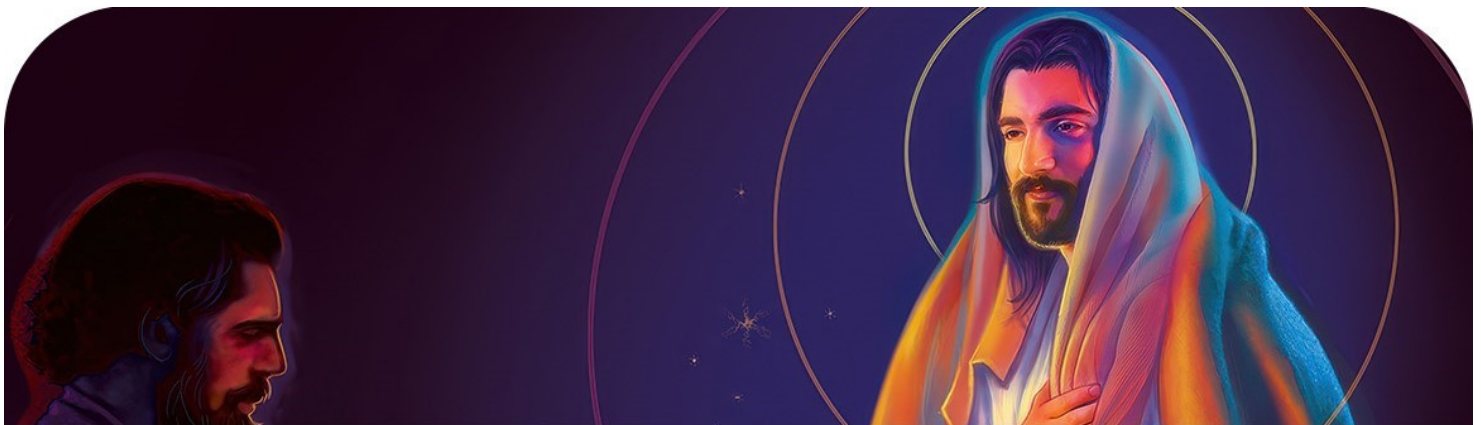


The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 24, 2025



St. Columba Parish



SOME WHO ARE LAST
**WILL BE
FIRST**
AND SOME WHO ARE FIRST
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LAST**



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 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 #13

St. Columba Parish

Fr. Joseph Rudjak #70

Wins \$50

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 24

8:00 am St. Columba All Participants of the Panerathon
9:00 am St. Edward † Sonia Niro
11:00 am St. Columba † Sam Clay
11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † Maureen Simonyi & Steve Novak
Health & Blessings Mary Kosma & Joan Schwartz on their Birthdays.
4:00 pm St. Columba † Living & Deceased Parishioners of
St. Columba Parish

Monday, August 25

8:30 am St. Edward † Prayer Service
12:10 pm St. Columba † Millcreek Metroparks Employees
Living & Deceased

Tuesday, August 26

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

Wednesday, August 27

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

Thursday, August 28

8:30 am St. Edward † Francis, Joe & Jim Firment
And Danny McCauley
12:10 pm St. Columba † Priests & Deacons of the DOY
5:45 pm Sts. Peter & Paul † All Religious Sisters & Brothers

Friday, August 29

8:30 am St. Edward † Dr. John Cernica, Mae Barrickman
and Sonia Niro
12:10 pm St. Columba † Fran Timko

Saturday, August 30

8:30 am St. Edward † Michael Barry and Jeanne Foley
4:00 pm Vigil St. Columba † Kathryn Evans
4:00 pm Vigil St. Edward † Danny Price and Fr. Frank Lehnerd

Sunday, August 31

9:00 am St. Edward † Sonia Niro
10:30 am St. Columba † Living & Deceased Parishioners of
St. Columba
11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † Elizabeth Simonyi, Jim Majernik,
Frances Byce and Derrick Stratton
4:00 pm St. Columba † Roy Snyder

Pastor's Column

The Twenty-First 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 bring the good news of the Gospel to others and invite them to know the Lord. Sometimes we should reach out to the lonely and homebound. It may be that the Lord wants you and me to be his voice of comfort, our hands of help and healing. Sometimes simply being present to others can be comforting.

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.

Today we celebrate the feast of our Lady of Czestochowa here at the 11:00 Mass (today is a special time to accommodate all the people in the Panerathon Race). If you have not seen our shrine in the Cathedral Tower, please take a moment today to stop and pray there.

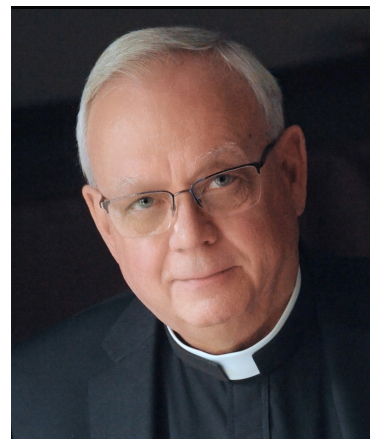
If you have not yet pledged to the Annual Appeal, please be generous!! A special thank you to everyone who has already contributed. Our parish has reached its goal, but let's all of us surpass the goal for the help of the poor and the support of the mission of the Church!

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-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Looking Good

Don't you love it when the underdog wins? When the Cardinals beat the Yankees for the championship or the Blues beat the Redwings, or the Rams beat anyone? Even when I watch a game with no St. Louis teams playing, I still like to root for the underdog. That is what I like about today's Gospel: the last will be first and the first will be last.

Some say that Jesus was talking about the leaders of the Jews, the scribes and Pharisees. These refused to follow Jesus, while ordinary Jews who did not feel threatened by Jesus' teaching became disciples. In a way, you can understand why the leaders rejected Jesus. They made a nice living out of the offerings made by ordinary Jews. And who could argue with them? They worked for God. How dare Jesus say that they would be cast out, while people from the rest of the world would enter the Kingdom of God!

And how about us? Remember that the Gospel was not written for non-believers. Are we threatened by Jesus' message? Just as the scribes and Pharisees considered themselves important in God's eyes because of their office, do we consider ourselves "saved" because we call ourselves Christians? Are we generous to the poor, or just to our friends? Do we follow our consciences or do we follow the crowd?

Entry into the Kingdom of God is not a fashion statement. We don't get there by looking good. We are invited by Jesus to be last on earth so we can be first in the Kingdom.

-Tom Schmidt

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 August 30	Mary Beth Loto Tom O'Donnell	Kathy Lewis/Host Deacon Tony/CP Susan Burns/CB	Marcy Haney Ed Palumbo	Linda Puryear
9:00 am August 31	Mary Ann Cashier Jim White	Mary Lynne West/Host Deacon Mark/CP Libby Benson/CB	Pat Metzinger Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Shannon Cox
St. Columba				
4:00 pm August 30	Melissa Larsen Carol Michaels	Marilyn Butler/Host Chuck Zamarly/Cup Gerald Filipski/Cup	Carol Zamarly Rich Conway Dave Sefcik	Sr. Martha
10:30 am August 31	Marly Reichert Lisa Devlin	Laura Chrobak/Host Vicki Kidd/Cup Juliann McLennan/Cup	Randy Grohovsky Michael Kurilla Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	Andrew Brine Vincent Brine
4:00 pm August 31	Margaret Bourne Leonard Schiavone	Ginger Kubala/Host Kathleen Meese/Cup Gina Schiavone/Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	Sr. Martha
Sts. Peter & Paul				
11:00 am August 31	Julie Tarantino	Ed Habuda/Host Linda Habuda/Cup	Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin

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"Strive to enter through the narrow gate." (Luke 13:24)

A vocation to the priesthood or religious life is a challenging but rewarding path. If you feel called to follow Christ through this narrow gate, embrace it with courage. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org or Fr. Will Wainio at wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org

Please consider donating Canned Fruits, Peanut Butter and Mac and Cheese for the Month of August.



Stewardship Reflections

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." (Luke 13:30)

Our culture standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?



Our Stewardship

Sunday Collections for:

St. Columba Cathedral Parish

August 16/17 \$ 9,897.00

Assumption \$ 1,887.00

Total Mass Attendance

St. Edward

Saturday, August 16 4:00 pm 92

Sunday, August 17 9:00 am 85

St. Columba

Saturday, August 16 4:00 pm 93

Sunday, August 17 10:30 am 129

Sunday, August 17 4:00 pm 138

Sts. Peter & Paul

Sunday, August 17 11:00 am 52

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.



The Ladies Guild will be having their next meeting on Wed. Sept. 3rd at 5:00 pm in the social hall @ Ss. Peter & Paul.

Blood Pressure Screening will be available this weekend after masses August 23rd & 24th at St. Edward.

Parishioners that require Gluten Free 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!!



Remembrance Flames @ St. Columba Cathedral for the week.

Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10

Sanctuary:

Blessed Mother: Steve & Ginger Kubala

St. Joseph:

Lady of Czestochowa: Ivan & Sophie Vincenzini

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

Sanctuary: Paul Hartwig

Host & Wine: Hudak & Mullen Family Members

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

Jim Jasyzn

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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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

"Fill the Trailer" event will be held in the parking lot of St. Edward Parish this weekend of August 23rd & 24th. The Trailer will be available on Sat. Aug. 23rd from 2:00 pm-6:00 pm and Sun. Aug. 24th from 9:00 am-2:00 pm.

The needs of the SVDP dining hall extend beyond a meal for many of our guests. Their SNAP benefits do not cover the basic needs such as toilet paper or personal hygiene supplies. Donations of these supplies would be greatly appreciated and discreetly distributed. Please place items in the SVdP boxes located in each parish or directly to our Dining Hall on Williamson Ave.

Your generosity is a blessing.

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 August 24, 2025

Sunday	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
Monday	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Monica 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mk 6:17-29
Saturday	1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio

38th Annual Pilgrimage

Day of Prayer for Vocations & Religious Life

with Msgr. Michael Cariglio, *Spiritual Director*

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Cost: \$40 per person (add \$9.99 optional Subway Boxed Lunch)

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED by August 27

Dearest Mary, Mother of Consolation, please join your prayers to my own. Look upon my difficulties with love and help me to understand and accept them.

Schedule

6:00 AM Departure from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica, 343 Via Mt. Carmel, Youngstown

10:00 AM Arrive at the Shrine

10:00 AM Confession in the Lower Basilica

11:00 AM Pilgrimage Mass in Upper Basilica

12:00 PM Lunch (brown bag lunch or pre-ordered Subway Box Lunch) in the Cafeteria

Visit Gift Shop

1:30 PM Pilgrimage Devotions – Upper Basilica

- Opening Hymn
- Enrollment in the Confraternity of Our Lady
- Rosary
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Scripture Reading and Homily
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- Prayers for Healing
- Individual Prayers with the Relic of the True Cross

2:30 PM Stations by bus in the Shrine Park

3:30 PM Farewell Blessing on the bus

Please return registration form along with payment - include \$9.99 for optional lunch - to:
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica, 343 Via Mt. Carmel, Youngstown, OH 44505 Attn: LEANNA PIPALA
Make checks out to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. For more information call 330-743-3508 or email religiousevents@olmcsta.com

LUNCH OPTIONS: BRING YOUR OWN BROWN BAG LUNCH or PRE-ORDER SUBWAY BOXED LUNCH
Choose one:

SELECT SANDWICH

___ Turkey Breast

___ Cold Cut

___ Veggie Delite

___ Roast Beef

SELECT BREAD

___ Italian

___ 9-Grain Wheat

SELECT CHEESE

___ Provolone

___ Shredded Monterey Cheddar

___ NO CHEESE

CIRCLE TOPPINGS: Spinach Lettuce Tomatoes Pickles Black Olives Jalapenos

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WALSH UNIVERSITY

The Education for Life Colloquium Series Presents

Angel in the Rubble

An Evening with **Genelle Guzman-McMillan**,
the Last Survivor Pulled from the World Trade Center on 9/11

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Barrette Business and Community Center

6:30 p.m. – Program

7:45 p.m. – Book Signing and Reception

(A small number of books will be available for purchase.)

Join us for an unforgettable evening of faith, resilience and healing with special guest Genelle Guzman-McMillan as she shares her miraculous story of how 27 hours trapped beneath the wreckage of the World Trade Center led her to rediscover faith, hope, and a new purpose. Following, meet Genelle in person for a special reception and book signing of *Angel in the Rubble*, her remarkable story of transformation and gratitude.

Register by scanning the QR code or visiting www.walsh.edu/angel

The event is presented free of charge thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, Christ the King Apostolic Church and Christ the Servant and Little Flower Catholic parishes, and the Education for Life Colloquium's generous ongoing support from the Wilkof and Nolan families.

OBLATE SISTERS' AUXILIARY 10TH ANNUAL

Bella Sera

A Benefit Dinner for the Oblate Sisters

Bella Sera Dinner/Dance Tickets \$80

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
343 via Mt. Carmel-Youngstown, Ohio

The Heart Of Italy
Cuisine from Various Regions in Italy

- Hot Peppers and Oil
- Caprese, Antipasta, and Shrimp
- Cocktail Skewers
- Wedding Soup
- Grouper Francalse
- Filet Mignon in Chianti Wine Sauce with Mushrooms
- Lasagna (by the Oblate Sisters)
- Homemade Italian desserts
- Tutte le varietà di dolci fatti in casa

Italian Music and Dancing with Pino Marelli



SATURDAY, SEPT 20, 2025
6-11 P.M.

- Basket Raffle
- Italian Wine
- 50/50

3 GRAND PRIZES!
TICKETS \$10.00

\$1,000 Cash
\$500 Gervasi Gift Card
Dinner for 6 with the Oblate Sisters

Dinner & Raffle sales available by calling Sr. Stephanie Marie:
330-759-9329



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Annual Diocesan Appeal**



DOY.org/Appeal

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

*It's not too late to join the 300 Club Raffle. Numbers are still available.
We currently have 43 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 MONICA (332-387)

August 27

She had smiles for the neighbors; though her husband found her religion and the charity it inspired annoying. She made tearful prayers in private for a son, outwardly self-assured but, as his mother knew, inwardly restless, and whose girlfriend of a dozen years had borne his child out of wedlock. Though not the first or last such mother and son, Monica and Augustine are the Church's most famous, so we keep their feast days back to back, with Monica's, fittingly, first. To Rome she followed Augustine, then to Milan, where years of prayer—and nagging—finally bore fruit in his conversion by Saint Ambrose. For six months, mother and son enjoyed the blessing of rediscovering each other. Just in time! On the way home to North Africa, Monica took sick and died near Rome. No child who has mourned a parent can read, unmoved, Augustine's tender account, in his *Confessions*, of Monica's last days. At this time of the year, when parents watch apprehensively as children leave for school, may Monica's perseverance and Augustine's long-prayed-for conversion ease anxiety and kindle hope.

—Peter Scagnelli

