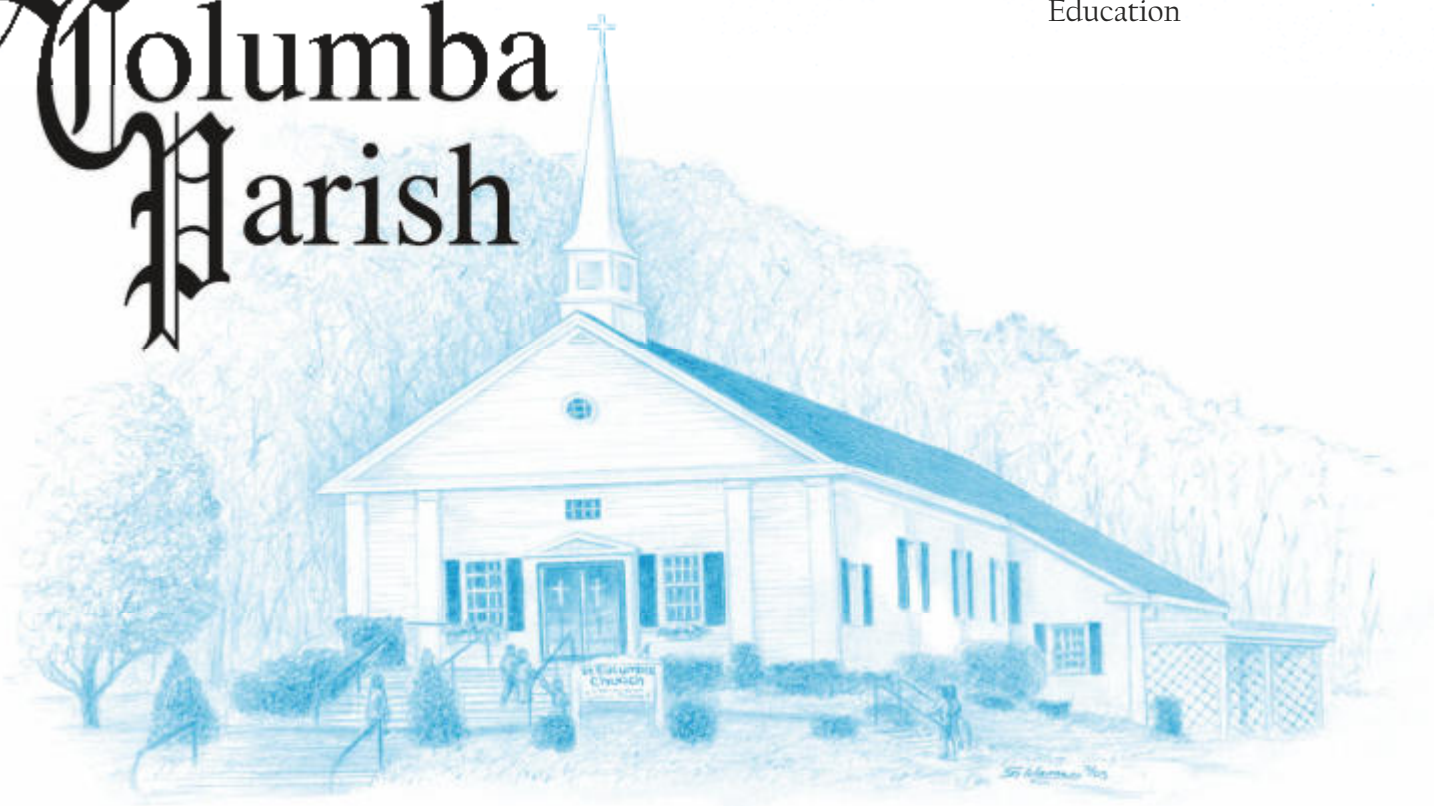


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SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:00AM (Monday—Thursday)

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call the office when you become engaged.

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.

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 SCHEDULESATURDAY- NOVEMBER 21ST

9:00a.m. -Rosary

4:00p.m. -Mass

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 22ND8:00a.m. -Mass For Sharon O'Day
Requested by the Family10:00a.m. -Mass For Agnes Barr
Requested by the FamilyMONDAY - NOVEMBER 23RD

8:00a.m. -Mass

TUESDAY-NOVEMBER 24TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 25TH

8:00a.m. Mass

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 26TH

Thanksgiving

8:00a.m. -Mass

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 27TH**NO MORNING MASS**SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 28TH

9:00a.m. -Rosary

4:00p.m. -Mass

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 29TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

10:00a.m. -Mass For Frank Urbanovitch
Anniversary Mass
Requested by His Wife DorisMass Online and TV

The 10a.m. Mass is being live-streamed every Sunday on St. Columba's website at:

<https://stcolumbapax.org/livestream> and on the

St. Columba Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintColumbaParish/>.

The Mass can also be watched on Paxton Cable Channel 192 on Sunday and Monday at 4pm, 6pm and 8pm.

All Souls Remembrance: Father Cotter continues to remember your deceased loved ones at the Masses during the month of November. Due to covid restrictions, the large book cannot be put out to write the names in however the envelopes with the names of your deceased loved ones are placed near the altar.



"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'" - Mt 25:34-36

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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, Kay Johnson, Garry Power, Jackie Cook, Ben St. George, Blake George Murawski, Barbara Englander, Ginny Bean, Patrick Remington,, Aline Riedle, Robert Mertig, Christina Marden, Charles Daigneault, Patricia Jones, Elena & Paul Coffey, David Johnson for all those sick with the coronavirus

Weekly Offertory Collection

Our parish budget requires \$4,000 weekly to meet our expenses. On November 3 to November 8 we received through the Church Collection \$2303 plus \$837 through Online Giving for a total of \$3140. 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.

Legacy of Hope

I would like to thank all parishioners for their participation (and patience) with the Legacy of Hope capital campaign, the active part of which has just concluded in the parish. This has taken up a great deal of time (and psychic energy!) in the parish in recent months. The funds raised will do a great deal of good here in the parish and throughout the diocese. You can continue to make new contributions and I'll be happy to answer your questions as best I can. Thus far, we have received \$99,354, which is 40% of our target of \$248,000. Thanks again.

Father Cotter

Hope for Housing Food Card Sale

Food Cards to support the Hope For Housing charity will be on sale this weekend, November 21 and 22, 2020 at the parking lot entrance to the Church after all Masses. You buy food cards at face value and spend them at face value while supporting this charity. We will stay a few minutes after each Mass for drive up customers. The next sales weekend after this weekend is December 5 and 6, 2020 depending on the potential spread of the virus. With the Holidays approaching please consider our food cards as gifts. Thank you. The last sales weekend we sold \$1,145.

Baby Bottle Drive for Visitation House



The baby bottle drive ends on Saturday,
November 21, 2020

Thank you for your support.

The Haitian Sewing Ministry

The Haitian Sewing Ministry has started to meet again on Wednesday morning in the Church Hall from 9am until noon following social distancing rules. There are also many kits all set for pick up that you can sew at home. Please contact Marianne Girouard with any questions at 508-798-8330 or by email at mcgirouard@hotmail.com.

Religious Education December Schedule

All classes will be held via Zoom & home-study for the fall session. The decision to hold in-person classes will be made at the end of December.

Zoom Invitations will be sent through e-mail and Flocknotes, on the Friday before the scheduled Zoom Class. If you do not receive the Zoom invitation please call Mrs. Nummelin:
774-239-0803 (cell)
508-755-0601 (office)

Grades 1& 2

Sunday mornings: 9:00 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.
December: 6, 13

Grades 3 & 4

Monday afternoons: 4:00p.m.- 4:30 p.m.
December: 7, 14

Grade 5 & 6

Tuesday afternoons: 4:00p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
December: 8, 15

Grades 7 & 8

Monday evenings: 7:00p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
December: 7, 14

Grades 9 & 10

Sunday mornings: 11:15 a.m.- 12:15p.m.
December: 6, 13

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Counters: Need two individuals to count the weekly donations on one Monday a month from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Decorations: Need two individuals to help set-up the church decorations for Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter on a Saturday morning from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

Photoshop: Need an individual that can do simple work in modifying images using the Photoshop Program.

If interested, call Dick Bedard at (508) 757-7153 or the Rectory at (508) 755-0408

11/22/2020

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this story book understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn't enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom.

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It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom?

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The Giving Tree began last weekend. It will look a little different this year. Our Giving Tree can be found on the St. Columba website and Facebook page. Instead of taking individual tags this year we are asking for your support through the giving of gift cards to be used by the organizations as they see best. Suggestions for gift cards are to Kohl's, Target, Walmart or if you would like to get a Master or Visa Gift Card that is appreciated but we want to make you aware that there is an activation fee at the time that you purchase it. Any gift card amount is appreciated. \$10. will buy a game or warm mittens.

We ask that all gift cards be returned by Sunday, November 29th to give the organizations time to use them as they see best. You may return your gift card by putting it in an envelope or small gift box and dropping it in the collection basket, bringing it to the rectory or you may mail it to the rectory at 10 Richards Ave. Please mark on the outside of the envelope for Giving Tree and if you would like it to be given to a particular organization, please mark for St. Peter/St. Andrew Parish or Pernet. Please call the rectory at (508) 755-0408 with any questions or if you need assistance in getting your gift back.

We will be decorating our Giving Tree as gifts are received for the two organizations. We hope that you will visit the St. Columba website at stcolumbapax.org. and Facebook page.

The Giving Tree Ministry, our 7th and 8th grade students and their teachers thank you for your generosity and support of the Giving Tree Project.

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