

Palm Sunday | April 13, 2025



# St. Columba Parish



**FATHER**  
**INTO YOUR HANDS**  
I COMMEND MY SPIRIT



## *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, 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!

**300 Club Winner Wk #22:**

**Sts. Peter and Paul**

Donna Orosz Number 70

Wins \$50

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, April 13

9:00 am **St. Edward** † Ray & Valerie Kobus  
10:30 am St. Columba † Living & Deceased Members of St. Columba Parish  
11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † Nancy Vogrin & Edo Pacic  
**Health & Blessings Irene Vince/ B-Day and M/M Kurt Morris & Miriah**  
4:00 pm St. Columba † Anna Wyka

### Monday, April 14

8:30am **St. Edward** † Helen & Steve Susa  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Parishioners of St. Columba  
1:00 pm St. Columba Reconciliation

### Tuesday, April 15

8:30 am **St. Edward** † Katy Vivolo  
10:30 am St. Columba † Chrism Mass  
1:00 pm St. Columba Reconciliation  
5:30 pm **St. Edward** † Health & Well Being Kathy & Mike Welsh

### Wednesday, April 16

8:30 am **St. Edward** † Sonia Niro  
9:45 am St. Columba Prayer Service  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Lena Fair  
1:00 pm St. Columba Reconciliation

### Thursday, April 17

5:00 pm St. Columba Mass of the Lord's Supper  
6:00 pm– 9:00 pm Adoration  
7:00 pm **St. Edward** † Fr. F. Lehnerd  
8:00 pm– 9:00 pm Adoration

### Friday, April 18

11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** Prayer and Reflection  
11:30 am St. Columba Stations of the Cross  
12:00 noon **Sts. Peter & Paul** Walk with the Cross  
3:00 pm St. Columba Passion of the Lord  
6:00 pm **St. Edward** Passion of the Lord

### Saturday, April 19

2:00 pm St. Columba Blessing of Easter Food  
8:00 pm Vigil St. Columba † Living & Deceased Members of St. Columba Parish

### Sunday, April 20

9:00am **St. Edward** † Jim Mullen  
10:30 am St. Columba † Living & Deceased Members of St. Columba Parish  
11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † Nancy Vogrin, Deceased Cancel Family Members and Bela Simonyi/Name Day  
12:30 pm St. Columba † Special Intention

## Pastor's Column

Sunday, April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday

As We Journey Together, May Christ Light Our Way.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is Palm Sunday. Please make this Holy Week 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. The Lenten Series continues this Tuesday at St. Edward Church. This Tuesday will provide time for the Sacrament of Penance. Please note the schedule of events for Holy Week in the bulletin. Please make every effort to join us in prayer and invite neighbors and friends!

Next Sunday is Easter Sunday.

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.

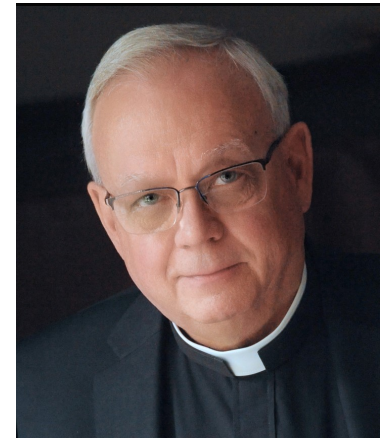
Thank you to parishioners who are beginning to call the office to let us know about family or friends who are in nursing homes or are confined to their home.

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. 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

### Palm Sunday One Who Serves

In the long form of the Passion from Luke's Gospel, Jesus refers to himself as "the one who serves" (Luke 22:27). This reminds me of today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians. He says that Christ "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" (Philippians 2:7). Jesus is not just being humble here. He gives us an example of how far God will go in loving humanity.

I suspect the apostles were confused when Jesus talked this way. Yet he tells them to be like a servant—expect little reward for what you do for others. Now the apostles might have thought, "Sure, I can do that. I'll preach about the Kingdom of God for free. Then I'll really look important *and* holy." So Jesus reminds them that the world looks at the person being served as more important than the servant. But he is one who serves. and if the apostles are to be leaders of the church they will need to be servants, too. Why? Because that is how God comes to the people.

In the Passion according to Luke, Jesus heals one of the men sent to arrest him. Barabbas, a murderer, is set free so Jesus can be crucified. As he is led to the cross, he consoles the women who weep for him. And even on the cross, he is the suffering servant who asks the Father to forgive those who are killing him.

With the example of service that Jesus shows toward those who put him to death, can we at least be "one who serves" those around us? Can we at least forgive those who hurt us—maybe even pray for our leaders, especially the ones with whom we disagree. -Tom Schmidt

# Saint Columba Parish

Mass Times	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeters & Ushers	Altar Server
<b>St. Edward</b>				
9:00 am April 20	Clara Mullen Tom O'Donnell	Rowland Family/ Host Deacon Syl/ CP Beverly DeMario/ CB	Mae Kohn Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Shannon Cox Dan Rowland
<b>St. Columba</b>				
8:00 pm April 19 Easter Vigil	TBD	/Host /Cup / Cup	Carol Zmary Rich Conway Dave Sefcik	Sr. Martha Reed
10:30 am April 20	TBD	/Host /Cup / Cup	Randy Grohovsky Michael Kurilla Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	Vincent Brine Andrew Brine
12:30 pm April 20	TBD	/Host /Cup /Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	
<b>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</b>				
11:00 am April 20	Julie Tarantino	Ed Habuda/Host Linda Habuda/Cup	Nancy Gunyula Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin

## Vocation View/ Palm Sunday April 13, 2025

*"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."* -(Luke 23:46)

Jesus' words reveal the ultimate trust and surrender to God's will. In vocations, we're invited to echo this trust, placing our lives in God's hands and answering His call with courage and faith. As we enter Holy Week, consider whether God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or [cjohnson@youngstowndioces.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndioces.org).

Please consider donating Peanut Butter & Jelly and Cereal for the Month of April.



## Stewardship Reflections

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

*"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me."* -(Luke 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.


### 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.

**Deadline for flowers is April 14th**

**Thank you!**





**Our Stewardship**

Sunday Collections for: April 5/6  
**St. Columba Cathedral Parish**  
 \$ 13,922.82

**Total Mass Attendance**

**St. Edward**

Saturday, April 5	4:00 pm	79
Sunday, April 6	9:00 am	117

**St. Columba**

Saturday, April 5	4:00 pm	106
Sunday, April 6	10:30 am	131
Sunday, April 6	4:00 pm	217

**Sts. Peter & Paul**

Sunday, April 6	11:00 am	70
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**Sts. Peter & Paul Green Team**  
 – We are in need of volunteer grass cutters, grounds help (Men, women and teens) for the upcoming Spring, Summer and Fall Seasons. Scheduled time is on Saturdays from 8:00am-11:00am. Our first grass cutting is scheduled for Saturday, April 19th. Please contact David Ivko at (330) 270-1571 if you are able to help. Thank you!

**VOLUNTEER**



**CCD is scheduled for today : 10:15am-11:30am**

**Community Kitchen:**

Volunteers are needed for the week of April 21 thru April 25 at the Community Kitchen of Youngstown. Scheduled time is 9:30am-1:30pm daily. There will be a collection at Sts. Peter & Paul after 11:00am mass on Sunday, April 13. The collection will support the cost of meals for the week. (\$500.00) If you can help, please contact David Ivko at (330) 270-1571 Thank you!

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

Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10

Sanctuary: Kenneth DePascal

Blessed Mother:

St. Joseph:

Lady of Czestochowa:

**Sanctuary Candle/ Host & Wine @ St. Edward April 2025**

Sanctuary:

Host & Wine: Bob Herberger & Mary Beth Reynolds

**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**

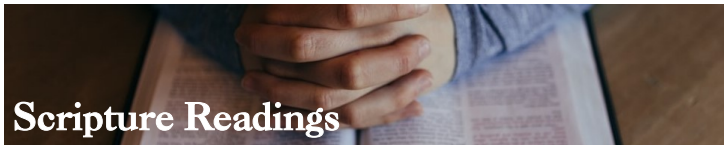
Any woman desiring to become affiliated with a religious order and any man desiring to become a priest, permanent deacon, or brother is welcome to discuss her/his vocation with Monsignor Siffrin.

**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.



*For the Week of April 13, 2025*

- Sunday** **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**  
Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49
- Monday** **Holy Monday**  
Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday** **Holy Tuesday**  
Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a; Sab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday** **Holy Wednesday**  
Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday** **Holy Thursday of the Lord's Passion**  
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16 bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Friday** **Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**  
Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
- Saturday** **Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter**  
Gen 1:1-2:2 or Gen 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gen 22:1-18 or Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5,8,9-10, 11; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5, 43:3, 4; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12
- Sunday** **The Resurrection of the Lord**  
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20: 1-9

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND**  
 Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church to minister in parishes, provide to Catholic schools, offer religious education and undertake social and charitable works.  
 It is vital that we support Christians living in the Holy Land in order to maintain a Christian presence in the very land made holy by the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus.  
 When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church of the Holy Land.  
**PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**



Scan the QR code  
to donate to the 2025  
Annual Diocesan Appeal



DOY.org/Appeal

For questions or assistance, please call the Appeal Office at 330-744-8451 ext.324

**AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST:**

**APRIL 18, 2025**

**Sts. Peter & Paul Church  
421 Covington St.**

**Youngstown, OH 44510**

10:00-11:00 am Reflection of the Passion St. Peter & Paul Church.

**Our 24th year of Journey with the Cross, Good Friday, April 18 at noon beginning at We Walk By Faith Bible Church, 1636 Himrod Ave. & ending at St. Columba Cathedral, 154 West Wood St.**



Council 15959



The St. Edward Knights of Columbus will be selling their **Super Cash Bonanza** tickets at :  
**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!

**Their next meeting is scheduled for:  
 Monday, April 21st, 2025**

Please join us in celebrating Fr. Francis Muriithi. Fr. Francis will be greatly missed and we want him to know how much he is loved and respected by all. We will be having a small reception after each mass on the following dates. Please plan to join us on:

**Palm Sunday Weekend:**

- Saturday, April 12 after 4:00 mass: St. Columba
- Sunday, April 13 after 9:00 mass: St. Edward
- after 11:00 mass: St. Peter & Paul
- after 4:00 mass: St. Columba



**Please be advised: Bulletin News**

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!

*Congratulations To:*

*Emily Cromwell on her Confirmation that was celebrated on Saturday April 5th at Holy Family Church.*  
*and*  
*Steve & Mary Jean Sotlar on their 66th Wedding Anniversary that they recently celebrated.*

**Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum**

**Sunday April 13 - Sunday, April 20, 2025**

“The days of Jesus’ life-giving death and glorious resurrection are approaching, the hour he triumphed over Satan’s pride, the time we celebrate the great event of our redemption” (Preface of the Lord’s Passion II, *Sacramentary*). Thus the Church begins the one week of the year that we formally designate as “Holy.” Simple rituals can link the domestic church to parish church and Church universal. Enthroned Sunday’s palms where you pray, behind the family crucifix, even as part of front door decorations: “Christ reigns here,” they proclaim; “all are welcome!” During the first three days of Holy Week, ready Easter clothes, prepare festival foods, clean the house, and beautify the yard. Late Holy Thursday afternoon, share Lent’s final meal before the Lord’s Supper Mass. Pitcher, bowl, and towel make a fitting centerpiece; perhaps conclude the meal by washing each other’s feet. On Good Friday, observe the paschal fast from food—from TV and computer, too! Then come to Holy Saturday’s Vigil with mind clear, stomach empty, and heart full of “holy anticipation” that bursts into living flame when the new fire is kindled. —Peter Scagnelli

**TRIDUUM**

