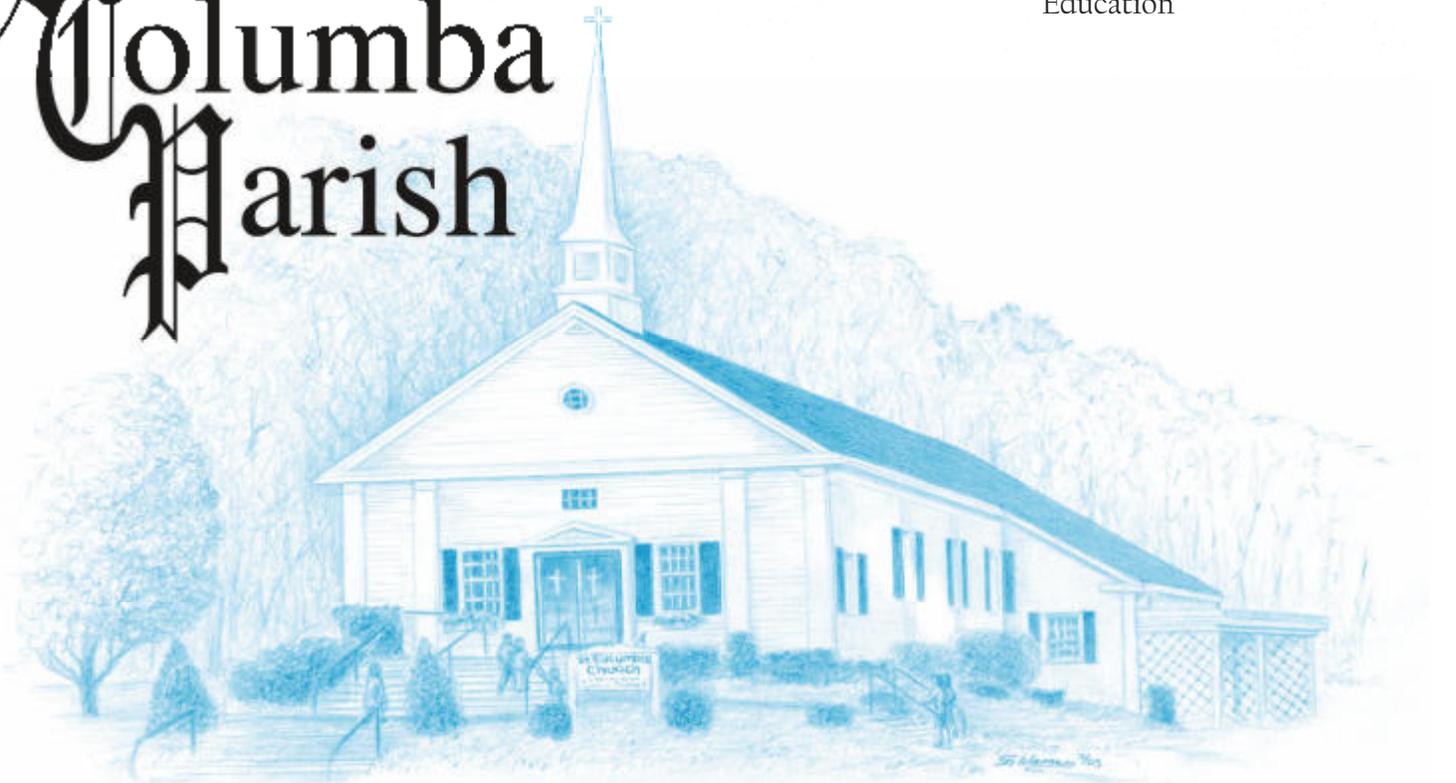


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SUNDAY MASSES

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- MARCH 27TH

9:00a.m.-Rosary

4:00p.m. -Mass

SUNDAY - MARCH 28TH

Palm Sunday

8:00a.m. -Mass

10:00a.m. -Mass

For Rita Mertig
Birthday

Requested by the Family

MONDAY - MARCH 29TH

8:00a.m.-Mass

TUESDAY-MARCH 30TH

8:00a.m.-Mass

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 31ST

8:00a.m.-Mass

THURSDAY - APRIL 1ST HOLY THURSDAY



7:00p.m.-Mass

FRIDAY - APRIL 2ND

GOOD FRIDAY



3:00p.m.-Stations of the Cross

7:00p.m.-Passion of Our Lord

SATURDAY - APRIL 3RD

EASTER VIGIL

9:00a.m. -Rosary

7:30p.m. -Mass

SUNDAY - APRIL 4TH

EASTER-

The RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:00a.m. -Mass

10:00a.m. -Mass



Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Hosanna in the highest!" - Mk 11:9-10

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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,
Cathy Mattison, Patrick Remington,,
Robert Mertig, Fr. Xavier Connolly, Patricia Jones,
Elena & Paul Coffey, David Johnson, Theresa Mars,
Doris Urbanovitch, Ginny Bean, Aline Riedle,
Charles Daigneault, Ramona Brodeur, Gail Hicks,
for all those sick with the coronavirus



We commend to your prayers Paul "Pete" Belsito. 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.

*Palms will be distributed at all the Masses.
Father Cotter will also distribute palms at the side
entrance to the Church until 11:30a.m.
on Palm Sunday.*

Weekly Offertory Collection

Our parish budget requires \$4,000 weekly to meet our expenses. On March 6 to March 12 we received through the Church Collection \$2189 plus \$514 through Online Giving for a total of \$2703. Thank you for your continued and generous support of our parish.

The Eleventh and Twelfth Scriptural Stations of the Cross

The Eleventh Station: Jesus promises his kingdom to the good thief—Luke 23:39-43.

In the Gospel according to Luke one of the criminals crucified alongside Jesus asks to be remembered by him when he comes into his Kingdom. Jesus promises him that his hope will be granted.

Saint Dismas, as he is known in our Catholic tradition, is remembered in the liturgy on March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation. According to ancient belief, we are conceived and die on the same day. One of the days on which, according to the calendar spelled out in the Gospel, Jesus might have died was March 25, so his conception is celebrated on that day. Thus, he and Dismas were a kind of twin, both born on the same day and dying on the same day.

Nothing else is known of him, aside from the couple of sentences devoted to him in the Luke's Gospel. So, what can we tell from that little evidence? He was honest, humble, faithful and hopeful. He admitted a past of which he was not proud and which, according to his understanding, had brought him to his sorry end. He admitted past wrongdoing without any attempt at self-justification or minimizing what he had done. He had not been a good man. But in making this confession he shows that whatever other faults he might have had, at last at this ultimate moment he was honest and humble. And he possessed some kind of faith. Probably not the sophisticated faith, with the accompanying technical vocabulary that would have allowed him to dispute with the Masters at the great medieval universities. But such a faith is neither asked nor demanded of us. It suffices to simply turn our gaze upon Jesus, the Savior, and ask to be with him, ask to be saved by him. We don't have to understand the nuances of the great creeds, we simply have to trust. And hope. For Dismas' other great virtue is his hope, hope that there's no use-by date on the offer of forgiveness, no need to have built up a sort of divine credit rating of 800 or more to get a hearing before the divine judge. All we have to do is trust, and hope that trust is enough. And if we do that, we too will be with Jesus in Paradise and will be welcomed in by Dismas.

So, there's no need to beat ourselves up about our failings, all the times we've hurt others, been petty and unforgiving, harbored grudges, driven by the downtrodden without trying to help, all the untruths small and great which we have told, all the love we've rejected all the anger we've held onto and the apologies we've turned aside. We must honestly acknowledge, certainly, all of this. But the thing about love is that it doesn't, can't, be earned. It's freely given or not given at all. And all we have to do to receive the gift is to want it. Just like Dismas, honest, humble, faithful and hopeful.

The Twelfth Station: Jesus speaks to his mother and the beloved disciple—John 19:25-27.

Although it's hard to imagine being part of this scene, hard to imagine when this Son spoke for the last time to his Mother and to his close friend. On the one hand, his concern is purely practical. Mary would have to live with someone, be cared for by someone. She would no longer have been young. Arrangements needed to be made, so Jesus was taking care of that, the thoughtful Son to the very end.

But there's more going on here than that, of course. Whenever we read a story, or watch a film, either we identify with some character or we don't. If we do, then we place ourselves in the story's midst. We are the detective looking for the evil doers, the family matriarch or patriarch caring for the family...and on and on. So who do we identify with in this scene?

WE might well be surprised with what tradition tells us in this regard. St. Augustine tells us that, in a very real sense, we are the Mother of God. By which he means that, if Christ is ever to be born into this world that is so much in need of him, that he must be born through us, in us. So, in this scene of unimaginable tragedy, we are the Mother. We stand with her, remembering the angels words, remembering the baby at the breast, remembering the toddler and boy playing, the young man working with and learning from her beloved spouse *Continued*

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Joseph, wondering what the future held for him. We remember the conversation that must have happened, when he told her that it was now the time to leave her home, to gather disciples, to preach the Kingdom. And we remember that, not for the first time, she felt her heart pierced with the predicted sword as she feared for his future. And now she's here, filled with love, overcome with grief, stalwart in facing the future. She would help his Kingdom come, help his Church to be born.

And, too, we are also the enigmatically unnamed Beloved Disciple. Tradition tells us that he is St. John, the Evangelist. Perhaps so. But modern scholarship suggests that we, the faithful ones reading the Gospel in whatever time and place, are the Beloved Disciple. We stand by him when others fall away, we are the first to know the reality of his resurrection. We ordinary people, not powerful, not sophisticated, lacking advanced degrees and elaborate gowns and robes. We ordinary people are the ones who, for millennia past and for millennia to come, are the ones who hear word and respond to us. Some in great acts of heroic sanctity, but others in the ordinary tasks of daily church life, setting up the chairs, putting out the books, filling cruets, visiting the sick, offering alms to the needy. We are the Beloved Disciple and through our faithful discipleship, the Son we love will be born into the world.

Thank You



Thanks to all of our St. Columba families for your generous donations of blankets and men's shoes for the Mustard Seed. We had so many donations!!!! I am so grateful to our parish families! Always so generous and thoughtful.

Mrs. Nummelin

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March Parish Council Meeting Notes

- The sale of Hope for Housing food cards will occur the 1st and 3rd weekends of each month beginning in March. Additional volunteers are needed to assist with this ministry. Please contact the Parish Council (through Father Cotter) if you can help with these sales - or if you would like to purchase cards.
- Legacy of Hope pledges to date are currently \$185,348.75 (74.6% of goal) - \$74,000 plus of which will be returned to our parish to be used for Special Projects such as the plan refurbishment of the church interior. A sincere “thank you” to all who have helped achieve this result.
- Members of the facilities committee have sent out bid requests to 4 painting contractors to begin the process of redoing the church interior. These will be submitted by March 19th and it is anticipated for the work to begin after Easter. Volunteers will be needed to assist with clearing sections of the church and moving items for storage during the work process. Please contact the Parish Council if you are able to assist.

Partners In Charity, 2021

As in previous years, our Partners in Charity annual campaign begins during Lent. Many of you will have received a letter from the diocese announcing the campaign kickoff and requesting your assistance. Unlike previous years there will be no “in pew” weekend due to COVID-19 concerns. Our parish goal remains at \$39,900. We encourage your prayerful consideration of a one time gift and/or a monthly pledge to help us reach our 2021 Partners in Charity goal. Thank you.

The Haitian Sewing Ministry

The Haitian Sewing Ministry has been discontinued until further notice. If anyone needs a kit to sew at home, please contact Marianne Girouard by email at mcgirouard@hotmail.com or at (508) 798-8330.

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