

# Saint Columba Parish

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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 call or visit the rectory to register.

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULESATURDAY- DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

9:00a.m. -Rosary

4:00p.m. -Mass In Memory of Therese Bell  
3rd Anniversary  
Requested by the Family

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m. -Mass In Memory of  
Norman Osgood  
Requested by the Family

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

5:00p.m. -Mass Anna Maria College

MONDAY - DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m. -Mass

12:00p.m. -Mass Anna Maria College

TUESDAY-DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m. -Mass

12:00p.m. -Mass Anna Maria College

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m. -Mass

12:00p.m. -Mass Anna Maria College

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m. -Mass

12:00p.m. -Mass Anna Maria College

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

9:00a.m. -Rosary

4:00p.m. -Mass In Memory of Rita Mertig  
Requested by the Family

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m. -Mass In Memory of  
Kathy Bedard  
Requested by the Bedard and Ryan Families

10:00a.m. -Mass In Memory of  
Thomas J. O'Connor Jr.  
Requested by the Parish



Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:15-16a

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Suggestions for Church Events

The pandemic has taken its toll on everyone! To rise above and keep our parish vibrant and growing, we are looking for suggestions as to what kind of events our parishioners would like to participate in. Maybe It's a movie night, a book group, or a pizza night sitting outside by a bonfire? Let us get creative and work together to strengthen our parish community! Send your ideas to [terrynummelin@gmail.com](mailto:terrynummelin@gmail.com) or text me at 774-239-0803. You can also place your great ideas in the suggestion basket at the front entrance of the church.

Delay or School Cancellation

When there is delay or no school in the Wachusett District, there will be no morning mass.

Baptism, Marriage, Pastoral Care of the Sick -

Please call Father Cotter at the rectory or email him at [dcotter01@gmail.com](mailto:dcotter01@gmail.com).

Thank You

Mission Collection: \$1270.

Thank you for your prayers and support of Passionist Mission Papua New Guinea.

In jxp,  
Brother Terence c p

**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, Michelle Reidy  
Blake George Murawski, Barbara Englander,  
Patrick Remington, Jackie Cook, Jacob Rivera  
Robert Mertig, Patricia Jones, Elena & Paul Coffey,  
David Johnson, Theresa Mars, Emily Ellen Calamari,  
Doris Urbanovitch, Ginny Bean, Aline Riedle,  
Charles Daigneault, Ramona Brodeur, Pauline Miller,  
Roland Card, Deborah Sear, John Laverdi  
*To add or remove a name, please call or email the rectory.*



Congratulations to the young men and women who were confirmed at St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday morning. Your church family at St. Columba will keep you in our prayers as you continue your walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and grow in your relationship with Him and His Church.

**Weekly Offertory Collection**

Our parish budget requires \$4,000 weekly to meet our expenses. For the week of November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup> received \$4899 through the Church Collection plus \$671 through Online Giving for a total of \$5570. Thank you for your continued and generous support of our parish.

***Online Giving*** - 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).

**Religious Education December Schedule**

December 5, 12: Sunday Gr. 1 & 2:  
8:50a.m.-9:50a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00a.m.  
December 11: First Penance at 10:00a.m. for Grade 2  
December 5, 12: Sunday Gr. 9 & 10: 10:00a.m. Mass  
followed by class at 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m.  
December 6, 13: Monday Gr. 3 & 4: 3:00-4:15p.m.  
December 6, 13: Monday Gr. 7 & 8: 7:00-8:00p.m.  
December 7, 14: Tuesday Gr. 5 & 6: 3:00p.m.-4:15p.m.

**December Class Masses**

Grades 7 & 8 on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m.

**Hope for Housing Food Card Sale**

Food cards to benefit the Hope for Housing Program sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition To Prevent Family Homelessness will be available the weekend of **December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**. Your continued support of this project is appreciated. Sales will remain the first and third weekend of each month. We hope you consider this charity for your Holiday shopping and gift giving. Should you require large amounts, please talk to the sellers regarding your needs. Thanks to all who volunteer and support this project.

**The Haitian Sewing Ministry**



The last sewing session for this year was Nov. 17. We resume on January 5, 2022. Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who work diligently on behalf of the Haitian children. Marianne Girouard

**Harvest Raffle**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first annual harvest raffle. A total of \$15,195 of raffle tickets were sold and a net of nearly \$12,000 was raised to offset budget deficits and to fund future parish programs. The raffle was a clear and resounding success. Here is a list of the winners:

1. Bob Parker (lottery tickets)
2. Susan O'Donoghue (\$200)
3. The Flynn's (\$100)
4. Jack Benoit (\$100)
5. Kelly Santolucito (\$50)
6. Gail Lock (\$50)

Thanks again to our raffle committee and everyone who assisted in this exciting project.

***12/12/2021***

**Gospel Meditation**

*“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (Philippians 4:6)* St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God’s image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

**Office for Healing and Prevention of Abuse**

As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing.

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact the Victim Services Coordinator for our diocese, Judith Audette at 508-929-4363; confidential line 508-726-2880 or by email: [jaudette@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:jaudette@worcesterdiocese.org).

**Christmas Concert in Worcester**  
**Featuring Anna Maria College**

The Anna Maria College Music Department proudly presents its annual Christmas Festival Concert. The event will take place on **Sunday, Dec. 12 from 3 - 5 pm** at Christ the King Church, 1052 Pleasant St., Worcester. This year, the concert is dedicated to the Sisters of Saint Anne and will feature performances by the Bel Canto Chamber Choir, Wind Ensemble, and Concert Choir under the direction of: Constance Galli, Miriam Jensen, and Reagan Paras, with special guests: Shepherd Hill Regional High School’s Women’s Choir. Musical programming includes selections from Antonio Vivaldi’s Gloria, Tomás Luis de Victoria, as well as many Christmas favorites. For the first time ever, the Sisters of St. Anne will join the music department in song to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Anna Maria College. Admission is free to the public with a reception to follow.

12/12/2021



The Giving Tree project ends this weekend as the gifts are given to the two organizations, St. Peter/St. Andrew's Parish and Pernet Family Health Center. The students help with putting the gifts into the cars after the 10am Mass on December 12th

The Giving Tree Ministry, the 7th & 8th grade students and their teachers thank you for your support and generosity. Your gifts will make Christmas brighter for many families..



Please join us for Christmas Caroling at 2:30p.m. on Saturday, December 11th. We will meet in the Church parking lot to go caroling at the homes of three Paxton neighbors in need of Christmas cheer then to Holden nursing home. We should be back to St. Columba by 3:45p.m.

Carolers are invited to join us for the 4:00p.m. Mass. After Mass we will share Christmas cookies and Hot Chocolate out by the fire in the rectory garden. Remember to bring your favorite Christmas cookie to share!

We will be traveling in a caravan by car.

Everyone is welcome!

*The Rosary* is said every Saturday at 9a.m. in the Church. All are welcome.

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