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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, Josephi Markulin, Linda Puryear, David Sweeney, Julie Tarrantino, Jennifer Vinkler, Bill Wainio, Mary Lynne West, Guy Young and Barb Zorn

Members of Finance Council

Our New Finance Council will be announced at a later date.

Please watch the bulletin for updates.

CCD Schedule for March:

Sunday, March 2: No Class Scheduled

Sunday, March 9: K-8 10:15-11:30

Sunday, March 16: K-8 10:15-11:30

Sunday, March 23: No Class Scheduled

Sunday, March 30: No Class Scheduled

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 2

9:00 am St. Edward †Howard Harris Jr. & Loretta Harris

10:30 am St. Columba † Marianne E. Pekarcik

11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † Elizabeth Simonyi/B-Day,

Edo Pacic and Health & Blessing Sr. Christina Wegendt

4:00 pm St. Columba † Living and Deceased Members

Monday, March 3

8:30am St. Edward † Margaret Lowry

12:10 pm St. Columba †Millcreek Metroparks Employees

Living & Deceased

Tuesday, March 4

8:30 am St. Edward † Sonia Niro

12:10 pm St. Columba † Judy Bell

Wednesday, March 5

7:30 am St. Columba Prayer Service

8:30 am St. Edward † Special Intentions

12:10 pm St. Columba † St. Columba Cath. Parish Family

4:00 pm St. Columba † Ron Crouch

5:30 pm St. Edward † St. Columba Cath. Parish Family

7:00 pm Sts. Peter & Paul † St. Columba Cath. Parish Family

Thursday, March 6

8:30 am St. Edward †Jim Mullen & Chuck Byrne

12:10 pm St. Columba † St. Columba Cath. Parish Family

5:00 pm St. Columba Holy Hour

5:45 pm Sts. Peter & Paul † St. Columba Cath. Parish Family

Friday, March 7

8:30 am St. Edward † Sonia Niro

9:00 am St. Edward Stations of the Cross

11:30 am St. Columba Stations of the Cross

12:10 pm St. Columba † Howard & Rosemary O'Malley

Saturday, March 8

8:30am St. Edward † Lawrence Kobus

4:00pm Vigil St. Columba † Rich Conway

4:00pm Vigil St. Edward † Martha Beniston

Sunday, March 9

9:00am St. Edward † Paul Hartwig

10:30 am St. Columba † Living & Deceased Members of

St. Columba

11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † James Jaszyn/Wedding Ann.,

Nancy C. Vogrin and Vladimir Sovec

2:00 pm St. Columba Rite of Election

4:00 pm St. Columba † Catherine Naples

Pastor's Column

Sunday, March 2, 2025

As We Journey Together, May Christ Light Our Way.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Please make this a time of prayer, penance and good works. Our Ecumenical cooperation with neighboring Churches will again be a time for prayer together and a commitment to Ecumenism. Our Ambassadors for Christ will meet each Wednesday of Lent beginning at St. Peter and Paul on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 pm for prayer and blessed Ashes.

Please plan to participate in our Lenten devotions during the six weeks of Lent! Please know that the staff and I will be praying for you and your families each day!

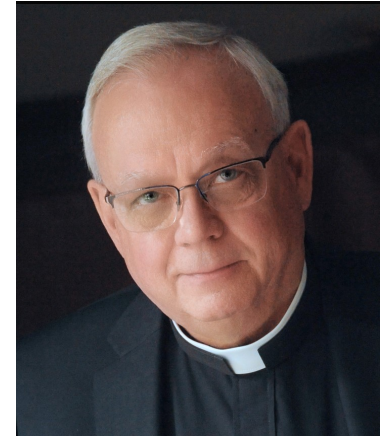
In your sacrifice this Lent, please support the parish, the Annual Appeal and our help to the poor. As you know, I am a strong supporter of the Annual Appeal both on the parish level and a personal level. I make the Annual Appeal one of my biggest charitable gifts each year because I know how it helps the mission of Catholic Charities and the ministry of the Diocese of Youngstown. Please be as generous as you can be.

Please note that our mailing address will be 144 W. Wood St. Youngstown, Ohio 44503. The parish office phone number will be 330-744-5233. The former office phone numbers will forward your calls to this number. If you have not received your new envelopes, please call the parish office. Please take time to read our bulletin and access our new website. If you are contributing by check, please make your check payable to St. Columba Cathedral Parish. Also, we will be updating the ways that you can contribute electronically.

The staff is putting strong emphasis on 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,

Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin



Reflection

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time God's Grace in the Here and Now

Mental healthcare professionals will tell you that constantly looking back on the past leads to depression and constantly looking toward the future causes anxiety. God's grace is not in the future. God's grace is not in the past. "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present" (Bill Keane).

What moment do we find ourselves in right now? We are on the cusp of the holy season on Lent. We are standing on the edge of the precipice, looking at the spiritual disciplines that lie before us, getting ready to sink or swim.

Our second reading says: "When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: *Death is swallowed up in victory.*" What exactly does that mean? We must allow ourselves to be changed, to be transformed. We who were once corruptible, must now flee from sinfulness. We who were once dead in our sins can be brought to everlasting life in Christ's forgiveness.

And who is the victor over death? It is Christ who swallows it up through His death. Of course God could simply say the word and we would all be saved, but He chose to send His Son and He chose to require our cooperation. "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher."

And so it was that God Almighty sent the most unfathomable present to us here and now, our very own Teacher. His grace is with us in this moment, leading, guiding and loving. Let us receive this gift and open our hearts to all the lessons and graces He has in store for us today.

Saint Columba Parish

| Mass Times | Lector | Eucharistic Minister | Greeters & Ushers | Altar Server |
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| St. Edward | | | | |
| 8:30 am Ash Wednesday | Mike Lowry Sr. Regina Rogers | Jim Carsone/Host Fely Puray/ CP <u>Linda Puryear/CB</u> | | Kathy Lewis |
| 5:30 pm Ash Wednesday | Tom O'Donnell Jason Vinkler | John Jablonski/Host Carol McBride/CP <u>Mick McBride/CB</u> | | Jennifer Vinkler |
| 4:00 pm March 8 | Jeanne McDermott Jim White | John Jablonski/ Host Carol McBride/ CP Mike McBride/ CB | Marcy Haney Ed Palumbo | Kathy Lewis |
| 9:00 am March 9 | Mary Ann Cashier Lucas Benson | Libby Benson/ Host Deacon Bill/ CP Beverly DeMario/ CB | Bailey Lloyd Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka | Jennifer Vinkler |
| St. Columba | | | | |
| (Ash Wednesday sign ups | In the Sacristy) | | | |
| 4:00 pm March 8 | Ronald Chapman Carol Michaels | Chuck Zarny/Host Tess Szenborn/Cup Mirta Chapman/ Cup | Rich Conway | Sr. Martha Reed |
| 10:30 am March 9 | Marly Reichert Deanna Marchionda | Heather Bucholtz/Host Deacon Syl/Cup Juliann McLennan/ Cup | Randy Grohovsky Michael Kurilla Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak | Mya Colella Patrick Young |
| 4:00 pm March 9 | Margaret Bourne Ginger Kubala | Leonard Schiavone/Host Laura Elder/Cup Gina Schiavone/Cup | Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris | Sr. Martha Reed Tim Domer |
| Sts. Peter & Paul | | | | |
| 11:00 am March 9 | Kathy Vogrin | Nancy Gunyula/Host Mary Rose Purton/Cup | Nancy Gunyula Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin | John Vogrin |

Vocation View/ Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 2, 2025

"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" (Luke 6:41)

Jesus calls us to self-awareness and humility, reminding us to look inward before we judge others. This same humility is essential when discerning how God is calling us to serve. Are you being called to dedicate your life to God's service as a priest or religious brother or

**St. Columba will be having
Polish Prayers and Benediction
On Wednesdays at 6:00 pm during
The Lenten Season on March 12th, 19th, 26th,
April 2nd and 9th.**



Stewardship Reflections

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." - Luke 6:43

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.



Our Stewardship

Sunday Collections for: Feb. 22/23
St. Columba Cathedral Parish \$ 9,517.75

Total Mass Attendance

St. Edward

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| Saturday, Feb.22 | 4:00 pm | 85 |
| Sunday, Feb.23 | 9:00 am | 125 |

St. Columba

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| Saturday, Feb. 22 | 4:00 pm | 86 |
| Sunday, Feb. 23 | 10:30 am | 137 |
| Sunday, Feb. 23 | 4:00 pm | 142 |

Sts. Peter & Paul

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| Sunday, Feb. 23 | 11:00 am | 55 |
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300 Club Winner Wk #16:

Sts. Peter and Paul

Jim Morris Number 16
 Wins \$50

Remembrance Flames @ St. Columba Cathedral for the week.

Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10

Sanctuary:

Blessed Mother: Eleanor Kopstoffer

St. Joseph:

Lady of Czestochowa: Friends of St. Stanislaus

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

Sanctuary: Dr. John Cernica

Host & Wine: Dr. John Cernica

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

John & Frances Medovich

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.



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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“WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST”

2 Corinthians 5:20

In 1999 Sr. Annette Amendolia, S.N.D., the pastoral associate of St. Stephen of Hungary and SS Cyril and Methodius, had a dream of uniting the churches on the east side of Youngstown. She walked across the street to meet the neighbors...

And so began a sharing of prayer, scripture and music. This group chose their name—**Ambassadors for Christ**, based on the scripture passage 2 Corinthians 5:20. Each year since, Lent has begun with an ecumenical sharing of the ashes amongst the participating churches. The group pilgrimages to each church every Wednesday throughout Lent. The participating churches include SS Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, We Walk by Faith Bible Church and St. Angela Merici Roman Catholic Church.

We welcome you to be a part of this ecumenical celebration! Please join us as we begin our 26th year together at our Ash Wednesday service 7:00 PM, March 5, 2025 at SS Peter and Paul Church at 421 Covington St., Youngstown Ohio. ALL ARE WELCOME!

LET US COME TOGETHER FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE!

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| When? | Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025 |
| Where? | SS Peter and Paul Church, 421 Covington St., Youngstown Ohio |
| What? | Worship Service with scripture, preaching, music, blessing/distribution of ashes, free will offering |
| Who? | Churches of Ambassadors for Christ: SS Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church Mt. Zion Baptist Church We Walk by Faith Bible Church St. Angela Merici Roman Catholic Church |
| Music? | Selections from the host church choir |

Location of each Wednesday service during Lent will be in the bulletin

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 2, 2025

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| Sunday | Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14; 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45 |
| Monday | Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5,6, 7; Mk 10:17-27 |
| Tuesday | Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31 |
| Wednesday | Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 |
| Thursday | Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25 |
| Friday | Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15 |
| Saturday | Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32 |
| Sunday | First Sunday of Lent Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13 |



Hubbard St. Patrick Church

357 N. Main St. Hubbard, OH

LENTEN FRIDAY FISH DINNERS

March 7, 14, 21, 28 April 4 & 11, 2025
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Haddock (Baked, Fried or Italian Style)
Adult: \$15.00 Child: \$8.00

Two sides included:

Choose 1 from:

Homemade Halushki, Mac & Cheese, Pierogi, Hand-cut fries, Ravioli

and 1 from: Coleslaw or Applesauce

Other dinners available:

Fried Shrimp Dinner: \$12

Halushki, Pierogi, Mac & Cheese & Ravioli Dinners are \$8.00 each.

These dinners include coleslaw/applesauce, drink & dessert.

Eat-in, take-out or drive-thru.

Call 330-534-4532 beginning at 3:30 pm for take-out and drive-thru orders.

Saint Edward
Saint Columba Cathedral
Sts. Peter and Paul

You are invited to Mardi Gras Celebration at
Saint Edward's Lettau Hall
Saturday, March 1st, 2025
The event will start after the 4:00 pm mass.
We will provide ham, beverages,
bread and table services.
Please consider bringing a dish that can be shared!
Family members and friends are welcome!

**SAINT COLUMBA PARISH
LENTEN SERIES at
SAINT EDWARD CHURCH**

Saturday, March 1, 2025
4:00 pm Mass
Mardi Gras Party

Wednesday, March 5, 2025
Please see the bulletin for Mass times

Tuesday, March 11, 2025
5:30 pm Mass
Simple supper
Talk: What is meant by the Holy Year? Deacon Syl

Tuesday, March 18, 2025
5:30 pm Mass
Simple supper
Talk: Structure of the Church Msgr. Siffrin

Wednesday, March 19, 2025
6:30-8:30pm The Lights are On St. Columba

Tuesday, March 25, 2025
5:30 Mass
Simple Supper
Talk: Vision for merged parishes Msgr. Zuraw

Tuesday, April 1, 2025
5:30 pm Mass
Simple supper
Talk: What is meant by evangelization Fr. Brienz

Tuesday, April 8, 2025
5:30 pm **Mass - Saint Columba
**Seder Meal - Saint Columba Hall

Tuesday, April 15, 2025
5:30 pm Mass: Tuesday of Holy Week
Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered
Simple supper

Please consider donating Peanut Butter & Jelly and Soups for the Month of March. Thank you!

**Food
Pantry
Needs**

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.

Ash Wednesday

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years. But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder—even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum! No wonder the Eastern Rite’s “Lenten Announcement” sounds surprising: “Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!” Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: “Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don’t be jealous.” A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent!