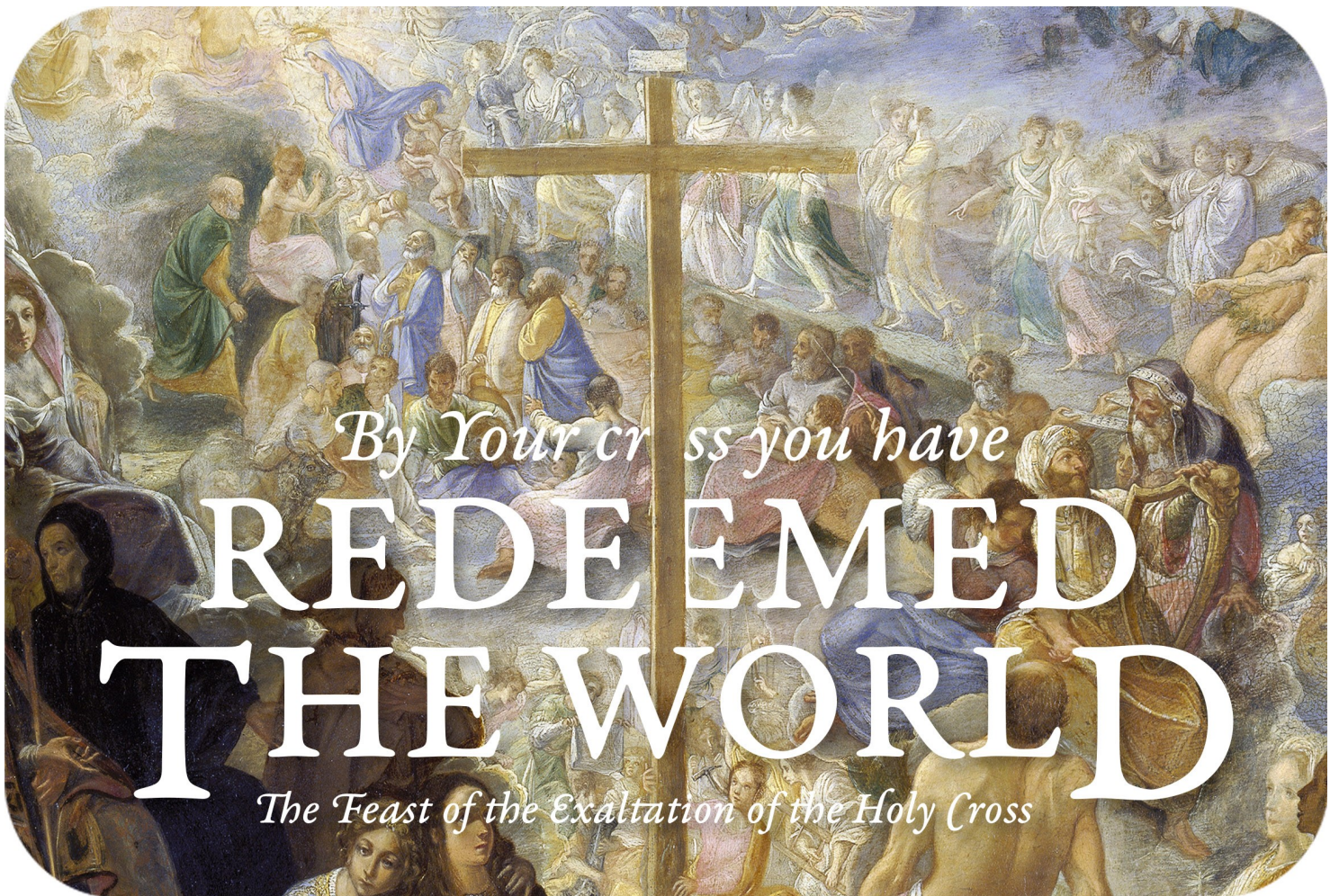


The Exaltation of the Holy Cross | September 14, 2025



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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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 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 Brien 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 #16

St. Columba Parish

Mrs. M Lenefonte #38

Wins \$50

Mass Intentions

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, David Kaster and Nancy Vogrin**

4:00 pm St. Columba † Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Columba

Monday, September 15

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Prayer Service**

9:30 am St. Columba † Parishioners of St. Columba

Tuesday, September 16

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Prayer Service**

12:10 pm St. Columba † Mary Vyrostek Cibulas

Wednesday, September 17

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Prayer Service**

12:10 pm St. Columba † Darrell & Verna Swartz

Thursday, September 18

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Dr. Tom Pokabla & Danny McCauley**

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

5:45 pm **Sts. Peter & Paul** † **Tyne Horvath**

Friday, September 19

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Nick Cashier, Dr. Tom Pokabla, Bishop Murry and Mary Cleary**

12:10 pm St. Columba † Angela Filipski

Saturday, September 20

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Anna Johnntony & Patty Havrilla**

4:00 pm Vigil St. Columba † Belszek, Veck & LaCivita Families

4:00 pm Vigil **St. Edward** † **Jeanne Foley & Tom Fleming**

Sunday, September 21

9:00 am **St. Edward** † **Chuck Byrne and Daniel McCauley**

10:30 am St. Columba † Leo Tirado

11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † **Magda Simonyi-Favret, Renee L.Ples, William Uehlinger III, Tom Bergen and Mike Karas**

4:00 pm St. Columba † Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Columba

Blood Pressure Screening will be available the weekend of September 27th & 28th at St. Edward after mass.

Pastor's Column

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

As We Journey Together, May Christ Light Our Way.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross is celebrated on the 14th of September. It is one of a few feast days that replaces the Sunday Readings when the date falls on Sunday. Some of the other such celebrations are: the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul on June 29th, All Saints November 1st, All Souls Day November 2nd, Christmas December 25th and January 1st. The centrality of the symbol of the Cross and the simple yet profound prayer that we trace over ourselves so often reminds us that the love of our Savior is poured over us in our prayer.

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!

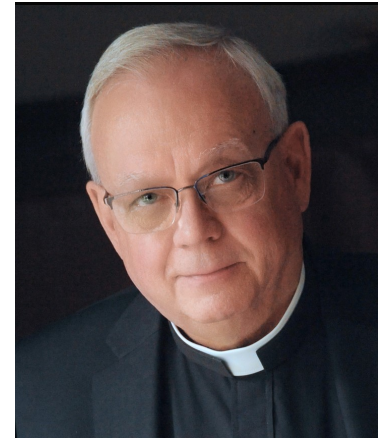
Thank you to parishioners who are beginning to call the office to let us know about family or friends who are in nursing homes or are confined to their home.

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

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Bearing Our Crosses With Joy

We may have any number of crosses throughout our lives. Some may be small, some may be big. Some may be heavy, some may be light. Some may be temporary, some may be long lasting. As Christians, we are called to bear those burdens, not begrudgingly but joyfully. Sometimes that seems downright impossible. How can I have joy in my life when every moment is filled with pain (whether that be physical or emotional)?

The answer is, it is not possible without a profound relationship with our Lord, that includes constant surrender to His will. In His great love for us, He often allows things to happen that we don't understand, but are for our good or for the good of others. After all, the goal for each of us is eternal salvation, not earthly comfort.

But whether we suffer rejection, loneliness, illness, pain, hunger, cold, or even torture and death, we know that He has experienced it all and knows exactly how it feels. We can ask Him to walk with us each step of the way and be our strength when our own fails.

We may get to the point where we are able to rejoice in our sufferings like St. Paul, or endure them without complaint or remember to offer them up. But above all, may our crosses be a constant reminder to us of today's powerful Gospel passage: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Saint Columba Parish

<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 20	Luke Lantz Kathy Lewis	Betsy Peacock/Host Deacon Syl/CP Barbara Barry/CB	JoAnne Thomas Ed Palumbo	Jim Leone
9:00 am September 21	Rowland Family Rowland Family	Rowland Family/Host Deacon Tony/CP Maggie Herberger/CB	Mary Ann Cashier Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Dan Rowland
St. Columba				
4:00 pm September 20	Jessica Gause Jean Wainio	Sandra Mansour/Host Deacon Tony/Cup Kathy Gause/Cup	Carol Zarny Rich Conway Dave Sefcik	Sr. Martha
10:30 am September 21	Marly Reichert Natalia Wells	Guy Young/Host Deacon Tony/Cup Rosa Tirado/Cup	Randy Grohovsky Michael Kurilla Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	Moses Marino Max Marino
4:00 pm September 21	John Cisine Joell Stebelton	Leonard Schiavone/Host Deacon Mark/Cup Kathleen Meese/Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	Sr. Martha
Sts. Peter & Paul				
11:00 am September 21	Evie Byers	Damian Tarantino/Host Deacon Mark/Cup Eric Cromwell/Cup	Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin

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“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

Just as Christ selflessly gave Himself for the sake of humanity, you may be invited to reflect that profound love by dedicating your life to the service of others. Are you open to discerning whether God is calling you to share in this mission through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Allow yourself to ponder the depth of this calling. 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

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” (John 3:16)

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus came to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus' example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. These four points are known as the “kerygma”-the first proclamation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?



Sunday Collections for:

St. Columba Cathedral Parish
September 6 & 7 \$ 11,570.00

Total Mass Attendance

St. Edward

Saturday, September 6	4:00 pm	93
Sunday, September 7	9:00 am	99

St. Columba

Saturday, September 6	4:00 pm	126
Sunday, September 7	10:30 am	114
Sunday, September 7	4:00 pm	110

Sts. Peter & Paul

Sunday, September 7	11:00 am	55
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Food Pantry Needs
Please consider donating Peanut Butter, cereals and pancake mix for the Month of September.

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 correct communion.
Thank you!!

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.

The St. George Croatian Club will be having Dinner every Sunday in September at its lodge hall 3200 Vestal Rd. Youngstown Ohio (Westside) Dinners are open to the public, eat in or to go. Please call Tim at 330-519-9036 to place your orders.



1pm to 3 pm eat in or to go, \$15.00 per dinner

Sunday Sept 7th Stuffed peppers, pierogies, salad, garlic bread

Sunday Sept 14th Chicken Parmesan, pasta, salad, garlic bread

Sunday Sept 21st Kielbasi & Kraut, Potatoes, green beans

Sunday 28th Brunch, Eggs, Pancakes Sausage, Pot. Tots Avocado toast Coffee

Remembrance Flames @ St. Columba Cathedral for the week.

Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10

Sanctuary:

Blessed Mother: Bill, Sue & Kenny Gause

St. Joseph:

Lady of Czestochowa: Darrell & Verna Swartz

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

Sanctuary:

Host & Wine:

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

Nancy Vogrin



Mission: We are a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

Join our local St. Vincent de Paul conference in supporting the annual Oktoberfest fundraising event —see the bulletin insert for details.

Our conference will serving at the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen from October 6-10. For more information and to participate, contact Diane Guarnieri at 330-501-4969.

Our next conference meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7 at 9:15 a.m. at St. Edward's Church.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 14, 2025

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
Monday	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday	Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop and Martyrs 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50
Friday	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13



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.

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

SAINTS CORNELIUS (died 253) AND CYPRIAN (died 258)
September 16

Cornelius was a Roman citizen, who, after 14 months without a bishop, succeeded Saint Fabian in the papacy. This new candidate created serious problems for Fabian, as he described the papal election of Cornelius as illegitimate. He was opposed to apostates, those who have abandoned their Christian faith, being received into the Church, while the new Pope Cornelius maintained that they could be readmitted after penance. In 253, persecution was declared against Christians and Cornelius was exiled, suffering captivity and later beheading. During his exile he received a letter from Bishop Cyprian, who congratulated him for suffering in the name of Christ. Cyprian had converted to Christianity at the age of 45, renouncing his pleasant life and embracing not only the Gospel, but also Christian authors, most notably Tertullian. Thanks to his knowledge of oratory and rhetoric, he greatly promoted Christianity in Africa. As a bishop, he was firm and charitable, yet faced persecution and was also later beheaded. Both Cyprian and Cornelius are remembered in Eucharistic Prayer I of the Roman Rite.

—Meghan McDonagh

