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Bulletin — February 1, 2015



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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 & 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

First Saturday Tagalog (Filipino)

7:00 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday—Friday

8:15 a.m.

Saturdays

9:00 a.m.

Mass and Novena

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m.

First Friday

9:00 a.m.

(during school year)
and 7:00 p.m.

Adoration

First Fridays

10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

6:00—6:45 p.m.

Third Saturday of the Month

6:30—8:30 p.m.

Confessions

Saturdays

3:30—4:30 p.m.

or by appointment

Rosary

Monday—Friday

7:25 a.m.

Coffee Socials

First Sunday after all Masses
(Sept. to June)

Parish and School Staff

Pastor

Rev. Gary T. Villanueva

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Art Mallari

Deacons

Deacon Andy Espinosa

Deacon Rick Fisher (Ret.)

Parish Accountant

Diane Alexander

Parish Admin. Assistant

Leah Flores

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Parish School of Religion Coordinator:

Sr. Rosario Salazar, MCST

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Linda Ng

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Benny Ramos

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Fr. Dewan Hall Coordinator

TBA

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BAPTISMS

Classes offered 3rd Thursday of the
month. Please call the Parish Office.

BAPTISM AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Please contact the Parish School of
Religion, Sr. Rosario Salazar, MCST
at 301-567-6113.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at
least six months prior to a proposed
wedding date. Reservation of the
church is required before other prepa-
rations such as receptions are made.

ANointing of the Sick/ Communion to the Sick and Homebound

Please contact the Parish Office

Readings for the Week of February 1, 2015

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

- Mk 1:27-28

Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tuesday:	Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

*In your prayers...***Our Sick and Suffering Brethren**

Especially Deacon Rick & Rachel Fisher, Nicholas Mararac, Roy DeMesme, Tess Samoy, Lamar Johnson, Ellamae Hulsey, Goldie Bowman, Geraldine Woods, Mark David, Carrie Pearson, Esther Myers, Maria Lucia Alfonso, Kobi King, Nicholas Tafalla (18Jan15), Alma Arlyn Rodrigo, Tess Cabotaje, Stephen Lynn, Carolyn Wolcott, Tina Magnaye, Deborah Sanford, Marjorie Gallie, Jim & Sandy Collins, Conrado Flores, Sr., Gus Blancaflor, Carolyn Newlin(20Jan15), Lalanie Pike, Kathy Dowd, Angie Quimen, Susana Felizardo, Elonora Best (1Feb15).

Our Beloved Dead

Especially Fidela Sy, Gwendolyn Preston, Maria Enrico, Francis Mangahas, John Osia, Leonora Galeon, William Cavitt, Joseph Horwath, Emmanuel Poblete, Arturo Bautista.

Our Military

Especially John M. Harris II; Marquette Young; Javon Everett; Crystal Villanueva Lee; Sharmelle Williams; Tiffany Williams; Peter John Ifurung; PFC Mark J. Venancio; Maj. Teresita Vida; Andrew Alexander; Lt. Victor Barba; 1st Lt Peter Agboli; Christian Samoy; Derrell Thomas and Jahaira Best.

Reflections

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." Jesus was doing something different. His teaching was new, fresh, surprising. The Jewish people were used to the teaching style of their scribes, the scholars who interpreted the Scriptures and taught the corresponding laws. The scribes were legalists by trade, who focused on what was required of the Jews based on the holy writings. For them, the law was dominant. But when Jesus showed up in the synagogue and began to teach, he was dominant. As the incarnate Son of God, he spoke with an authority that was greater even than the religious laws.

And just in case those who heard him doubted his legitimacy, Jesus proved his authority by more than words; he cast out evil spirits. When the people witnessed Jesus commanding "even the unclean spirits" and saw that these spirits obeyed him, they were "amazed" at this "new teaching with authority."

What our Jewish ancestors experienced is recorded for us to bolster our own faith. Although we were not there to see these events unfold, if we meditate on the reality of today's Gospel story we will also be astonished and amazed. Jesus is more than a teacher. He is more than a kind man with an attractive philosophy. Jesus has power over the spiritual world! His authority over us is real. And he exercises this authentic authority for our own good. He has the power to do away with evil and to set us free, both through his teachings--passed on to us in the Bible and in the Church--and through his action in our lives. We only need to follow his lead.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*Monday, February 2

8:15 a.m. +Dorotea Dinglasa

Tuesday, February 3

8:15 a.m. Puring Lucas (Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, February 4

8:15 a.m. +Ralph & Artnie Cabillas

7:00 p.m. Eddie Hernandez (Special Intention)

Thursday, February 5

8:15 a.m. Ivan Beran (Birthday)

Friday, February 6

9:00 a.m. +Rolando Guzman

7:00 p.m. Alma Arlyn Rodrigo (Special Intention)

Saturday, February 7

9:00 a.m. +Celia Atangan

5:00 p.m. Cora Delacruz (Birthday)

7:00 p.m. St. Columba Parishioners

Sunday, February 8

8:00 a.m. St. Columba Parishioners

10:00 a.m. +Chuck LoMedico

12:00 p.m. +Julio Ferrer





St. Columba School

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.....Faith. Academics. Service.

Dear Parishioners,

We had an exciting Catholics Schools Week... little worried about inclement weather... but we moved forward. This year's Catholic Schools Week theme was three fold: Faith, Knowledge and Service. It is parallel with our school's theme of Faith, Academics and Service.

In celebration of our 52nd year for CSW, we celebrated Faith through our daily morning and afternoon prayers, St. Columba prayers St. Columba values code prayers. We also participated and celebrated First Friday Masses and every Friday, 8:15 a.m. mass. We also do liturgical services and the Rosary for special intentions and occasions.

We celebrated Academics through our 2 Open houses, last Sunday and Wednesday. We featured our Science Fair, Social Studies exhibits and Brain Power Hour displays. We awarded our students their 2nd Quarter distinguished and principal's Lists. Our parents and visitors observed our students and teachers in action in the classrooms. They also participated in our "Wacky Wednesday" afternoon activity.

We celebrated our Service through our 2 major Service Projects :Leukemia/Lymphoma Penny Wars for Patients and St. Jude Math-a-thon and our 3 Community Outreach Programs: Oxon Hill Food Pantry, Fort Washington Food Pantry and the fort Washington Senior Center. We had visitors from these organizations to provide an orientation and bring awareness to our students. We also did a \$5.00 Out of Uniform to support theses worthy causes and collected nonperishable items, old magazines and art supplies.

Thank you for all who came to celebrate, visit and participate their week long CSW celebrations. Starting this February, one of our new goals is become a more transparent and an active part of our parish. Look for us current and alumni families to provide assistance and give messages and invitations to everybody..... Be counted, be a part and get to know us again... time to come home....Give us a chance, you never know you might like to be part of us. Let's join together and keep St. Columba School strong, united and viable. Let's keep St. Columba

School strong for 100 years! Please keep us in your prayers as we do you.

We will keep you posted our school activities and programs.... And Open registration and enrollment. Please contact our school office, Lera Rickling at ricklingl@stccatholic.org or 301 567 6212 ext. 2.

I have been a member of our parish for 20 years, your first grade teachers for 10 years and your school principal for 7 years, I am here to serve....

Peace and Prayers always, Tina Magnaye



COME AND JOIN...

ALL CATHOLIC YOUTH ARE INVITED:

St. Columba Youth Ministry

(Regular Meeting – Every Friday)

7:00 p.m.– 10:00 p.m. in Fr. Dewan Hall

For more information please call

Sr. Emily M. Bautista, MCST (Youth Ministry Coordinator)
at 301-567-5506

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETINGS

Every Friday Praise and Worship in the main church from 7:20 – 10:00 p.m. (This includes Rosary and Divine Mercy, joyful singing of praise songs in between Bible reading, testimonies, short teaching, followed by fellowship. Every first Friday, Mass at 7:00 p.m. preceded by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and followed by Confessions. All are welcome.

Holy Communion for the Sick/Homebound

If you are physically unable to come to Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist at home, please contact the parish office at 301-567-5506. Arrangements will be happily made to bring the Eucharist to you.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY CELEBRATION

The St. Columba African American Ministry is sponsoring the African American History Celebration and Dinner on February 28, 2015 in the Fr. Dewan Hall. The celebration will start at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$25 per adult and \$15 per child 12 and under. Ticket can be obtained after Masses in the Narthex from 1/31 through 1/22 or from any member of the African American Ministry. See the flyer in the Narthex for contact names and numbers. In addition, you can contact Mike Maxey at 301-536-1543 or via email atmikemaxey748@aol.com. Please plan to join the celebration!

**Parish Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Lunch Time: 12:45 - 1:45 p.m.

PRAYER LIST: Names for the Prayer List should be written either in a note or sent electronically. Please call the Parish Office if you wish to have a name removed. When a name is received, it will be added to the next bulletin listing in the order it is received and will remain for one month and then removed. To place a name back on the list, please resubmit the name. Thank you!

CERTIFICATES: When requesting Certificates (e.g. baptisms, confirmations) or permission letters to be a godparent, please call the Parish Office with required information at least 10 business days in advance. In this way you can be sure you will have the certificates or permission letters at the time you need them.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: If you are moving or have a change of address or if there is an addition of a family member, please notify the parish office.

2014 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR ENVELOPE USERS: If you would like a statement of your 2014 donations to St. Columba church, please submit a written request with your envelop number to the parish office. You may also fax, email or drop your request in the collection baskets during the weekend Masses. Please enclose self-addressed envelope to facilitate your request. It will be mailed within 7 to 10 working days from the date of request. Thank you for your cooperation.



ST. COLUMBA PARISH CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (CYO)

The St. Columba CYO Basketball Varsity (14 and under) Boys Team finished their regular season with 5 wins and 2 losses, and in a tie for 3rd place in their CYO District Division. They will be playing in the CYO end of season tournament over the next few weeks. If you are interested in attending a St. Columba CYO Varsity or JV (12 and Under) Tournament basketball game please send an email to pwiliam39@comcast.net. The Varsity Team's players are Aaron Fuller, Nicholas Kelly, Christian Urcia, Collin Johnson, Daniel Apperson, Darren Lim, Detonjay Brown-Bey, Elijah Kalu, Isaiah Sampilo, James Washington, Jian Manlangit, Kevin Masciola, and Mikel Reyes. The coaches are Bill Parks and Don Apperson.



The African American Ministry thanks everyone who contributed to our Thanksgiving Basket and Adopt-A-Family Projects. Our St. Columba Church and school families shared Our Father's love and brought joy to our brothers and sisters who needed a little help. May each of you be abundantly blessed in 2015. Thank you for being a blessing to others!

THE BEST WAY TO LIVE

MATTHEW KELLY

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How is the best way to live? The great minds of every age have pondered this question. Are you living your best life? Matthew Kelly answers this question and addresses the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the great sacrament of Confirmation.

Parishioner Comments

Matthew Kelly has a unique way of being able to talk to any age group and create participation and understanding to enhance our faith in Christ and in His Church. His use of the Willie Wonka in the Chocolate Factory movie to make a key point is this presentation was brilliant. John - Taylors, SC.

The speaker makes a great case for why we should allow Christ to be the Lord of our lives - not just because the bible says that we should, but because this is the only key to eternal happiness. I just mailed my copy to my teenage nephew and I plan to order more copies to give away. Susan, LA

Learn more about your Catholic faith

At the narthex you will find a display offering inspiring and educational Catholic CDs and brochures. These CDs include explanations of our Catholic Faith, accounts of God's incredible mercy in the personal lives of Catholics, and practical information for living your faith. Use your car as a university on wheels — listen as you drive, or even as you exercise. Your \$3 for a CD or \$10 for 4 CDs helps to keep the program going.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2015**A Time for Reflection**

This week, you are asked to review the Cardinal's Appeal brochure and the tabloid that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: "Seek first the kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33)

The Cardinal's Appeal campaign is much different than a one time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months.

A significant gift to the Cardinal's Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. As you review the work enabled by your contribution, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

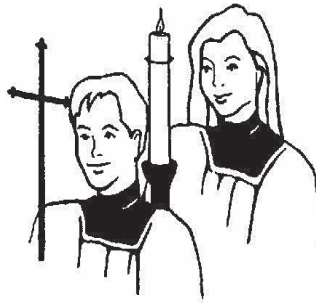
Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our archdiocese and give Him thanks for all He has given us.

If you received your pledge form in the mail last month, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a training class for new altar servers on February 28, March 7 & 21, 2015. Time: 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. at the chapel.



If you want to serve and are willing to carry out all the responsibilities of an altar server, please send an email to lyespinosa@gmail.com with your name, address, phone number, email address.

You will receive an email with more information from Deacon Andy.

You must be at least 10 years old, or at least in Grade 5; have received first Holy Communion; and have the commitment and support of your parents.



MUSIC MINISTRY

If you are interested in singing with any of the choirs, please contact Linda Ng at 301-498-5888 or music.stcolumbachurch@comcast.net.



FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE POOR

Please leave your donation in the blue plastic bin in the narthex. **Non-perishable foods only.** Please check the expiration date. Items needed are: pasta, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, vegetables, canned meat, and canned fruit. The Oxon Hill Food Pantry also needs several volunteers. Please call Frieda Edwards at 301-894-8374. Thank you!

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VOCATIONS CORNER

Prayer for Vocations

Loving God, you call all who believe in you to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son.

Call from among us more men and women who will serve you as religious.

By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign of your Kingdom for the Church and the whole world.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our parish to hear the call to serve in the Archdiocese of Washington.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance.

Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please keep in your prayers **Patrick Agustin**, who is studying for the priesthood, and for **Robert Villanueva**, who is in his last year of formation for the permanent diaconate. Also, that those called to the priesthood, the permanent diaconate and the religious life will gladly and generously respond so that the Church, the People of God, may be blessed.

WHAT IS THE NEW EVANGELIZATION?

The New Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel. The focus of the New Evangelization calls all Catholics to be evangelized and then go forth to evangelize. In a special way, the New Evangelization is focused on 're-proposing' the Gospel to those who have experienced a crisis of faith. Pope Benedict XVI called for the re-proposing of the Gospel "to those regions awaiting the first evangelization and to those regions where the roots of Christianity are deep but who have experienced a serious crisis of faith due to secularization." The New Evangelization invites each Catholic to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church.

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." Mk 4: 31-32 ---- from the USCCB.org website

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