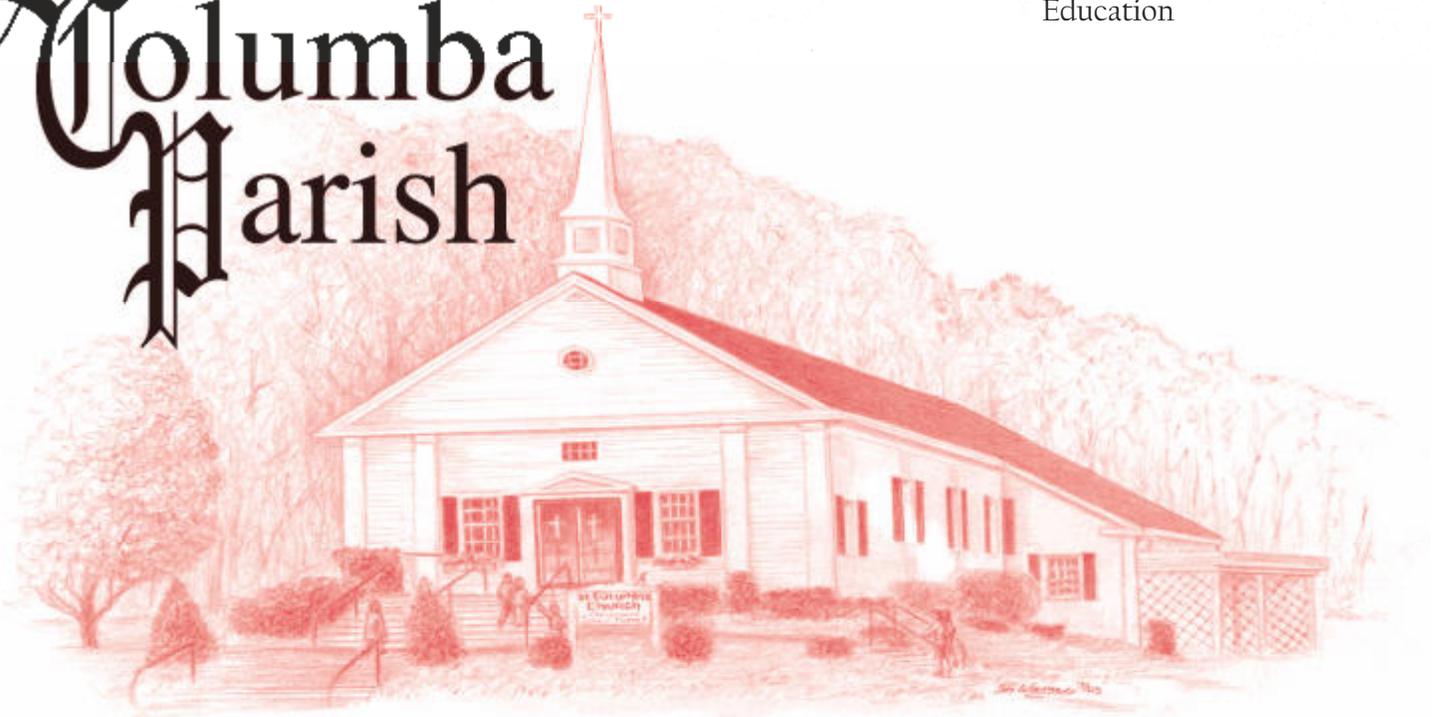


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## **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday Evening 4:00PM, Sunday Morning 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

## **WEEKDAY MASSES**

8:00AM (Monday—Thursday)

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Confessions are heard on Saturday at 3:15PM

Any other time is by appointment.

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Please call the office for instructions and a Baptismal date.

## **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Please call the office when you become engaged

## **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Friday 12:00 PM

## **WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please introduce yourselves. We want to know and serve you.  
We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR  
HOLY WEEK LITURGIES**

The Holy Week Liturgies will be live-streamed on the parish Facebook page via Facebook Live and on the St. Columba website (stcolumba@paxton.org)

Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10a.m.

Holy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m.

Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m.



At this time we are unable to physically attend Mass and receive the Holy Eucharist. The following is a prayer that we can recite to ask Jesus to come into our hearts spiritually while expressing our belief of His Presence in the Eucharist.

**Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
Are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
And I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you  
sacramentally,  
Come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and  
unite myself wholly to You  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen

"Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
hosanna in the highest."  
And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was  
shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds  
replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in  
Galilee." - Mt 21:9-11  
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998,  
1970 CCD.

**Distribution of Palms**

If you wish to receive Palms, they will be distributed between 11a.m. and 12p.m. in the Church parking lot on Palm Sunday. Please remain in your car and the palms will be handed to you with gloved hands.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK  
AND IN A SPECIAL WAY FOR**

Muriel Walsh, Dan Daignault, Eric Henault  
Ursula Shea, Doris Metilly, Connie Bernier  
Mellissa Angiolillo, Julie Dix, Garry Power,  
Jackie Cook, Blake George Murawski  
Barbara Englander, Ginny Bean, Patrick Remington  
Aline Riedle, Robert Mertig, Christina Marden  
Patricia Jones, Elena & Paul Coffey

**Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl, Do This In Memory of Me**

As we enter Holy Week, we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist as our heavenly food. We continue to reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How does our faith inspire us to share the gifts that God has bestowed on us?  
Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more..

## PALM SUNDAY

### Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence

Abstinence from Eating Meat -All Catholics, 14 years or older, must abstain from meat (beast or fowl) on all the Fridays of Lent. This does not prohibit the use of laticineria (viz. eggs or milk products) nor condiments, even if they are made from animal fat.

Fasting-Fasting is required for Catholics who are more than 18 years of age, but have not yet observed their 59th birthday. Those who are subject to the obligation to fast may take only one full meal. While two smaller meals (or collations) are allowed to maintain strength and according to particular circumstances, these two collations should not equal one full meal. On fast days, eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the only two fast days required.

Daily Mass can be seen on the Diocesan website and on our parish website at [stcolumbaparish.org](http://stcolumbaparish.org).



We commend to your prayers Ed McTigue. May the Angels lead him into Paradise. We also extend our condolences to the members of his family. We pray that God will give them strength and comfort during their time of loss.

We also remember those who have died from the Corona Virus Pandemic. May God welcome them into Paradise and give their families strength and comfort during this difficult time.

### Partners In Charity

To donate online go to  
<http://www.partners-charity.net/donate>.  
You may also send in your donation by mail.

### Gospel Meditation

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord -Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is “why me?” as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a “why me” attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.

There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price.

True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life’s successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it’s the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do.

Only our soul can understand these things, but our minds cannot, so they continue to run to secular ideas and solutions to pain and hardship. It goes without saying that we need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible. Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a whole host of other sins all result in suffering that is within our control. Then, when we face the uncontrollable kind of suffering or find ourselves the victim of injustice, what do we do? ©LPi

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