

Sixth Sunday of Easter | May 25, 2025



# St. Columba Parish



## MEMORIAL DAY

★ IN MEMORY OF OUR HEROES ★

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### *Saint Edward*

240 Tod Lane  
Youngstown, Ohio 44504

### *Saint Columba*

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Youngstown, OH 44503

330.744.5233

[parish101@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:parish101@youngstowndiocese.org)

### *Saints Peter & Paul*

421 Covington Street  
Youngstown, OH 44510

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# 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!

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, May 25

9:00 am **St. Edward** † **Sonia Niro**

10:30 am St. Columba † David & Lucille Laughlin

11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † Gary Andrews, Nancy Vogrin, June Kausits and Derrick Stratton

4:00 pm St. Columba † Margaret Pecchio

**Monday, May 26** **Memorial Day: Parish office will be closed.**

8:30am **St. Edward** † Monsignor Siffrin/Birthday Blessings

12:10 pm St. Columba † "We are one body" radio listeners  
Prayer Requests

### Tuesday, May 27

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Dorothy Durina**

12:10 pm St. Columba † St. Columba Graduates Class of 2025

### Wednesday, May 28

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Sonia Niro**

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

### Thursday, May 29

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Chuck & Jean Lowry**

12:10 pm St. Columba † Judy Kinkela

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

### Friday, May 30

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Margaret Jenkins**

12:10 pm St. Columba † Audrey Kempe

### Saturday, May 31

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Stanley Szlest**

4:00 pm Vigil St. Columba † Todd M. Zmary

4:00 pm Vigil **St. Edward** † **Fr. Frank Lehnerd**

### Sunday, June 1

9:00am **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

Please consider donating Peanut Butter, Canned Fruits & Canned Vegetables for the Month of May.



## Pastor's Column

*Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 25, 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! As we continue our journey through the Easter Season, we are planning for new relationships with Angela Merici Parish and St. Patrick Parish. Let's pray for each other as we look forward to our journeys of faith together.

Congratulations to Fr. Rudjak who celebrated his anniversaries to diaconate and priesthood last Sunday, May 18, 2025, at the 11:00 am Mass at SS. Peter and Paul. Prayers and congratulations!!

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.

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!

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!

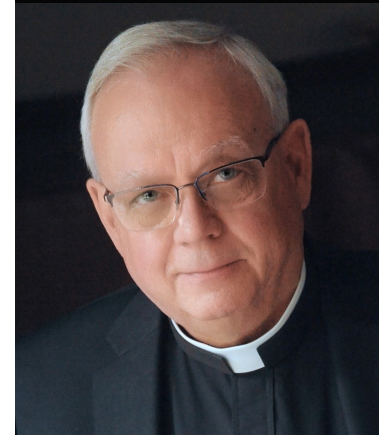
Thank you to parishioners who are beginning to call the office to let us know about family or friends who are in nursing homes or are confined to their home.

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!

I am looking forward to our collaboration with St. Angela Merici and St. Patrick Parishes!

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

Sincerely in Christ,  
Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin



## Reflection

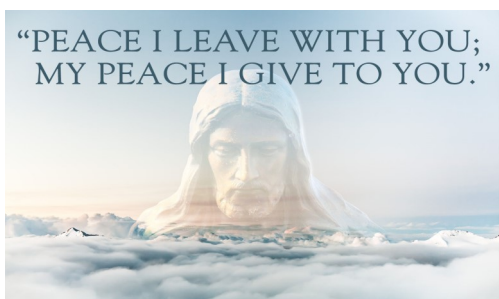
### Sixth Sunday of Easter A Humble God

The second reading from Revelations gives us a picture of the New Jerusalem as a sign of the power and majesty of God. Yet the other two readings seem to describe a humble God who wishes "not to place on you any burden beyond . . . necessity" (Acts 15:28), and Jesus in the Gospel tells his disciples that "the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name . . . will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (John 14:26). This gentleness reminds me of an icon by the Russian monk Andrei Rublev that depicts the Trinity as three angels bowing in deference to each other. This humility may be what moved Jesus to say that "the Father is greater than I" (John 14:28). It is certainly a unique way of understanding God.

I used to think of free will as God's way of testing our worthiness for the kingdom of heaven. But it is more likely part of that same humility, God not being forced on us. While we are given ways to know God, especially through the scriptures and the witness of those who went before us in faith, God leaves us free to believe or not, to love God or not. So does this mean God leaves us on our own to get through life? No, he gives us the Holy Spirit to teach and remind us of all that Jesus said. That "reminding" is an important way the Spirit helps us today. You may have spent years in religion classes or the RCIA process. When you need an answer to life's questions, the Spirit may remind you of something you heard from a teacher or read in the scriptures. As you pray over that question, the Spirit may help you understand how the scripture applies to you. So the more you read the Bible, the more likely that the Spirit will have something of which to remind you.

# 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 May 31	Frann Evanoff Jim White	Mike McBride/Host Kathy Lewis/CP Jimmy Weller/CB	Marcy Haney Ed Palumbo	Jim Carsone
9:00 am June 1	Nick Farrell Ryan Cox	Andrea Padach/Host Diane Guarnieri/CP Caroline McBride/CB	Janet Byrne Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Jennifer Vinkler
<b>St. Columba</b>				
4:00 pm May 31	Carol Michaels Jean Wainio	Sandra Mansour/Host Chuck Zarnary/Cup Marilynn Butler/Cup	Carol Zarnary Rich Conway Dave Sefcik	Sr. Martha Reed
10:30 am June 1	Barbara Walko Natalia Wells	Lisa Young/Host Deacon Bill/Cup Guy Young/Cup	Randy Grohovsky Michael Kurilla Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	
4:00 pm June 1	Ginger Kubala Margaret Bourne	Leonard Schiavone/Host Gina Schiavone/Cup Kathleen Meese/Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	
<b>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</b>				
11:00 am June 1	Evie Byers	John S. Vogrin/Host Diane Buser/Cup Deacon Syl/Cup	Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin



## Vocation View/ 6th Sunday of Easter May 25, 2025

*"The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." - (John 14:26)*

How has the Holy Spirit spoken to or guided you? Do you feel called to the priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage? Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or

[cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org).

## Stewardship Reflections

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

*"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." - (John 14:27)*

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.



## Our Stewardship

Sunday Collections for:

*St. Columba Cathedral Parish*

May 17/18      \$ 8,672.07

### Total Mass Attendance

#### St. Edward

Saturday, May 17	4:00 pm	78
Sunday, May 18	9:00 am	108

#### St. Columba

Saturday, May 17	4:00 pm	91
Sunday, May 18	10:30 am	123
Sunday, May 18	4:00 pm	127

#### Sts. Peter & Paul

Sunday, May 18	11:00 am	160
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### 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.

### Sts. Peter & Paul Spring Clean-up

Volunteers are needed for the Spring Clean-up on Fri., May 30 & Sat. May 31. We will start at 8:30am on both days.

We will be working on the church grounds: weeding, planting and mulching. Lunch will be provided. Please let Autumn or Dave Ivko know if you can help. (330) 270-1571.



Ursuline Assisted Living has immediate openings for health care aides. Part or full time available. Morning, afternoon and night shifts available. Call 330-793-7636 to schedule an interview. 4250 Shields Rd., Canfield.

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

*Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10*

Sanctuary:

Blessed Mother: Ann Tamburino

St. Joseph: Mary & Joseph Brajkovich

Lady of Czestochowa: Mr. & Mrs. Louis Sabo

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

Sanctuary: Wilber & Elizabeth Ferrell and Dorothy Durina

Host & Wine: Martha Beniston

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

Gary Andrews

### 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.

## Save the Date:

THE 86TH ANNUAL ST. EDWARD  
CLAMBAKE FUNDRAISER

All you can eat clams, chicken, sweet  
potatoes, fresh corn on the cob,  
dessert, open wine, beer and pop bar

DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025

LOCATION: OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL SOCIAL HALL

TIME: 6:00-10:00 p.m.

COST: \$80.00 PER TICKET (Group tables available)

Interested: Call or text to make your reservation:

Diane Guarnieri, 330-501-4969

**limited!!**

Can't attend or not interested in clams? Consider making a  
donation or being a sponsor. Sponsorships: \$100, \$250, \$500  
All sponsors and donations over \$50 are recognized in our program  
This fundraiser supports the missions of our St. Columba Parish  
Community  
Thank you for your support and God Bless.



## Scripture Readings

*For the Week of May 25, 2025*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest</b> Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4a
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</b> 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
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Zeph 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56 <b>Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> 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

One way to support the Catholic Church pro-life, pro-family  
position is to participate in **First Step for Change**, a campaign  
sponsored by Catholic Charities to assist low-income preg-  
nant women and families with food, formula, clothing, dia-  
pers, and other items essential to a child's health, safety and  
well-being. Prayerfully consider a gift, and return your enve-  
lopes to our parish by June 30. Support the Gospel of Life by  
reaching out to parents, children and families who need a  
helping hand. Online giving is also available at  
[www.ccdoy.org](http://www.ccdoy.org).

## Church at Home Combined Collection

Next weekend, parishes in the Diocese of Youngstown will  
hold the annual Church At Home combined collection.

This three-in-one collection supports the national and local  
work of three important Church ministries. The Catholic  
Campaign for Human Development works to break the cy-  
cles of poverty by providing local and national support for  
low-income people with a hand up, not a hand out. The  
USCCB Catholic Communications Campaign helps the Church  
spread the Gospel message through local and national me-  
dia. The Catholic University of America and Newman Cam-  
pus Ministries supports educational and research programs  
and develops future leaders at the nation university of our  
Catholic Church. Please prayerfully consider a generous  
donation.

## 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



## 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.



# Strossmayer

**Croatian Picnic Grounds**  
4202 Smith Stewart Rd  
Vienna, Ohio

## FUN for the whole Family

**Croatian food, music, and dancing**  
Live Music all day  
Bands Include: Zadnja Stanica  
And Noćne Sove

**Open to the PUBLIC**  
**Admission \$8**  
Children 12 and Under Free  
**\$ Cash ONLY \$**  
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**Saturday May 31, 2025**  
12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Lamb and Pork Roasted on site**  
PREORDER ONLY by 5/25/25  
**2 lb minimum**  
To preorder call or text  
**330-507-6660**

**Open to the PUBLIC**  
**Admission \$8**  
Children 12 and Under Free  
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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 VEGAS 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**  
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](http://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.*



## Saint of The Week

### SAINT PHILIP NERI (1515-1595) May 26

In a shop near the Vatican, a group of Americans laughed as the shopkeeper showed off his fluent English and latest souvenir, a key ring whose papal portrait, when pressed, activated a recorded blessing. Through the shop window, two clerics scowled disapproval. The shopkeeper grunted, "They're a very somber order who've left the Church. I recognize them." "By their long robes?" an American asked. "Many in Rome wear robes," replied the shopkeeper. "It's their long faces!" When Philip Neri arrived in sixteenth-century Rome, there was reason to be somber. Swiss Guards had been massacred on Saint Peter's steps defending the pope. Parts of Europe were abandoning the Church. But Philip resolved to be an "Apostle of Joy," drawing especially the young to Christ—and frequent confession and Communion—by his sincere interest in their problems, prayerful example, and gentle humor. His "Oratory," a movement as well as a place, provided recreation and devotion in a joyful atmosphere of companionship, service, and liturgy. Philip Neri challenges each of us to begin improving Church and world by changing ourselves with unflinching joy. —Peter Scagnelli

