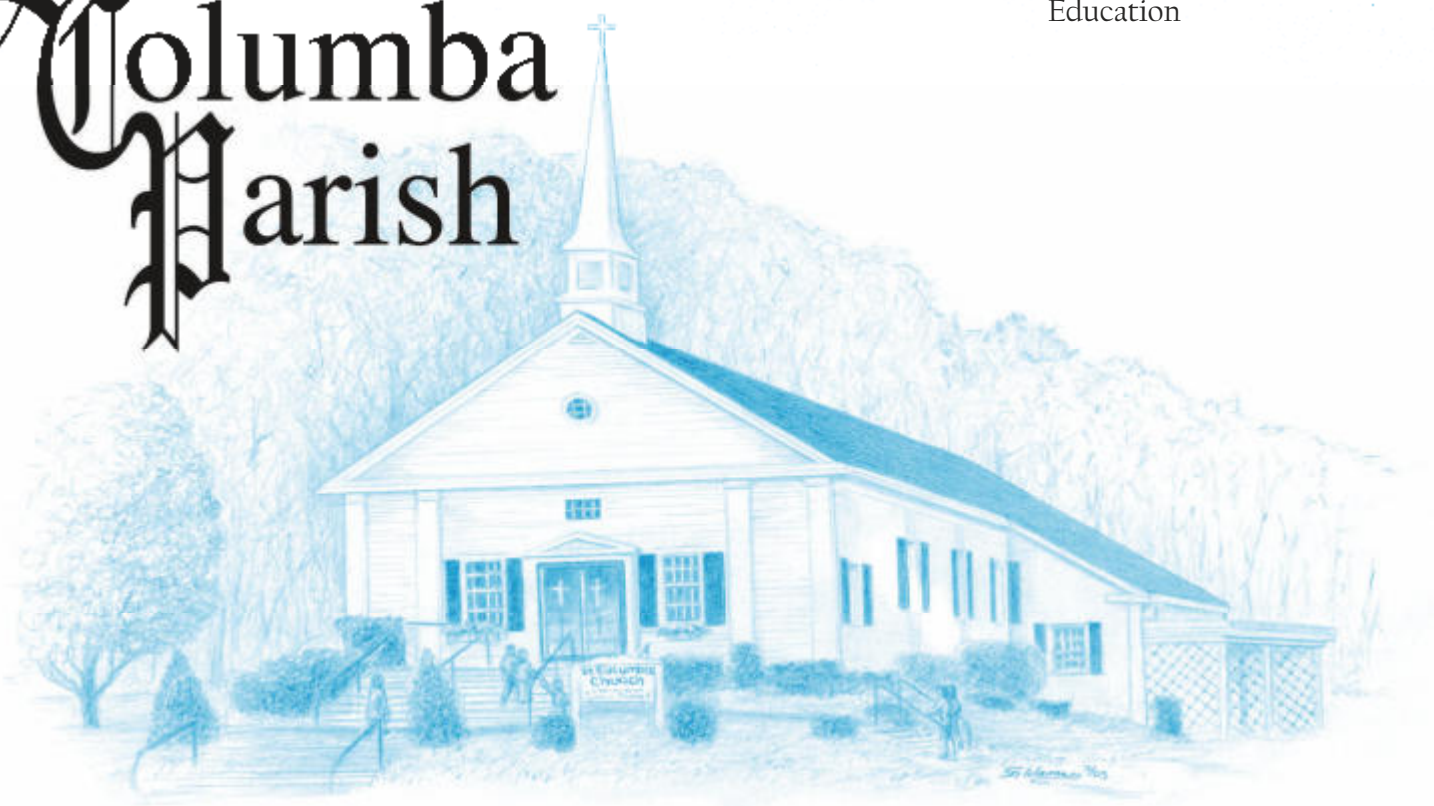


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## SUNDAY MASSES

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 SCHEDULE****SATURDAY- DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00a.m. -Rosary

4:00p.m. -Mass

For Margaret Amiot  
First Anniversary

Requested by the Family

**SUNDAY - DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00a.m. -Mass

For Kathy Bedard

Requested by the Bedard &amp; Ryan Families

10:00a.m. -Mass For all Health Care Workers

and especially the Nurses who bravely dedicate  
their skills helping those suffering in the Pandemic.**MONDAY - DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00a.m. -Mass

**TUESDAY-DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

The Immaculate Conception

8:00a.m. -Mass

**WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00a.m. Mass

**THURSDAY - DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00a.m. -Mass

**FRIDAY - DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>****NO MORNING MASS****SATURDAY - DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00a.m. -Rosary

4:00p.m. -Mass

For Theresa Bell  
Second Anniversary

Requested by Betty Zglobicki &amp; Family

**SUNDAY - DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00a.m. -Mass

10:00a.m. -Mass For Rita & Francis Curran  
Requested by the Family

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." - Mk 1:4, 6-7a

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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  
Linda Coyne, William Foley, Doris Urbanovitchf  
for all those sick with the coronavirus

**Mass 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.

**The Second Sunday of Advent**

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." (Mark 1:3) We are all called  
to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to  
live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being  
grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the  
path to holiness and is an example for others to be  
holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own  
lives, but for the lives of others as well.



Our faith community recently welcomed Jack Barrett Mulrooney, Andrew Adams Pate and Roen Asher Pate  
into Christ's life and the Catholic Church through Baptism. Congratulations to Jack, Andrew and Roen  
and their families.

**Christmas 2020**

As with everything else in our lives in this remarkable year of 2020, arrangements for Christmas will need to be different this year. Some of those differences, masks, hand-sanitizing and social-distancing, we've grown used to over the last months.

Let me draw your attention to a number of changes.

1. Bishop McManus has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass until the first Sunday of Lent, February 21.
2. Again with Bishop McManus's permission and at his suggestion, the first Mass on Christmas Eve can be celebrated at 3 p.m. Here at St. Columba we will have four Masses for Christmas: On Christmas Eve at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. and on Christmas Day at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. (This change is only for Christmas Eve. On Saturday, December 26—27, the Feast of the Holy Family, Masses will return to the usual times of 4 p.m., 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.)
3. Because the church has a limited seating capacity of 80 and since more people than usual come to Mass on Christmas, we will be using an online seat reservation system for the four Christmas Masses. It will be sent to you via Flocknote or you can find it on the parish website. Remember these stipulations as you make your reservation.
  - a. People who share an address can sit together in the same pew
  - b. People who do not share an address must be socially distanced, six feet apart.
4. When you arrive at the church, with your mask and having your hands sanitized, we'll check your name off the list of those who have reserved. Numbers can't be increased at that point.
5. Please tell your friends and acquaintances that they must reserve spaces beforehand. If they have not done so, we will have 20 extra spaces in the Hall where people will be able hear the Mass and where communion will be brought to them.
6. If you don't have computer access, call the rectory as soon as possible and we will make the reservation for you.
7. If you or anyone in your family feel at all unwell, please stay home, take it easy and get better as soon as possible.



The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students thank you for your support of their Giving Tree Project which ends on December 7th.

Your gifts will make Christmas brighter for many families this Christmas.

**Legacy of Hope**

Thank you to all our parishioners for their participation (and patience) with the Legacy of Hope capital campaign, the active part of which has concluded in our parish. The funds raised will do a great deal of good here in the parish and throughout the diocese and you can continue to make new contributions. Thus far, we have received \$128,360. which is 51.6% of our target of \$248,000. Thanks.

**Weekly Offertory Collection:** Our parish budget requires \$4,000 weekly to meet our expenses. On November 9 to November 14 we received through the Church Collection \$4575 plus \$924 through Online Giving for a total of \$5499. Thank you for your continued and generous support of our parish.

12/06/2020

### **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

### **Hope for Housing Food Card Sale**

Food Cards to support the Hope For Housing charity will be on sale this weekend, December 5 and 6, 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 19 and 20, 2020 depending on the potential spread of the virus. With the Holidays approaching please consider our food cards as gifts. Thank you.

The Haitian Sewing Ministry will not meet again until Wednesday, January 6, 2020.

***12/06/2020***

**Retirement Fund for the Religious**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of December 13<sup>th</sup>, our parishes will be conducting the appeal for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Over the past year, this national collection assisted nearly 30,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It is staggering to realize that only 29 of the 531 religious communities throughout the country are adequately funded for retirement.

As you may know, religious women and men were instrumental in establishing Catholic schools, hospitals, and charitable agencies. Often this progress came at great sacrifice, and many older sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little to no pay.

Today, hundreds of religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for a growing number of elder members. Covid-19 has only increased the challenge to provide adequate care.

Just as our annual *Celebrate Priesthood* event helps our diocese to care for its retired diocesan priests, this national collection assists many religious communities which struggle to provide for aging members. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the struggle to provide adequate care. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-range retirement strategies, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

In his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul urges us to remain steadfast in helping others: *"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up"* (Gal 6:9). During these unprecedented times, many are hurting and need our assistance, including elderly religious.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you consider giving to those who have given a lifetime. If you are unable to give during Mass, please mail your offertory envelope to your parish or donate through your parish's online giving platform, if available. In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God's blessing on our nation's elderly and infirm religious women and men.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
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