

# Saint Columba Parish



Pastor  
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Director of Religious Education

August 20, 2023



## 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!  
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's  
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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Website: <http://www.stcolumbapax.org>  
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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 3:30PM

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-AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>

9:00a.m.-Rosary

4:30p.m.-Mass In Memory of William White  
21st Anniversary  
Requested by the Family

SUNDAY-AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m.-Mass For the Parishioners  
of St. Columba

10:00a.m.-Mass In Memory of Alice Falcone  
Requested by Pam Galvin & Family  
In Memory of Bryan Benicaso  
Requested by the Family

MONDAY-AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>

8:00a.m.-Mass

TUESDAY-AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>

8:00a.m.-Mass

WEDNESDAY-AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>

8:00a.m.-Mass

THURSDAY-AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m.-Mass

FRIDAY-AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>

No Mass

SATURDAY-AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>

9:00a.m.-Rosary

4:30p.m.-Mass In Memory of  
John & Betty Cavanaugh  
Anniversary Mass  
Requested by the Family

SUNDAY-AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m.-Mass For the Parishioners  
of St. Columba

10:00a.m.-Mass In Memory of  
Patricia Benicaso & Bryan Benicaso  
Requested by the Family

**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.



"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.  
- Mt 15:26b-28

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First Reading

All who keep the Sabbath free from profanation  
and hold to my covenant,  
them I will bring to my holy mountain  
and make joyful in my house of prayer. (Is 56:6-7)

Psalm

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading

For God delivered all to disobedience,  
that he might have mercy upon all. (Rom 11:32)

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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, Mellissa Angiolillo, Gayla Bergman,  
Doris Metilly, Michelle Reidy,  
Jacob Rivera, Blake George Murawski,  
Patrick Remington, Robert Mertig, Rosemary Foley,  
Bob McDermott, Elena & Paul Coffey, Paul Girouard,  
Emily Ellen Calamari, Ramona Brodeur,  
Marc Brodeur

*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*

**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.

**Hope for Housing Cards**

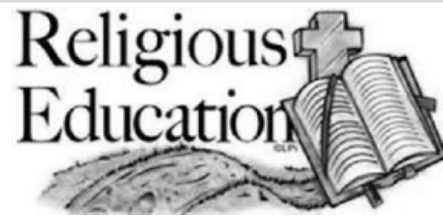
Sale of cards to benefit the Hope for Housing Program sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition to Prevent Family Homelessness will be available this weekend, August 19-20 after all the Masses at the front entrance to the Church. Thank you to all who support this program.

**The Haitian Sewing Ministry**

The Haitian Sewing Ministry will **not** be meeting on Wednesday mornings in the Church Hall during the month of August. We look forward to seeing everyone in September. For any questions contact Marianne Girouard at M.C.Girouard71@gmail.com or (508) 798-8330.



***The Rosary*** is recited every Saturday at 9a.m. in the Church Hall. All are Welcome.



**Registration**

Thank you to all the families who have registered your children for Religious Education classes for the fall of 2023. We look forward to an exciting year of faith sharing with your child & family.

For those families who have not sent in your registration, please send it in today. Classes fill up quickly! Registration forms and class schedules were mailed home to all families registered in the program last year. Registration forms are also located at the front entrance of the church and on the parish website: <http://www.stcolumbapax.org>. For your convenience you can register and pay the tuition online. Any family needing help with the tuition fee should contact Mrs. Nummelin. Assistance is confidential and 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 2023 they need to register in their home parish in preparation for Reconciliation and Eucharist, grade 2, and Confirmation, grade 11.

CCD Parent/Child: (Grades 1- 6) —There will be a meeting in the church hall on Sunday, September 10th 9:00AM-9:45AM.

CCD Parents/Youth (Grades 7- 10) —There will be a meeting in the church hall on Sunday, September 10th 11:00AM- 11:45AM

Families who are not able to attend one of the scheduled meetings should contact Mrs. Nummelin to schedule another time before classes begin.



**Confirmation Parent  
Candidate Meeting:**

There will be a meeting in the Church Hall on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 11:00AM – 11:30AM.

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**Word of Life Quote**

“God’s love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“How to Build a Culture of Life”

**Weekly Offertory Collection**

Our parish budget requires \$4,000 weekly to meet our expenses. On the weekend of August 12-13 we received \$3345. 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) point of our parish.

**Mission Collection**

The amount collected for the  
Diocese of Soroti, Uganda was \$1980. Thank you.

**Mini-Retreat for Women this Fall**

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester invites you to join us for a Mini-Retreat for Women on Saturday, October 28, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Anne's Parish Hall, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA. Further information and a registration form may be found at [worcesterdiocese.org/2023-morning-retreat-invitation](http://worcesterdiocese.org/2023-morning-retreat-invitation).

**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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Vianney Dinner

The next Vianney dinner is Tuesday, Sept. 5 at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies at 51 Illinois St., Worcester. 6:05 pm Mass, 6:30 pm dinner, and 7:00-8:30 pm social. These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. Don't want to come alone? Bring a friend! You are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as your schedule allows. An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for food. Email: [dinfante@saintpaulknights.org](mailto:dinfante@saintpaulknights.org).

Diocese of Worcester Night at the WooSox

Join us for a fun, family evening with the Worcester Red Sox on Friday, Sept. 1 at Polar Park for our Diocese of Worcester Night. The WooSox will take on the Norfolk Tides with game time at 6:45 PM and it is a Unibank Fireworks night immediately after the game. Ticket price is \$17.00 and for ticket information please visit: <https://fevogm.com/diocese23>. See you there. . . GO WOOSOX!



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