes. Thank you for your continued support of the Knights of Columbus!

## Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 23, 2025

- Sunday** Third Sunday of Lent  
 Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9  
*Scrutiny Readings:* Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- Monday** 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday** Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord  
 Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday** Fourth Sunday of Lent  
 Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
*Scrutiny Readings:* 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Please join us.

**THE DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. COLUMBA INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE**

**JUBILEE OF THE SICK & HEALTHCARE WORKERS**

Praying for those who are sick and celebrating those in various healthcare ministries throughout the Diocese of Youngstown.

**President: Bishop David J. Bonnar**  
*Sunday, April 6, 2025*  
*4:00 p.m.*  
**154 W. Wood St. Youngstown, OH 44503**

**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE ST. COLUMBA PARISH HALL.**

for additional information contact:  
 (330)744-8451  
 ext. 245 or email:  
 rmangan@youngstowndiocese.org

Inter-Faith Seder Dinner & Ceremony  
 Tuesday April 8th, 2025 Doors open 5:30 P.M.

*(Please Join us for Mass at the Cathedral at 5:30 PM-this is part of the Parish Lenten Program)*

Program Starts Promptly at 6:00 P.M.

**Hosted By:** St. Columba Cathedral Parish-In the Parish Hall  
**Master of Ceremonies:**

Rabbi Joseph Schonberger & Rev. George Balasko, Co-Creator of the Youngstown Jewish/Christian Dialogue

**Catered by: Kravitz Delicatessen**

**This is a full Seder Dinner, it will be narrated by Rabbi Schonberger, explaining the Jewish tradition and Rev. Balasko explaining what it means to the Christian Tradition.**

*Meal includes all items for Passover Seder, and a buffet of Stuffed Chicken, Potato Kugel, Tzimmas, Steamed Asparagus, Chocolate Brownies. Beverages included are coffee, iced tea, water and grape juice for the 4 cups of wine for the dinner. (BYOB wine) Cost per plate is \$25.00. Tickets available during normal weekday hours at St. Columba Cathedral Parish Office. Please call 330 744 5233 for questions.*

*Looking for Sponsors to help defer the cost.*

Speaker Sponsor	\$500.00
Dinner Sponsor	\$500.00
Desert Sponsor	\$300.00
Seder Sponsor	\$100.00
Patron Sponsor	\$25.00

*Approved for one hour, general, for Office of Religious Education Certification.*



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## Saint of The Week

**March 23 SAINT TORIBIO DE MOGROVEJO (1538-1606)**

In times of crisis, God always “surprises” the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ’s light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the Reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Toribio de Mongrovejo, was God’s “saintly surprise” in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Toribio was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Toribio was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying *conquistadores*—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives’ devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayer books in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomes Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invokes “the shining example of San Toribio.” —Peter Scagnelli

