

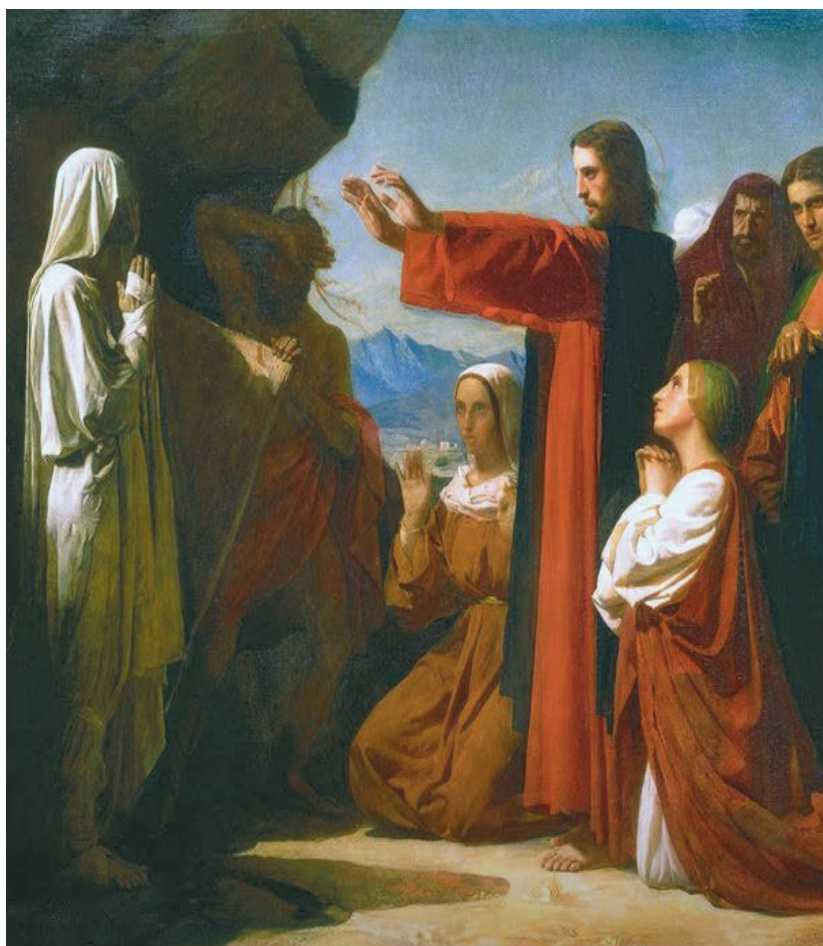
Saint Columba Parish



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March 26, 2023



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM,
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 3:45PM
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 Schedule

SATURDAY-MARCH 25TH

9:00a.m.-Rosary

4:30p.m.-Mass In Memory of Pete Belsito
2nd Anniversary

Requested by His Wife Patricia & Family

SUNDAY-MARCH 26TH

8:00a.m.-Mass

10:00a.m.-Mass In Memory of Garry Power
Requested by the Riley Family

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

MONDAY-MARCH 27TH

8:00a.m.-Mass

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

TUESDAY-MARCH 28TH

8:00a.m.-Mass

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

WEDNESDAY MARCH 29TH

7:45a.m.-Stations of the Cross

8:00a.m.-Mass In Memory of Nancy Serivio
Requested by the Family

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

6:00p.m.-Mass Followed by Adoration until
7:30p.m.**THURSDAY-MARCH 30TH**

8:00a.m.-Mass

12:00p.m.-Eucharistic Service Anna Maria

FRIDAY-MARCH 31ST

8:00a.m.-No Mass

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

SATURDAY-APRIL 1ST

9:00a.m.-Rosary

4:30p.m.-Mass In Memory of
Cathy Mattson
Requested by Jay O'Day**SUNDAY-APRIL 2ND**8:00a.m.-Mass In Memory of Garry Power
Requested by the Riley Family10:00a.m.-Mass In Memory of
Stephen Clinton
2nd Anniversary
Requested by the Family

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

Baptism, Marriage, Pastoral Care of the Sick -
Please call Father Cotter at the rectory or email him
at dcotter01@gmail.com.



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." - Jn 11:25-27

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First Reading

I will put my spirit in you that you may live,
and I will settle you upon your land;
thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

Psalm

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of
redemption. (Ps 130)

Second Reading

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead
dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the
dead will give life to your mortal bodies also,
through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

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Delay or School Cancellation

When there is delay or no school in the Wachusett
District, there will be no morning Mass. The
announcement can be heard on WTAG or found on
the Wachusett School website.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



The Stations of the Cross are said on Wednesday morning at 7:45 am before the 8am Mass and at 3pm on Fridays during Lent.

Adoration



There is Adoration after the 6pm Mass on Wednesdays until 7:30pm followed by Benediction.



Our faith community recently welcomed Olivia Elizabeth Williamson into Christ's life and the Catholic Church through Baptism. Congratulations to Olivia and her family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK
AND IN A SPECIAL WAY FOR:

Muriel Walsh, Dan Daignault, Eric Henault,
Mellissa Angiolillo, Gayla Bergman, Aline Riedle,
Doris Metilly, Michelle Reidy, Jacob Rivera,
Blake George Murawski, Patrick Remington,
Robert Mertig, Rosemary Foley,
Elena & Paul Coffey, Paul Girouard, Ginny Bean,
Emily Ellen Calamari, Ramona Brodeur,
Mike Vienneau, Zoey Murray
To add or remove a name, please call or email the rectory.



We commend to your prayers Catherine Mattson and Carol Whitenett. May the angels lead them into Paradise. We also extend our condolences to the members of their families. We pray that God will give them strength and comfort during their time of loss.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Gr. 1 & 2</u>	<u>8:50-9:50a.m.</u>	<u>3/26/2023</u>
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Gr. 9 & 10</u>	<u>11:00-12:00p.m.</u>	<u>3/26/2023</u>
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Gr. 3 & 4</u>	<u>3:00-4:15p.m.</u>	<u>3/27/2023</u>
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Gr. 7 & 8</u>	<u>7:00-8:00p.m.</u>	<u>3/27/2023</u>
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Gr. 5 & 6</u>	<u>3:00-4:15p.m.</u>	<u>3/28/2023</u>

Partners In Charity Appeal 2023

Thank you to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2023 Partners in Charity Appeal and a special thank you to those who gave for the first time. We have received 38 gifts for a total of \$15,400. St. Columba is 38% toward their goal of \$39,900. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located at the entrances to the Church Or visit www.partners-charity.net to do it online. Partners in Charity, formerly known as the Bishop's Fund, is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 26 charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization and worship. Thank you!



After fourteen years leading the parish's Partners in Charity campaign, Dan Doyle has decided to pass the torch to new leadership. We offer him our heartfelt thanks for all he has done and continues to do for the parish. Thanks, Dan!

Outreach Ministry

If you know of someone in the parish who would benefit from Home Communion visits, please contact the rectory by telephone at 508-755-0408 or by email at stcolumba@charter.net

Requests for Offertory Contribution Statements-

To request a 2022 Offertory Contribution Statement, please call the parish office at 508-755-0408 or email your request to stcolumba@charter.net

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Gospel Meditation

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.

— *Father John Muir*

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Weekly Offertory Collection

Our parish budget requires \$4,000 weekly to meet our expenses. On the weekend of March 18-19 we received \$3216. 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.

2023 Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Women's Weekends: April 27-30 and Sept. 7-11, 2023
Men's Weekends: June 8-11 and Dec. 7-11, 2023

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



THE POWER OF SACRIFICE

Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of his resurrection. This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Haitian Sewing Ministry

The Haitian Sewing Ministry is meeting on Wednesday mornings in the church hall from 9am until noon. They welcome new volunteers all year long. Volunteer tasks include sewing, cutting fabrics, pressing fabrics and assembling kits for those who wish to sew at home. Please feel free to drop in and join them, or drop in to pick up kits any time on Wednesday mornings until noon. **There are many kits all set for pick up.** For more information, please contact Marianne Girouard at 508-798-8330 or at M.C.Girouard71@gmail.com.

Hope for Housing Cards

Cards to benefit the Hope for Housing Program sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition to Prevent Family Homelessness will be available the 1st and 3rd weekends in April, April 1-2 and 18-19 this weekend March 18-19 after all the Masses at the front entrance to the Church. Your continued support of this program is appreciated.

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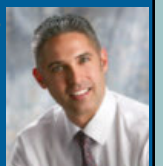


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