

Fifth Sunday of Easter | May 18, 2025



St. Columba Parish



Saint Edward

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Youngstown, Ohio 44504

Saint Columba

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Youngstown, OH 44503
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Saints Peter & Paul

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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!

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



Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 18

9:00 am	St. Edward	† Larry Kobus
10:30 am	St. Columba	† Joseph Bartolec
11:00 am	Sts. Peter & Paul	† Nancy Vogrin, Deceased Members of the Ruban & Becane families and Health & Blessings Bishop David Bonnar
2:00 pm	St. Columba	Wedding Anniversary Mass
4:00 pm	St. Columba	† Mario Silvestri

Monday, May 19

8:30 am	St. Edward	† Francis, Joe and Jim Firment
12:10 pm	St. Columba	† Priests and Deacons of the DOY

Tuesday, May 20

8:30 am	St. Edward	† Birthdays of Thurman Justice and Paul Schwartz
12:10 pm	St. Columba	† Howard & Rosemary O'Malley

Wednesday, May 21

8:30 am	St. Edward	† Martha Beniston
12:10 pm	St. Columba	† Angela Filipski

Thursday, May 22

8:30 am	St. Edward	† Dorothy Durina
12:10 pm	St. Columba	† Living & Dec. Members of St. Columba
5:45 pm	Sts. Peter & Paul	† Priests & Deacons of the DOY
6:30 pm	St. Columba	Mooney Baccalaureate

Friday, May 23

8:30 am	St. Edward	† Health & Blessings Joanne Thomas
12:10 pm	St. Columba	† Hugh & Ann Bennett
6:30 pm	St. Columba	Ursuline Baccalaureate

Saturday, May 24

8:30 am	St. Edward	† Francis, Joe and Jim Firment
4:00 pm Vigil	St. Columba	† Bill, Sue & Kenny Gause
4:00 pm Vigil	St. Edward	† Martha Beniston

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

Pastor's Column

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 18, 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. Let's pray for each other as we look forward to our journeys of faith together.

Please note in the bulletin today a description of the new baptismal font that will be placed in the chapel. The tabernacle will be moved to the current St. Joseph side isle so that it will be more visible in the Cathedral.

Please support the parish with your prayers, volunteer your time and talent and support the ministry of the Church financially. The service of hospitality and welcome is very important for a vibrant parish. I think the people of the parish in all three sites are very welcoming. Thank you.

It would be even more helpful if more people were willing to greet people at the church doors when we have liturgies and events. For example, the Cathedral often has special events, and it would be helpful to have a group of people trained to service to welcome people for special events. This training would also help with liturgies and events at St. Edward and SS. Peter and Paul.

Congratulations to Fr. Rudjak who celebrates his anniversaries to diaconate and priesthood on 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.

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 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.

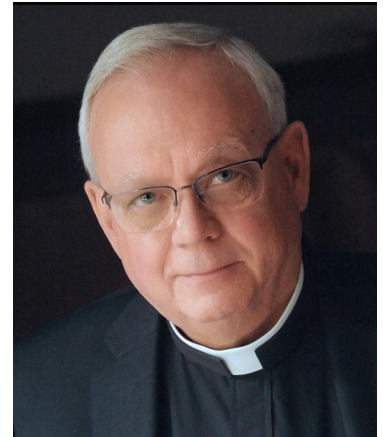
I will be writing to every household to invite you to a more active faithful life and involvement in the parish. The staff will be calling many households to improve our communication with everyone, especially those who may need our special attention and help. Our ministry to reach out in the Lord's 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

Fifth Sunday of Easter No Stunt Man for Jesus

Today's first and second readings seem to contradict each other. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas remind the other disciples that they would "undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). But in the second reading from Revelation, John says there will be "no more . . . mourning, wailing, or pain" (Revelation 21:4). These two sides of the Kingdom show how real our faith is. Life is frequently contradictory. A woman in labor moves from pain to joy in seconds after her child is born. She doesn't forget the pain, but knows it is necessary for the joy of new birth. Only the artist knows how much effort and pain went into the creation of a painting, sculpture, or symphony. That's why Jesus in the Gospel talks of his coming death on the cross as the way that God will glorify him. Even God does not do things the easy way. Jesus didn't send a stunt man to take his place on the cross. It was God who was born in poverty, in a time of high infant mortality (even higher when Herod tried to kill the Child). It was God who suffered, from the Agony in the Garden through the Crucifixion.

So when Jesus tells us to love one another as he has loved us, he knows what it cost. And he also knew that his death on the cross would be the beginning of a way of love that will eventually lead to "no more death or mourning, wailing or pain." We're not there yet, but we know we are not alone in our suffering for "God himself will always be with them" (Revelation 21:3). -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 May 24	Mary Beth Loto Mike Lowry	Mary ann Marsco/Host Deacon Bill/CP Betzy Peacock/CB	Mae Kohn Ed Palumbo	Kathy Lewis
9:00 am May 25	Mary Ann Kobus Joe Kenneally	Sr. Regina Rogers/Host Christina Ladd/CP Sara Cox/CB	Mary Lynne West Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Lauren Ladd JoAnna Ladd
St. Columba				
4:00 pm May 24	Jessica Gause Melissa Larsen	Kathy Gause/Host Deacon Syl/Cup Paul Gause/Cup	Carol Zarny Rich Conway Dave Sefcik	Sr. Martha Reed
10:30 am May 25	Deanna Marchionda Ginger Kubala	Rose Tirado/Host Vicki Kidd/Cup Juliann McLennan/Cup	Randy Grohovsky Michael Kurilla Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	Harrison Miller Karsten Miller
4:00 pm May 25	Joell Stebelton John Cisine	Laura Elder/Host Leonard Schiavone/Cup Gina Schiavone/Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	
Sts. Peter & Paul				
11:00 am May 25	Julie Tarantino	Mary Rose Purton/Host Branka Sovec Ladd/Cup	Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin

Vocation View/ 5th Sunday of Easter May 18, 2025

"I give you a new commandment: love one another." - (John 13:34)

Love is at the heart of every vocation. Take time to reflect on how God may be inviting you to live out His new commandment of love in a way that serves others. What does that call look like for you? Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndioces.org.



Catholic Charities will hold its annual First Step for Change campaign from Mother's Day through Father's Day, honoring the faith, humility and love it takes to raise a child and recognizing that many parents lack adequate financial resources for their children. Funds raised through this campaign assist low-income expectant parents and families with food, formula, clothing, diapers and other items essential to a child's health, safety and well-being. Each family interested in participating is asked to pick up a **FIRST STEP PACKET** after mass. Please consider a gift and return your envelopes by June 30. All money collected will help to meet the needs of our own community. Thank you for joining us in supporting this pro-life campaign.

Stewardship Reflections

Fifth Sunday of Easter

"I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - (John 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part—Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like you.



Our Stewardship

Sunday Collections for:

St. Columba Cathedral Parish

May 10/11 \$ 12,694.15

Total Mass Attendance

St. Edward

Saturday, May 10	4:00 pm	84
Sunday, May 11	9:00 am	162
St. Columba		
Saturday, May 10	4:00 pm	130
Sunday, May 11	10:30 am	149
Sunday, May 11	4:00 pm	150
Sts. Peter & Paul		
Sunday, May 11	11:00 am	60

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.

There will be no fellowship today at Sts. Peter & Paul.

Remembrance Flames @ St. Columba Cathedral for the week.

Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10

Sanctuary: Hugh & Ann Bennett

Blessed Mother: Angela Filipski

St. Joseph: Arginio Tamburino

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.

Andy Rauzan Jr.

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.

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300 Club #26 ST. COLUMBA PARISH
Central Office - 144 W. Wood St.
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

Dear Parishioners & Friends of St. Columba Parish
Spring, 2025

In a few short weeks we will be completing 300 Club #25. It was a very successful endeavor for raising funds for our parish and I thank you for your continued interest and support. For those of you joining us for the first time – welcome! We will be starting our next **300 Club #26** on **May 25th, 2025**. By joining the 300 Club you will be helping St. Columba Parish to meet its financial obligations.

As in the past, the game runs for 26 weeks. Every 5th week the prize is **\$150**, and on the 26th week it will be **\$500**, and all the other weeks will pay **\$50**. This is a great way to raise money for St. Columba Parish and have some fun.

Once again thank you! May the Lord bless each of you for your generosity.

Msgr. Robert Siffrin

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 18, 2025

Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29



**SATURDAY,
MAY 31ST
6:30 PM**

Saint Columba Festival Orchestra Concert

We are extremely pleased to announce that the **Youngstown, Butler County, and Greenville Symphonies** along with the **Warren Philharmonic** have teamed up for the first **Saint Columba Festival Orchestra** performance. This keystone event will feature organists **David Blazer & Ralph Holtzhauser** who will be playing the Poulenc Concerto and the Guilment Symphony, respectively.



David Blazer



Ralph Holtzhauser



The event is free and open to the public. Free will offerings are much appreciated or please click the QR code to donate directly.

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"The next steps" in the updating of the Cathedral will be a new Baptismal Font that will be placed in the Chapel on the east side of the Cathedral. The Tabernacle will be moved to what was the St. Joseph Altar on the east side of the church. The bas reliefs of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph will be placed together on the west side of the Cathedral where the Blessed Mother Altar has been.

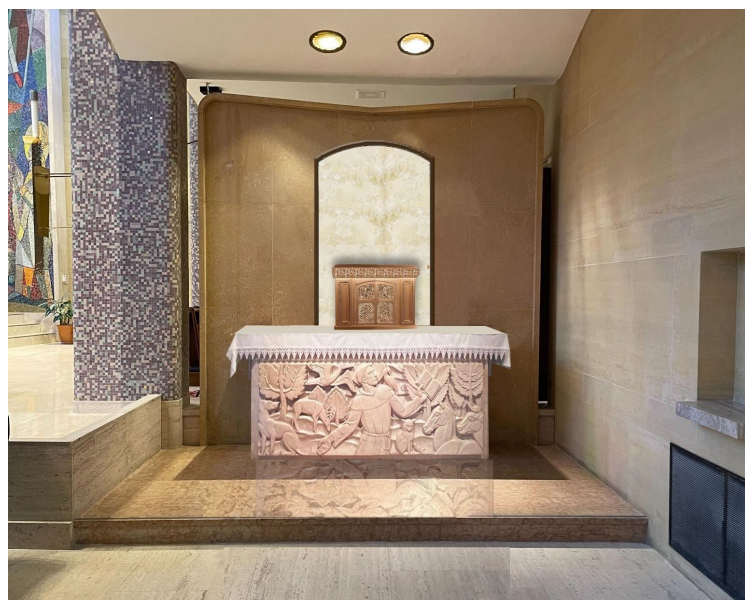
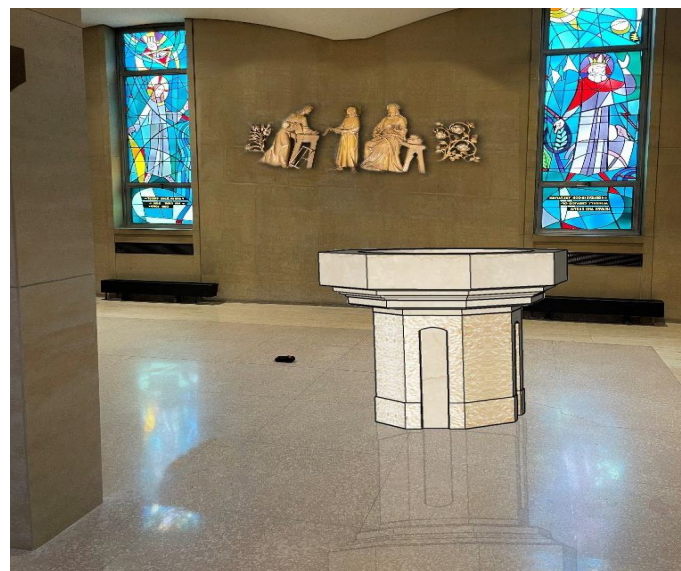
The Coats of Arms of the Bishops will be relocated on the interior back wall of the Cathedral.

Your payers and support are deeply appreciated as we continue to update and improve the Cathedral.

St. Columba, patron of our Cathedral, pray for us.

Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin

Rector



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



Saint of The Week

SAINT RITA OF CASCIA (1381-1457) May 22

If you're ever in Philadelphia on May 22, forget parking anywhere near Saint Rita's shrine. Cars line streets and fill medians as throngs pack a candlelight vigil and six Masses, honoring this patroness of lost causes, hopeless situations, and—as her statue in countless churches built by twentieth-century immigrants testifies—difficult marriages, troubled homes, and alienated children. Wise people warn, be careful what you pray for. "Divine Savior," Rita prayed, "let me suffer like you!" Obedient to parents who refused her wish to become a nun, Rita married a man who returned her devotion with twenty years of abuse. When enemies murdered him, Rita's two sons swore revenge. Paintings depict her pointing the angry boys toward Christ crucified, whom she begged to restrain them. Within the year, both sons died. Alone now, Rita went to the convent but was refused. The nuns feared violence, since one of them was related to the murderer. Rita arranged peace between the families, made vows, and became much sought after as a counselor and intercessor for forty years on earth—and ever since in heaven. —Peter Scagnelli

