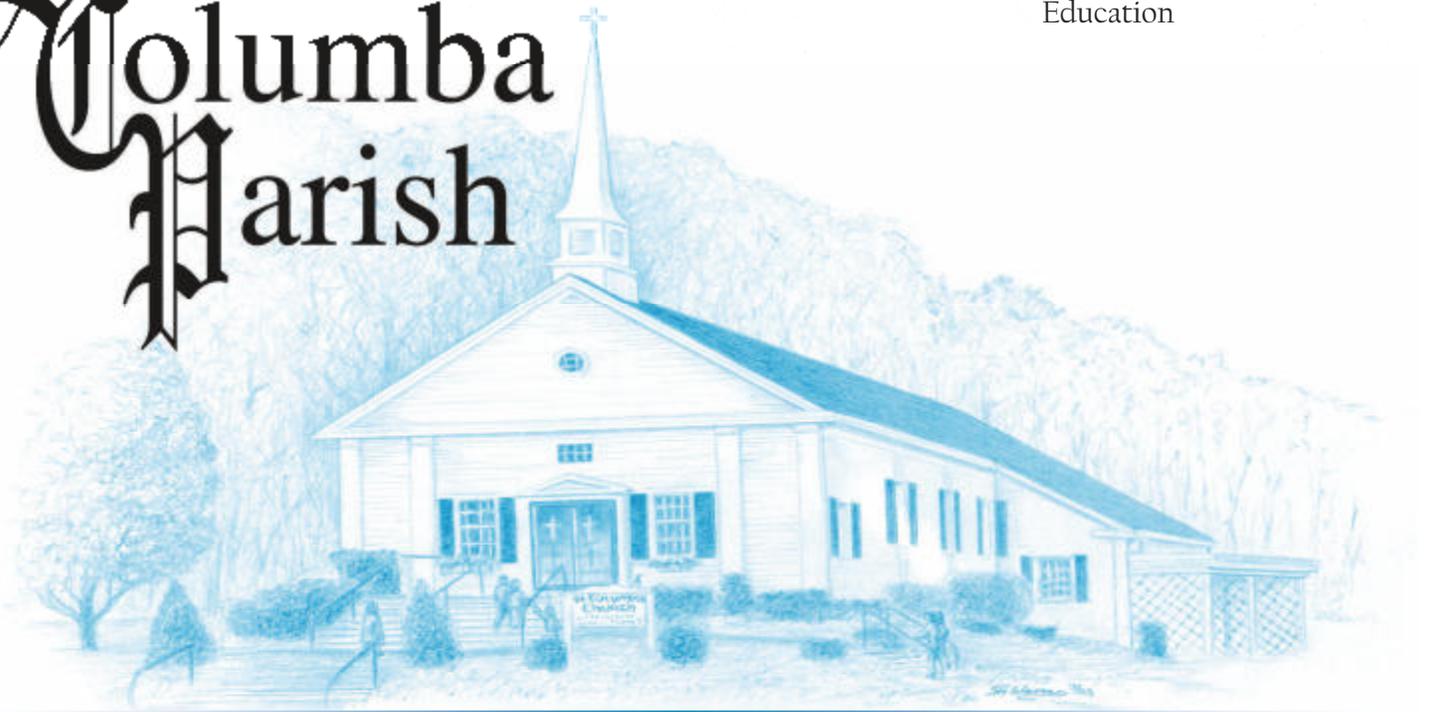


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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening 5:00PM, Sunday Morning 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:00PM (Monday & WEDNESDAY)

8:00AM (TUESDAY & THURSDAY)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on Saturday at 4:15PM

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

SATURDAY- AUGUST 15TH

9:00a.m. -Rosary

5:00p.m. -Mass The Assumption of Mary

SUNDAY - AUGUST 16TH

8:00a.m. -Mass For Ursula Shea
Requested by Friends at St. Columba

10:00a.m. -Mass

MONDAY - AUGUST 17TH

6:00p.m. -Mass

TUESDAY - AUGUST 18TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 19TH

6:00p.m. Mass

THURSDAY - AUGUST 20TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

FRIDAY - AUGUST 21ST

NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY - AUGUST 22ND

9:00a.m. -Rosary

5:00p.m. -Mass For William White
17TH Anniversary
Requested by the Family

SUNDAY - AUGUST 23RD

8:00a.m. -Mass

10:00a.m. -Mass For Patricia Benicaso
Anniversary of Her Birthday
Requested by the Family of Ruth Marie Stimpson



Our faith community recently welcomed
Lillian Valentine Rosario,
into Christ's life and the Catholic Church through
Baptism.
Congratulations to Lillian and her family.

Weekly Offertory Collection

Our parish budget requires \$4,000 weekly to meet our expenses. On July 31 to August 7 we received \$4317. Thank you for your continued and generous support of our parish.

If you wish to make a weekly direct deposit to the parish, please refer to the instructions on the parish website listed under the "DONATE" tab at www.stcolumbapax.org.



"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:26b-28

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

Muriel Walsh, Dan Daignault, Eric Henault,
Doris Metilly, Mellissa Angiolillo,
Garry Power, Jackie Cook,
Blake George Murawski, Barbara Englander,
Ginny Bean, Patrick Remington,
Aline Riedle, Robert Mertig, Christina Marden,
Patricia Jones, Elena & Paul Coffey,
for all those sick with the coronavirus

Partners In Charity

Thank you to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2020 Partners in Charity Appeal. To date our Parish has responded with approximately \$36,410 towards our goal of \$39,900. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, you may do so on line by visiting www.partners-charity.net to complete an online gift or pledge. You may also mail your gift or pledge to St. Columba Parish. Partners in Charity is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 28 charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you!



Religious Education Update

The decision has been made to begin the 2020-2021 religious education year remotely, with online instruction. We will be doing this using zoom and flocknotes. We will try to follow the scheduled class meeting times that we have become accustomed to.

Thankfully, St. Columba has very dedicated volunteer catechists who will take this difficult time and turn it into a new opportunity to be creative to help our parish children and youth grow spiritually.

At this time, online instruction will continue through the end of calendar year 2020. A decision as to if the spring 2021 semester will be virtual or in person will be made in January 2021.

A registration form has been sent home through Flocknotes to families who previously registered children in the program last year. The registration form is also available on the church website (<https://stcolumbapax.org>) along with a way to make your tuition payment on-line. Any family needing assistance with the tuition should contact Mrs. Nummelin. (Cell# 774-239-0803)

Sacramental Preparation

Children wishing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion should attend 1st grade or a 1st year of Religious Education class if you have not already done so before entering grade 2. Those high school students who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation should have attended Religious Education classes from Grades 1-10. Usually, Confirmation is ministered to our young people in Grade 11. Please call if you have any questions.

Parochial School

If your son/daughter attends Parochial School and will be entering into Gr. 2 or Gr. 11 in the fall of 2020 they need to register in their home parish in preparation for Reconciliation and Eucharist, Grade 2, and Confirmation, Grade 11.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, "I'm tired of struggling with this cold, I can't wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better." Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire. ©LPi

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