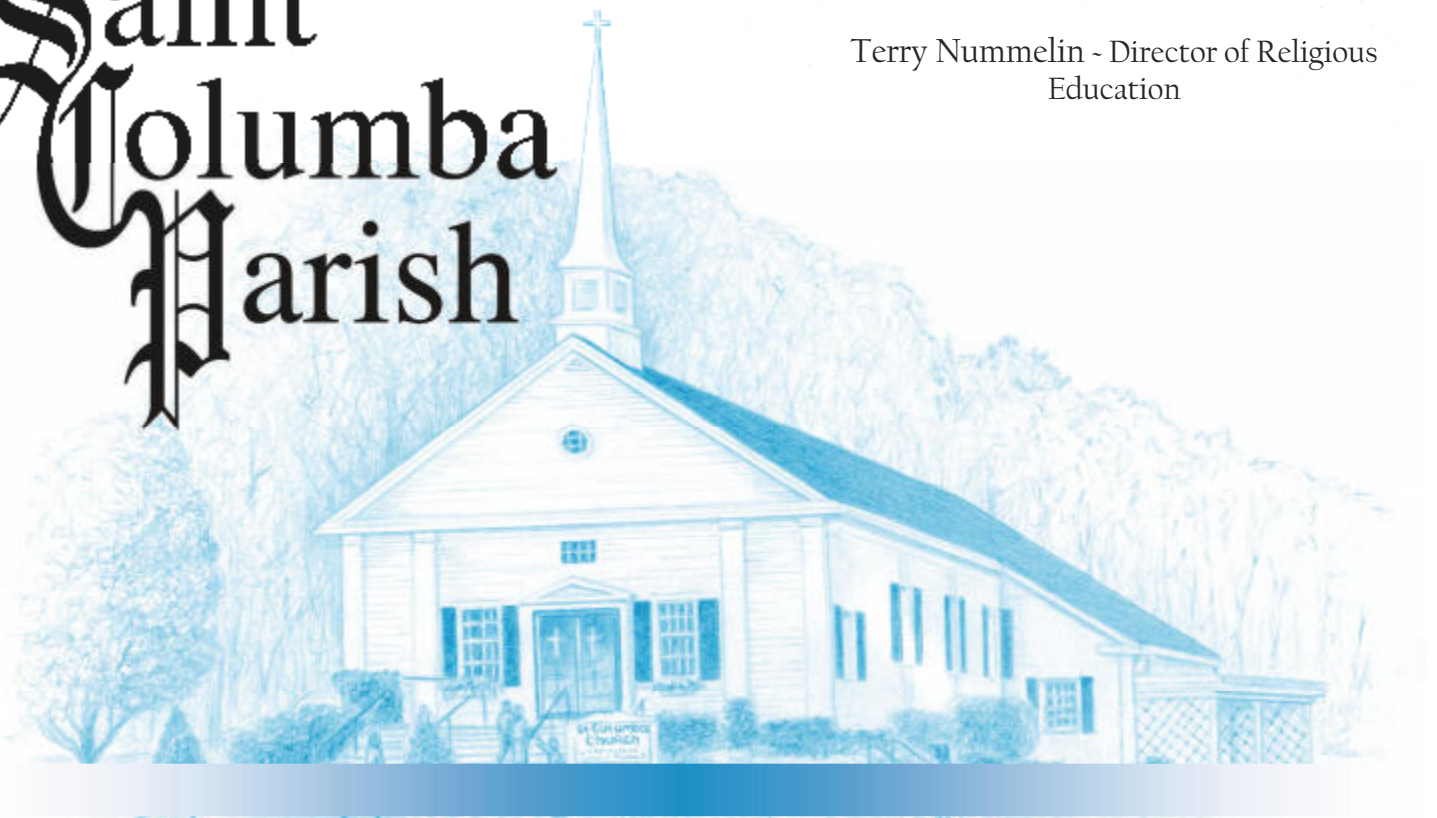


# Saint Columba Parish

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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening 5:00PM, 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 4:15PM

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 call or visit the rectory to register.

We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

WORSHIP SCHEDULESATURDAY – JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>

9:00a.m. -Rosary

5:00p.m. -Mass

In Memory of  
Ruth Osgood, Jessica Golen  
and Terry Marston  
Requested by the Family

SUNDAY – JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m. -Mass

For Virginia Ford  
3 Month Remembrance  
Requested by the Family

10:00a.m. -Mass

In Memory of  
Madeline “Toots” McGovern  
Requested by the Mullaney Family

MONDAY – JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m. -Mass

TUESDAY – JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m. -Mass

WEDNESDAY – JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>

8:00a.m. -Mass

THURSDAY – JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>

8:00a.m. -Mass

FRIDAY – JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>

NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY – JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>

9:00a.m. -Rosary

5:00p.m. -Mass In Memory of Barbara Poplis  
7<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary  
Requested by the Family

SUNDAY – JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>

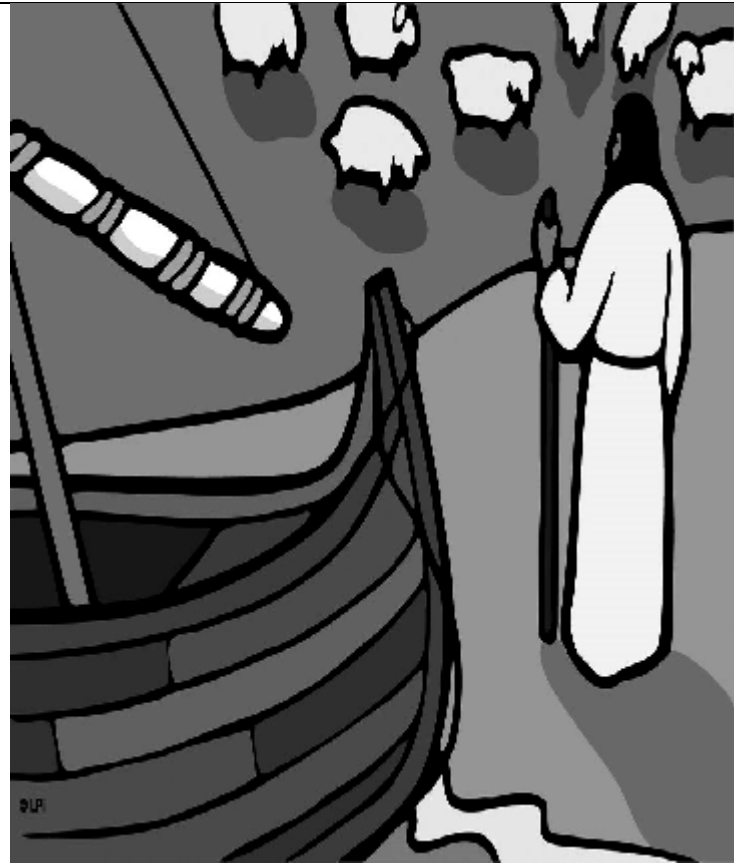
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10:00a.m. -Mass

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, Rosemary Henault, Ben St. George,  
Blake George Murawski, Barbara Englander,  
Cathy Mattison, Patrick Remington, Jackie Cook,  
Robert Mertig, Patricia Jones, Elena & Paul Coffey,  
David Johnson, Theresa Mars, Emily Ellen Calamari  
Doris Urbanovitch, Ginny Bean, Aline Riedle,  
Charles Daigneault, Ramona Brodeur,  
for all those sick with the coronavirus

*The Mass can be watched on Paxton Cable  
Channel 192 on Sunday and Monday at  
4p.m., 6p.m. and 8p.m.*



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34  
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First Reading

I myself will gather the remnant of my flock  
from all land to which I have driven them  
and bring them back to their meadow;  
there they shall increase and multiple. (Jer 23:3)

Psalms

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall  
want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off  
have become near by the blood of Christ. (Eph 2:13)

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***Baptism, Marriage, Pastoral Care of the Sick -***

Please call Father Cotter at the rectory or email him at dcotter01@gmail.com.

**Religious Education Registration**

Registration for Religious Education classes for the fall of 2021 is underway. Thank you to all families who have registered their children for Religious Education classes for the fall of 2021. We look forward to an exciting year of faith sharing with your child & family. For those families who have not sent in their registration, please send it in by August 1<sup>st</sup> so books can be ordered. Registration forms and family information guides are available at the front entrance of the church and on the parish website. Registration and tuition can also be made on the parish website by going to the following link <https://stcolumbapax.org/religiouseducationregistration>. The tuition fee is \$60.00 per student, with a family cap of \$180.00. (There is an additional \$20.00 fee for students registering in grades 2 & 11). Please contact Mrs. Nummelin via mobile number: 774-239-0803 or office: 508-755-0601 for additional information on the program or if you need assistance with the tuition. No child is ever turned away!

If your son/daughter attends Parochial School and will be entering into Gr. 2 or Gr. 11 in the fall of 2021 they need to register in their home parish in preparation for Reconciliation and Eucharist, (gr. 2) and Confirmation (gr.11).

**Partners In Charity Appeal**

St Columba parishioners have currently contributed \$31,175 towards our goal of \$39,900 (80%). We ask your prayerful consideration in helping us reach our goal and support the very important programs administered through Partners in Charity. Thank you.

**Hope for Housing Sale of Food Cards**

The Hope for Housing sale of food cards will continue after all the masses this weekend, July 17th & 18th. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

**The Rosary is recited every Saturday morning at 9a.m. in the church. All are welcome.**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

July 18, 2021

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.  
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**The Alcove**

*Father Cotter is asking for your suggestions for the statue you would like to be put in the alcove at church. Please email him at [dcotter01@gmail.com](mailto:dcotter01@gmail.com). Thank you.*

**Weekly Offertory Collection**

Our parish budget requires \$4,000 weekly to meet our expenses. For the week of July 5<sup>th</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup> we received \$2711 through the Church Collection plus \$808 through Online Giving for a total of \$3519. 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](http://www.stcolumbapax.org).

**The Haitian Sewing Ministry**

The Haitian Sewing Ministry is meeting again on Wednesday mornings from 9a.m. until 12p.m. All are welcome. If anyone would prefer to sew at home there are many kits available to choose from, please contact Marianne Girouard by email at [mcgirouard@hotmail.com](mailto:mcgirouard@hotmail.com) or at (508) 798-8330. Thank you.

**Tell Congress to Save the Hyde Amendment!**

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Billions of federal taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion. Government money would be better spent supporting women in crisis pregnancies and struggling new mothers than paying to end the lives of their children. It is critically important for Catholics to send a strong message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion.

Visit <https://bit.ly/no-taxpayer-abortion-action> to learn more and to send a message to Congress with just a few clicks, AND, sign the petition at [www.notaxpayerabortion.com](http://www.notaxpayerabortion.com).

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**The word of God  
is a light to the mind  
and a fire to the will.**

*—St. Lawrence of Brindisi*

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