

# Saint Columba Parish



Pastor  
Rev. Stephen Lundrigan

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Director of Religious Education

July 16, 2023



## 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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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.

**SATURDAY-JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00a.m.-Rosary

4:30p.m.-Mass In Memory of Garry Power  
Requested by the Riley Family**SUNDAY-JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>**8:00a.m.-Mass For the Parishioners  
of St. Columba10:00a.m.-Mass For Byran Benicaso  
during his illness  
Requested by the Family**MONDAY-JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00a.m.-Mass

**TUESDAY-JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00a.m.-Mass

**WEDNESDAY-JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00a.m.-Mass

**THURSDAY-JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00a.m.-Mass

**FRIDAY-JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

No Mass

**SATURDAY-JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

9:00a.m.-Rosary

4:30p.m.-Mass In Memory of Barbara Poplis  
9th Anniversary  
Requested by the Family**SUNDAY-July 23<sup>RD</sup>**8:00a.m.-Mass For the Parishioners  
of St. Columba10:00a.m.-Mass In Memory of Gail Lock  
Requested by Mark & Katie O'Brien**Baptism, Anointing of the Sick:** call Fr. Steve at  
(508) 755-0408**Holy Matrimony:** call the Parish Office to speak to  
Father Steve one year in advance at (508) 755-0408.**Holy Orders:** Please contact our diocesan vocations  
director, Fr. Donato Infante by email at  
director@worcestervocations.org or by phone at  
(508) 630-4473.

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:22-23  
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**First Reading**

The rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful. (Is 55:10)

**Psalms**

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

**Second Reading**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God. (Rom 8:18-19)

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*The 10a.m. Sunday Mass can be watched on Paxton Cable Channel 192 on Sunday and Monday at 4p.m., 6p.m. and 8p.m.*

**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, Bob McDermott  
Elena & Paul Coffey, Paul Girouard, Ginny Bean,  
Emily Ellen Calamari, Ramona Brodeur,  
Mike Vienneau, Zoey Murray, Marc Brodeur,  
Bryan Benicaso

*To add or remove a name, please call or email the rectory.  
Names will be kept on the prayer list for 4 consecutive weeks. If  
you would like to put a name back on the list please either call  
the rectory at (508) 755-0408 or email:  
stcolumba@charter.net*



Our faith community recently welcomed  
Matthew Thomas Zawalich  
into Christ's life and the Catholic Church through  
Baptism.  
Congratulations to Matthew and his family.

**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.



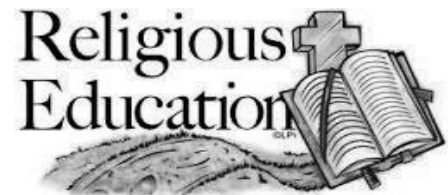
Thank you for your continued support of our 2023  
Partners in Charity Appeal. To date we have received  
a total of 100 gifts in the amount of \$39,345. We are  
at 99% of our goal of \$39,900.

**Come Meet Our New Pastor**

*Come meet our new pastor,  
Father Steve Lundrigan  
on July 22nd and July 23rd.*

*Join us for coffee and refreshments  
in the Church Hall after the 4:30p.m. Mass on  
Saturday and after the 8a.m. and 10:00a.m. Masses  
on Sunday.*

**Registration 2023-2024**



Registration for fall CCD is underway. The class  
schedule and Policy Guide for parents is posted on the  
parish website. Families can register online or by  
mail, if mailing please send to my attention:  
Terry Nummelin, St. Columba Church,  
10 Richards Ave., Paxton, MA. 01612. Please note that  
grades 5 & 6 will meet on Sunday morning. With so  
many after-school activities at PCS, Tuesday  
afternoons no longer seemed to meet the needs of our  
families. Confirmation will meet on Tuesday evenings  
from 7 to 8:15pm. Classes fill up quickly so please  
register as soon as possible. Any family needing  
assistance with the tuition fee should contact  
Mrs. Nummelin at (508) 755-0601. No child is ever  
turned away!

**Parochial School:**

If your son/daughter attends Parochial School and  
will be entering into Gr. 2 or Gr. 11 in the fall of 2023,  
they need to register in their home parish in  
preparation for Reconciliation and Eucharist,  
Grade 2, and Confirmation, Grade 11. We look  
forward to an exciting year of faith sharing with your  
child and family!

**Hope for Housing Cards**

Sale of cards to benefit the Hope for Housing Program  
sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition to Prevent  
Family Homelessness will be available after all the  
Masses this weekend, July 15-16 at the front entrance  
to the Church. Thank you to all who support this  
program.

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**Altar Server Training**

Training for all new and current Altar Servers will be held in the Church on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00a.m. Youth grade 4 and up who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist are encouraged to attend. Adults are also welcome and encouraged to become servers.

**Weekly Offertory Collection**

Our parish budget requires \$4,000 weekly to meet our expenses. On the weekend of July 1-2 we received \$4243. 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).

**Living Out Your Faith In College Gathering**

All High Schoolers are welcome to join current undergraduate college students on **Thursday, July 27 from 6-8 pm** at North American Martyrs in Auburn for a meal, conversation, and Q&A session centered around pursuing your faith after high school. RSVP by contacting Kendall Mullen at [mullenk@cua.edu](mailto:mullenk@cua.edu).

**Bible Study Series This Fall-  
"The Gospel of St. Luke"**

Monsignor Thomas Sullivan will offer a course on The Gospel of St. Luke, which will take place this coming fall. The entire Gospel will be read and studied. There will be eight sessions, each devoted to three chapters of Luke's 24-chapter Gospel. The program will take place in the Johnson Room at Christ the King Church, 1052 Pleasant Street in Worcester, on **Tuesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:45pm**. The dates are September 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24 (not 31st); November 7, 14. If you are interested in participating and would like to register for the program you can email Msgr. Sullivan at any time ([tsullivan5@mac.com](mailto:tsullivan5@mac.com)) or call him at 508-754-5361. Please just provide your email address and telephone number. There is no cost to participate. Each week reprints of the following week's chapters will be distributed.

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Haitian Sewing Ministry



The Haitian Sewing Ministry meets on Wednesday mornings in the church hall from 9am until noon **except during the month of August**. 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](mailto:M.C.Girouard71@gmail.com).

Young Adult Weekly Pick-Up Volleyball

All young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to join us for weekly pick-up volleyball on Friday nights at 6p.m. at St. Christopher, 950 West Boylston St., Worcester over the summer. These gatherings are very laid back and open to any young adult (regardless of skill level). If you are looking for a fun way to engage with other young adults in the area, then this is perfect for you. There is no commitment or formal sign-ups but if you would like to receive text or email updates during the summer, sign up at: [www.neworchester.org/young-adult-summer-volleyball](http://www.neworchester.org/young-adult-summer-volleyball).

Venerini Academy

Venerini Academy a PreK through Grade 8 school located at 27 Edwards Street in Worcester, MA has spacing available for a limited number of students. Venerini Academy focuses on Academic Excellence with a Faith-Focused Education. Class sizes are small to help us provide a high quality education. If you are interested in scheduling a tour of Venerini Academy this summer please contact Albert G. Ganem, Jr. at (508) 753-3210.

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