



# St. Columba Parish

## REQUIEM AETERNAM ("Eternal Rest")



### POPE FRANCIS

December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of the  
faithful departed, through the mercy  
of God, rest in peace. Amen*

#### **Saint Edward**

240 Tod Lane  
Youngstown, Ohio 44504

#### **Saint Columba**

144 West Wood St.  
Youngstown, OH 44503

330.744.5233

[parish101@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto: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.

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**300 Club Winner Wk #23 & 24**

**Sts. Peter and Paul**

Nanette Burnett Number 139

&

Larry Kurtz Number 77

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## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, April 27

9:00 am **St. Edward** † Elizabeth J. Beshara  
10:30 am St. Columba † John C. & Tommy Orlo  
11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † Dave Kaster, Sandor Tollas Jr,  
Nancy C. Vogrin, Health & Blessings Georgian Colontone  
12:30 pm St. Columba † Living & Deceased Members of  
St. Columba Parish

### Monday, April 28

8:30am **St. Edward** † Mary & Al Sobinosky  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Gary Hilton  
6:00 pm St. Columba Eagle of The Cross

### Tuesday, April 29

8:30 am **St. Edward** † Danny Price  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Howard & Rosemary O'Malley

### Wednesday, April 30

8:30 am **St. Edward** † Ann & Mike Kopanic  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Deacon Russ O'Neill/on his 25th  
Anniversary of being a Deacon

### Thursday, May 1

8:30 am **St. Edward** † Fred Beshara  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Howard & Rosemary O'Malley  
5:00 pm **St. Edward** Holy Hour  
5:45 pm **Sts. Peter & Paul** † Parishioners of St. Columba

### Friday, May 2

8:30 am **St. Edward** † Adam & Suzie Firment  
12:10 pm St. Columba † Parishioners of St. Columba

### Saturday, May 3

8:30 am **St. Edward** † Francis, Joe & Jim Firment  
4:00 pm Vigil St. Columba † Angela Filipski  
4:00 pm Vigil **St. Edward** † Adeline & Joseph Marian

### Sunday, May 4

9:00am **St. Edward** † Larry Kobus  
First Communion Mass  
10:30 am St. Columba † Stephen Evens  
11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † Maureen Simonyi, Nancy Vogrin,  
Health & Blessing Cancel Family and Linda Fulmer/B-day  
4:00 pm St. Columba † Living & Deceased Members of  
St. Columba Parish

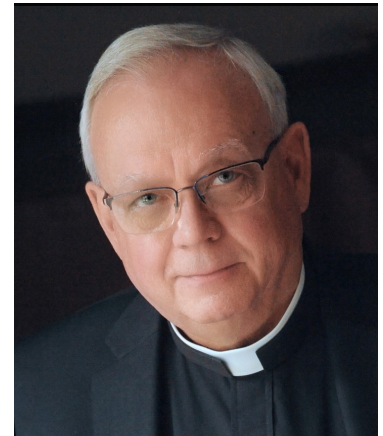
## Pastor's Column

*Second Sunday of Easter, April 27, 2025 Divine Mercy Sunday*  
As We Journey Together, May Christ Light Our Way.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter! May the Lord Bless you and your family during this joyous Season of Easter! This Second Sunday of Easter, also called Divine Mercy Sunday is a wonderful day to rejoice in the infinite mercy of Jesus. Who in your life have you drifted away from? To whom do you owe an apology? Who has hurt you or a person you love? Can you forgive them and let the mercy of Jesus abound in you?

Let the true message of Easter fill your heart and home beginning today! Let the Mercy of Jesus be received by you and shared by you with those in need of God's mercy!



Keep Bishop-Elect Keehner in prayer! He will be ordained on May 1, 2025!

Please support the parish with your prayers, volunteer your time and talent and support the ministry of the Church financially. 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!**

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,  
 Msg. Robert J. Siffrin

## Reflection

### Second Sunday of Easter Believe It or Not

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say three times, "Peace be with you." This was a common greeting, but the disciples were hiding in fear so they needed reassurance. Jesus gives them that reassurance in three ways: his resurrection, forgiveness of sins, and a blessing for future disciples. The disciples had seen Jesus crucified and were afraid any of his followers would be treated the same way. So when Jesus appeared to them, he showed them his wounds and let them touch him. He wanted to show them that he was not a ghost; he had risen from death and death has no more power over him. They can now take courage because they will share in the Resurrection themselves. Breathing on them, he bestows the Holy Spirit, source of our courage. That leads to the second reassurance, forgiveness of sins. Jesus died to take away our sins; now he shares that with his disciples. Anyone troubled by guilt can be forgiven. The disciples themselves probably felt that need, since they had deserted Jesus and one even denied knowing him. He now sends his apostles with the mission to free others from sin. We too can forgive others (and ourselves) knowing that God has forgiven them and us. Finally, the story of Thomas and his doubts about Jesus' resurrection gives us some hope. Jesus blesses those who "have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). We usually think the apostles were "more" blessed for having seen and heard Jesus. But Jesus reverses that expectation; we are blessed, even two thousand years after the Resurrection. —Tom Schmidt

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<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 3	Dana Lantz Luke Lantz	Frann Evanoff/ Host Don Turnbull/ CP Mary Ann Marsco/ CB	Maureen Mann Ed Palumbo	Jim Carsone
9:00 am May 4	Amber Farrell Dan Machuzak	Dave Sweeney/ Host Linda Molinaro/ CP Mary Lynne West/CB	Janet Byrne Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Shannon Cox
<b>St. Columba</b>				
4:00 pm May 3	Jean Wainio Jessica Gause	Paul Gause/Host Tess Szenborn/Cup Kathy Gause/ Cup	Rich Conway Dave Sefcik	Sr. Martha Reed
10:30 am May 4	Deanna Marchionda Barbara Walko	Ginger Kubala/Host Rosa Tirado/Cup Laurie Chrobak/ Cup	Randy Grohovsky Michael Kurilla Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	Vincent Brine Andrew Brine
4:00 pm May 4	John Cisine Tom Gilmartin, Jr.	Laura Elder/Host Leonard Schiavone/Cup Gina Schiavone/Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	
<b>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</b>				
11:00 am May 4	Eric Cromwell	Evie Byers/Host Deacon Bill/Cup	Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin

## Vocation View/ Easter Sunday April 27, 2025

*"Peace be with you."* -(John 20:19)

If you are seeking peace and purpose in your life, open your heart to the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Let God's mercy guide your steps. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or [cjohnson@youngstowndioces.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndioces.org).

**Please Remember: 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.**

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



## Stewardship Reflections

*Sunday of Divine Mercy*

*"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'"*

-(John 20:21)

Peace-the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful: and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.





## Our Stewardship

Sunday Collections for:

*St. Columba Cathedral Parish*

April 12/13 \$ 11,747.68

April 18 Good Friday \$ 1,788.00

April 20 Easter \$ 14,928.30

### Total Mass Attendance

#### St. Edward

Saturday, April 12 4:00 pm 121

Sunday, April 13 9:00 am 154

#### St. Edward

Friday, April 18 6:00 pm 59

Sunday, April 20 9:00 am 240

#### St. Columba

Saturday, April 12 4:00 pm 130

Sunday, April 13 10:30 am 184

Sunday, April 13 4:00 pm 130

#### St. Columba

Friday, April 18 3:00 pm —

Saturday, April 19 8:00 pm 206

Sunday, April 20 10:30 am 548

Sunday, April 20 12:30 pm 117

#### Sts. Peter & Paul

Sunday, April 13 11:00 am 60

#### Sts. Peter & Paul

Sunday, April 20 11:00 am 110



**Blood Pressure Screening  
will be available this  
weekend after masses at St.  
Edward.**

### 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.

### 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.

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

*Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10*

Sanctuary:

Blessed Mother: Pauline Ross

St. Joseph: Todd Zmary (Previously misprinted)

Lady of Czestochowa: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Grzywna

## 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.

Sandor Tollas, Jr.

## Saint Columba Parish

20 Teens to Receive “Eagle of the Cross” Award from Diocese of Youngstown. The annual award is given to juniors and seniors in the DOY since 1999 YOUNGSTOWN, OH - The office of

Youth and Young Adult Accompaniment of the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown is pleased to announce the 20 recipients of the 2025 Eagle of the Cross Award. The award, is the highest honor our diocese bestows on our youth, it's given each year to a group of extraordinary high school juniors and seniors who model Catholic-Christian leadership amongst their peers, dedication to the faith, and moral integrity for the Church. The Most Rev. David J. Bonnar will present the awards at a ceremony on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Saint Columba Cathedral in Youngstown. A reception will follow in Saint Columba Hall. The names of each of the 20 award recipients can be found on the Diocese Website. We would like to Congratulate the recipient from our Parish: ***Luke Rowland - Mahoning County | Parish: Saint Columba Cathedral Parish, Youngstown.***



*Luke attends St. Edward Worship Site. Congratulations Luke on this wonderful achievement. We are all proud of you.*

### Our apologies for any omissions:

We apologize for any omissions or errors in the Easter Flowers Booklet.

It has occurred to us that we omitted:  
Mike & Gerry Butch remembered by  
Gary and Pauli Butch.



### Fr. Joseph Rudjak 25th year of Ordination

Fr. Joseph Rudjak will be celebrating his 25th year of ordination with Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul on Sunday, May 18, 2025 @ 11:00 am

Brunch and artistic reflection on ministry to follow from 12:30pm-4:30pm Palermo Center  
404 Tenney Ave. Campbell, OH 44405  
All are welcome but seating is limited.

For Reservations please call Diane @ (330) 720-1605  
By May 12, 2025

**No Gifts Please, just Fellowship.**

## Scripture Readings

*For the Week of April 27, 2025*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday of Divine Mercy</b> Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</b> Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles</b> 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14



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Annual Diocesan Appeal**



[DOY.org/Appeal](https://DOY.org/Appeal)

**For questions or assistance, please call  
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**2025 - 2026**

## School Enrollment

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### 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!

### Yarn Needed

The Ursuline Sisters Mission Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of yarn donations. Our volunteers knit or crochet shawls that represent the embrace of God's love and are available for free to anyone in need, especially people in area hospices, hospitals and healthcare facilities. No wool, please. Yarn can be left at USM, 4280 Shields Rd., entrance A, during business hours. For more information, contact Michele Gatts at 330-793-3004 or [mgatts@ursulinesistersmission.org](mailto:mgatts@ursulinesistersmission.org).



**CCD is scheduled for this  
Sunday after 9:00 mass**

## Saint of The Week

**April 29 SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347-1380)**

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as "my sweet Christ on earth," then orders: "Get back to Rome where you belong!" Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in "spiritual espousal" to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of "passing on to others the fruits of contemplation," Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called "my "Divine Spouse," she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women "doctors of the Church."

—Peter Scagnelli

