



St. Columba Parish



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Saint Columba

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Saint Columba Parish

Mission Statement

The mission of the Cathedral Parish of Saint Columba is two fold: 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 John Rovnak Parochial Vicar

Reverend Edward Brienzi In Residence

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



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"300" Club

300 Club Winner Wk #15

St. Columba Parish

Steve Sotlar #7

Wins \$150

Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 7

9:00 am St. Edward † Paul Hartwig & Anna Reese
10:30 am St. Columba † Thomas & Clara Leone
11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † Paula Tomsick, John Medovich,
Deceased members of the Benci & Jones Families and
Living & Deceased members of the Morris & DiRito
Families
4:00 pm St. Columba † Friends of St. Columba

Monday, September 8

8:30 am St. Edward † Prayer Service
9:30 am St. Columba † Millcreek Metropark Employees
Living & Deceased

Tuesday, September 9

8:30 am St. Edward † Prayer Service
12:10 pm St. Columba † Prayer Service

Wednesday, September 10

8:30 am St. Edward † Prayer Service
12:10 pm St. Columba † Prayer Service

Thursday, September 11

8:30 am St. Edward † Prayer Service
12:10 pm St. Columba † Prayer Service
5:45 pm Sts. Peter & Paul † Prayer Service

Friday, September 12

8:30 am St. Edward † Tami Vitello
12:10 pm St. Columba † Edward J. Hulme Sr.

Saturday, September 13

8:30 am St. Edward † Larry Kobus & Dr. John Cernica
4:00 pm Vigil St. Columba † Todd M. Zarny
4:00 pm Vigil St. Edward † Dr. Tom Pokabla & Danny McCauley

Sunday, September 14

9:00 am St. Edward † Dr. John Cernica & Barbara Reese-
Hanshaw
10:30 am St. Columba † Felix Wyka
11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † Maureen Simonyi, Tyne Horvath,
Michael Byce Sr., Fr. Mathew Kiss and Nancy Vogrin
4:00 pm St. Columba † Living & Deceased Parishioners of St.
Columba

Please keep all of the priests of the diocese in your prayers and be assured they will be praying for all of us during the Convocation this week. Mass intentions scheduled during these days have been rescheduled.

Pastor's Column

The Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time.

As We Journey Together, May Christ Light Our Way.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Scriptures today invite us to consider the importance of our complete and total commitment to Christ who has given his entire self for our salvation and eternal life. The extreme examples Jesus gives us about carrying our cross and placing him firmly in first place in our life is a transformative commitment. This challenge is often misunderstood. We are not asked by the Lord to diminish ourselves or be subservient but to recognize that all the good and precious things we are and have come from the Lord. This challenge is meant to be genuine honesty about ourselves, our relationships with the Lord and our neighbors. We cannot give or share the message of the Gospel if it does not live in us. We cannot give what we do not have. With this understanding, we can be loving and helpful to each other in recognizing the gifts that the Lord has entrusted to each of us.

As we continue to discuss and prepare for changes in Mass time at St. Columba Parish, I will be sharing with you the recent changes and mergers across the Diocese due to the fewer number of priests. I ask for your prayers and support as we plan to the future so that we can share our faith and the gifts God has entrusted to us so that we can promote and strengthen our Diocesan Church.

Please notice the new tabernacle in St. Columba on the former St. Joseph altar. The marble front is a depiction of St. Columba from the 1958 old high altar of the Cathedral. Please also note the new baptismal font and the refurbished bas relief of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the chapel.

Do you know anyone who has drifted from their relationship with the Lord, or someone who has not come to know the Lord? If you do, then welcome them to come with you to worship with us. Also, consider inviting people to join us in the OCIA.

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.

Over the summer we will be discussing ways to improve our religious education program. Help us to reach out to parents with young children who do not yet have a Church home. Invite them to church with you or contact the staff so that they can reach out to them!

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

Sincerely in Christ,
Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin



Reflection

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Free to Love

St. Paul must have understood today's Gospel very well. Like Jesus, he knew what being a disciple would cost. It landed him in prison. Also like Jesus, he is not afraid to ask others to take that discipleship seriously. And he is not ashamed to ask a favor: Would Philemon accept his runaway slave, Onesimus, back into his home? Not just as a slave, but as a member of his family.

In the Gospel, Jesus talks about the cost of discipleship. Paul takes that a step further—he reminds us to accept that cost freely. He could have ordered his friend to free the slave. Instead of giving an order, he called Philemon to respond to his request freely. Perhaps we can learn from that example.

Like Paul, when Jesus commands us to love one another, he leaves us free to accept that challenge. Remember, he always says, "Love one another, as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Jesus was never compelled to cure anyone or forgive their sins. Yet how often do we go to church because we were told we have to? Do we volunteer for the picnic only because the pastor twists our arm?

We can live life just doing what we have to. Or when Jesus offers us a new motive—love for God because God loves us—we can choose to follow him freely. Let us ask the Spirit to fill us with the freedom to love.

—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 September 13	Frann Evanoff Don Turnbull	Barbara Barry/Host Susan Burns/CP Mary Beth Loto/CB	Liz Spencer Ed Palumbo	Linda Puryear
9:00 am September 14	Mary Ann Cashier David Sweeney	Valerie Kust/Host Carol Brushes-Garda/CP Mary Lynne West/CB	Bailey Lloyd Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Mark Dietz
St. Columba				
4:00 pm September 13	Carol Michaels Ronald Chapman	Chuck Zamarly/Host Mirta Chapman/Cup Tess Szenborn/Cup	Carol Zamarly Rich Conway Dave Sefcik	Sr. Martha
10:30 am September 14	Deanna Marchionda Lisa Devlin	Juliann McLennan/Host Lisa Young/Cup Guy Young/Cup	Randy Grohovsky Michael Kurilla Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	Patrick Young Karsten Miller
4:00 pm September 14	Laura Elder Margaret Bourne	JoAnn Oaks/Host Deacon Mark/Cup David Oaks/Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	Sr. Martha
Sts. Peter & Paul				
11:00 am September 14	Michelle Tyson	Mary Rose Purton/Host Deacon Tony/Cup Branka Sovec Ladd/Cup	Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7, 2025

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27)

Every vocation involves sacrifice. Whether you are married, learning to put your spouse's needs before you own, or a priest choosing to forgo family life to serve others, each path involves laying down your desires for the sake of love. Trust that Christ will provide you with the strength to follow Him on your journey. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org or Fr. Will Wainio at wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org

Stewardship Reflections

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33)

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

The Knights of Columbus will be having
their next scheduled meeting on
Monday, September 8th @ 6:00pm @ St. Edward.



Knights of
Columbus®



Sunday Collections for:

St. Columba Cathedral Parish

August 30/31 \$ 10,172.89

Total Mass Attendance

St. Edward

Saturday, August 30 4:00 pm 75

Sunday, August 31 9:00 am 119

St. Columba

Saturday, August 30 4:00 pm 99

Sunday, August 31 10:30 am 136

Sunday, August 31 4:00 pm 133

Sts. Peter & Paul

Sunday, August 31 11:00 am 43

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.



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.

*Parishioners that require
Low Gluten Communion:
please stop in the sacristy
before mass to let our
priests know so they can
make sure you get the cor-
rect communion.*

Thank you!!

Please consider donating Peanut Butter, cereals and pancake mix for the Month of September.



Remembrance Flames @ St. Columba Cathedral for the week.

Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10

Sanctuary:

Blessed Mother:

St. Joseph: John C. & Tommy Orlo

Lady of Czestochowa: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Grzywna

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

Sanctuary:

Host & Wine:

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

Steve & Lucy Ples

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you to those who have and continue to support the works of our SVdP Conference and our Council at large. Your donations of money, food, personal hygiene items as well as the socks and underwear are greatly appreciated.

If you would like to learn more about our work beyond the dining hall, you are welcome to attend our next Conference meeting which will be held on **Tuesday, Sept. 9th, 9:15 a.m., Vincentian Hall, St Edward Church.**

If you know of a family or individual in need, please contact Sr. Martha at 330-744-5233 or Diane Guarnieri at 330-501-4969.

Personal Hygiene items are always appreciated.

Save the Date:

Saint Vincent de Paul's annual fundraiser--The Oktoberfest- will be held on Saturday, October 18th at the St. Christine Social Hall.
Details coming soon!

God Bless

If you are interested in volunteering for our events, or would like more information, please contact Diane Guarnieri at 330-501-4969



Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 7, 2025

Sunday	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33
Monday	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38
Friday	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17



St. Edward Knights of Columbus Council 15959

Football CRAZR Ticket Sale!

Please consider supporting our annual K of C CRAZR ticket sale!



For a fun way to help support our St. Edward Knights of Columbus chapter as you cheer on your favorite NFL teams weekly, consider purchasing a **CRAZR** ticket from the Knights. You can double your fun by not only cheering on your favorite NFL team(s), but also your **CRAZR** teams for the week (each ticket has four teams listed weekly for ten weeks). 25 cash prizes are awarded weekly based on the highest and lowest total team scores.

Proceeds from this sale help the Knights to support local Diocesan charities, such as Catholic Charities, United Way, Potential Development, Golden String and others.

The Knights will be selling tickets at St. Edward Church after Masses the weekends of **September 13 and 14, September 20 and 21 and September 27 and 28**. \$20 per ticket (for 10 weeks of fun!) Thank you for your support!



Class on the Creed

During this jubilee year dedicated to hope, one way to deepen our faith and hope in Jesus is to learn about him and what we believe. The Creed that we say every Sunday, expresses our basic beliefs-the Creed makes us followers of Jesus. We will have 2 classes on the Creed-

One on Thursday September 11th at EITHER 10:00 am or 6:30 pm in Vincentian Hall at St. Edward. The second class will be on Thursday September 18th again, at EITHER 10:00 am or 6:30 pm. Come-learn about our beautiful faith.

25th, 40th, 50th and over Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 26th, 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Canton, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2025.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with the Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, with the blessing of couples celebrating significant anniversaries. Each couple will receive a personalized certificate. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the parish hall. You must make advanced reservations for this event by contacting your parish office and obtaining your pastor's signature before September 26th.

Twenty-Ninth Annual Red Mass:

Bishop David J. Bonnar invites all men and women involved in the Legal and Judicial Profession across the six counties of Northeast Ohio to join in prayer for their important work for the common good of our local communities and society. All judges and attorneys, particularly those who are Catholics are encouraged to attend the Twenty-Ninth Annual Red Mass on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown, OH 12:10 p.m. For additional information, please contact Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin at (330) 744-8451 ext 225.

It's that time of year again. Annual Stuffed Cabbage Dinner at Christ the Good Shepherd Parish/ St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 159 Reed Ave., Campbell. Sunday September 21, 2025, 12 noon - 4pm.

50/50 Raffle tickets and Basket Raffle will be available at the Dinner.

Dinner Tickets available after 11am Mass on Sunday or from members of Christ the Good Shepherd Cultural Society, or by calling Mariann at 330-755-1979.

Thank you for your on-going support!



It's not too late to join the 300 Club Raffle. Numbers are still available. We currently have 36 spots left. Help us fill the sheet. \$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.



Please be advised: BULLETIN INSERTS

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!

Saint of The Week

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (c. 344-407) September 13

"Speaking truth to power" may have become just another cliché, but doing precisely that cost John "the Golden Mouth" (*Chrysostom*) his diocese and, after exile and a forced march, his health and life. "Renowned for eloquence, heroic in suffering" (*Sacramentary*), John's scriptural insights still comfort and challenge. Mystical theologian, he bids Eastern Christians, whose principal Divine Liturgy bears his name, to lift up their hearts to "God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever, always the same."

Model pastor, he warns Roman Catholics in the *Liturgy of the Hours* not to neglect God-in-the-flesh: "Would you honor Christ's body? Do not scorn his nakedness, honoring him here in church with silken robes, while neglecting him cold and naked outside. What use to burden Christ's altar with golden chalices, while Christ himself starves to death? What use dressing the altar with gold-woven cloths, while denying the shivering Christ the clothes he needs? Do not adorn the church while ignoring your needy brother: he is the most precious temple of all!" (Saturday, Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time). —Peter Scagnelli

