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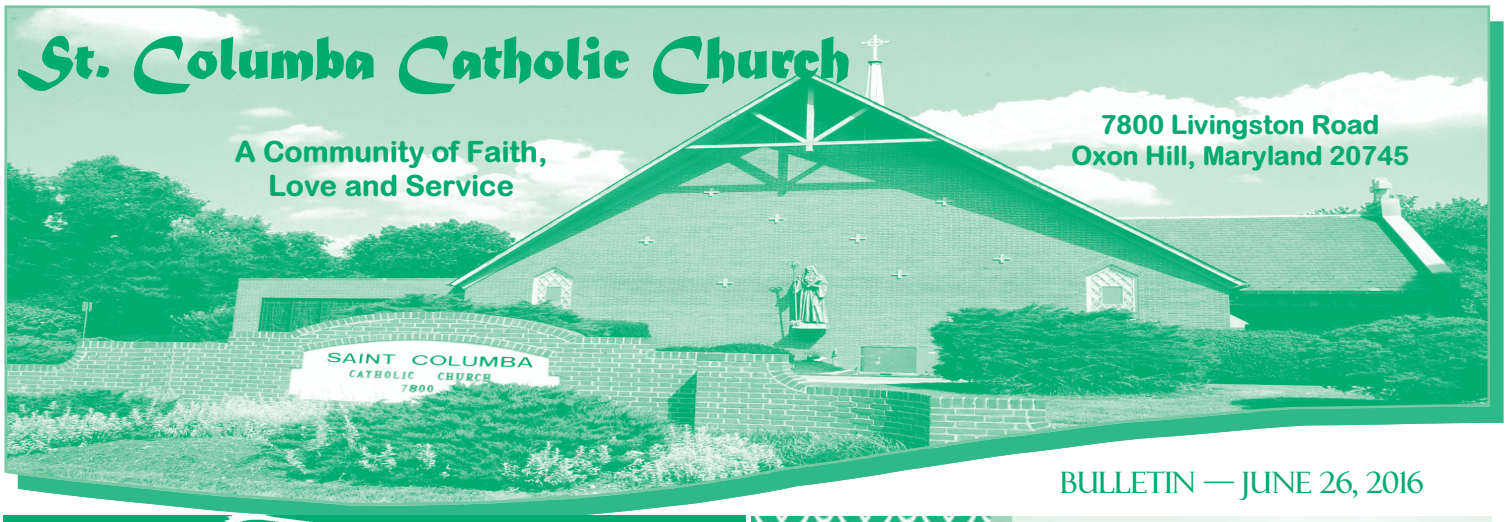

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How we deal with disappointment

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
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 Robert Villanueva
Deacon Rick Fisher (Ret.)

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Diane Alexander

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Leah Flores

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Sr. Emily Bautista, MCST

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Sr. Rosario Salazar, MCST

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Consuelo De Los Santos

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Cathy McGarrigan

Fr. Dewan Hall Coordinator
TBA

School Principal
Tina Magnaye

School E/F Coordinator
Lera Rickling

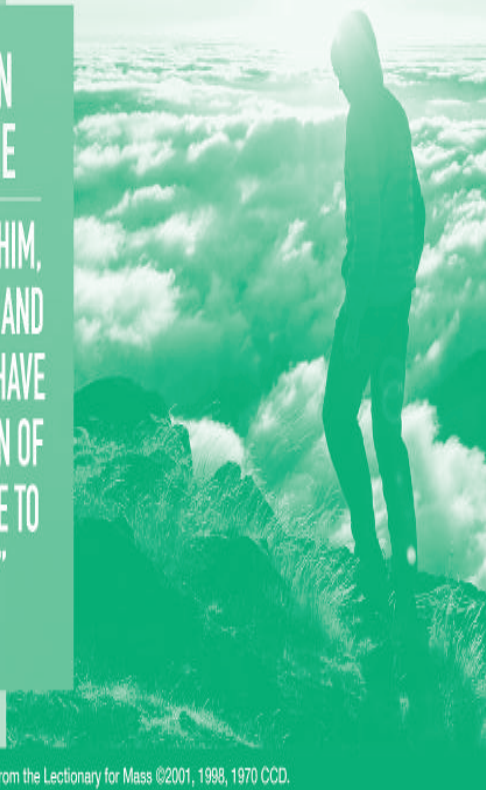
School Admin. Assistant
Marie Norment

Plant Manager
Carlos Brown-Bey

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS ANSWERED HIM, "FOXES HAVE DENS AND BIRDS OF THE SKY HAVE NESTS, BUT THE SON OF MAN HAS NOWHERE TO REST HIS HEAD."

- LK 9:58



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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 preparations such as receptions are made.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND
Please contact the Parish Office

And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."
- Lk 9:61-62

Reflections
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." What have we left behind? What have we traded in to become faithful followers of Christ?

The answer is different for all of us. Some of us can tell the tale of a dramatic conversion story, leaving behind a life of blatantly selfish indulgence or obviously sinful behavior in order to embrace the call of Jesus. Others of us have been Christians since the day of our baptism as infants and have always walked the path of belief, but perhaps can trace certain moments when we embraced a deeper commitment and resolved to abandon particular behaviors, relationships, or worldly priorities that were in conflict with our faith. Whatever the case, Jesus instructs us today not to look to "what was left behind." Instead, we are called to keep our focus on what lies ahead, namely, life in Christ and the ultimate hope of union with him in heaven.

Keeping this focus can be quite a challenge. So often, it's tempting to think that the grass is greener somewhere else. As Christians, we can fall into the trap of imagining that it might feel better to be ... something else. Perhaps, seeing others around us whose lives are not shaped by their faith, we might think they have it easier than we do. Or perhaps we get lost in reminiscence about the way things were in the good old days, and thus get distracted from the mission that stands in front of us today. But thoughts like these are not fit for our new life as disciples of Christ. As St. Paul says in today's epistle, "For freedom Christ set us free." May we embrace the gift of this true freedom and follow Christ without looking back.

Pray for **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; Krystol Dudly; Christian Samoy; Derrell Thomas and Jahaira Best.

Readings for the Week of June 26, 2016

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/ Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62
Monday:	Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16-23/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4-8/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	**Vigil:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-5/Gal 1:11-20/ Jn 21:15-19 **Day:** Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/ 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Thursday:	Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/Gal 6:14-18/ Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Mass Intentions for the Week

<u>Monday, June 27</u>
8:15 a.m. Alex & Cora Delacruz (Anniversary)
<u>Tuesday, June 28</u>
8:15 a.m. +Anita Barba
<u>Wednesday, June 29</u>
8:15 a.m. Cynthia & Marian Flores (Special Intention)
7:00 p.m. +Angie Quimen
<u>Thursday, June 30</u>
8:15 a.m. +Evangeline Serquina
<u>Friday, July 1</u>
8:15 a.m. Evangeline Foster (Birthday)
<u>Saturday, July 2</u>
9:00 a.m. Alyssa Birmingham (Birthday)
5:00 p.m. +Guadalupe Delute
7:00 p.m. Toti Astorga (Birthday)
<u>Sunday, July 3</u>
8:00 a.m. St. Columba Parishioners
10:00 a.m. +Patrick Heavey
12:00 p.m. +Craig Maresch, Sr.

In your prayers...

Our Sick and Suffering Brethren

Especially Ada Parker, Lolita Ferrer, Gus Blancaflor, Bill Ball, Debbie Holmes, Ruth Anne Kulp, Josephine Rivera, Kathy Dowd (12Jun16). Stephen Lynn, Carolyn Wolcott, Marjorie Gallie, Mildred Jenkins, Pedro Padolina, Jr., Gregoria Bautista (19Jun16). Deacon Rick & Rachel Fisher, Roy DeMesme, Tess Samoy, Lamar Johnson, Ellamae Hulsey, Mark David, Carrie Pearson, Linda Wilkes, Esther Myers, Kobi King, Collis George, Nicola Martinelli, Simon Perez, Jr., Kathy Wells, Angelita Cruz (26Jun16).

Our Beloved Dead

Especially Maurice Thomas, Rudy Celino, Dianne Kasten, Ronald Curameng, Cornelio Barba, Anatalia Barba, Monica Maneja, Anita Barba, George Scott, Elena Sarmiento.

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Mission St. Columba School exists to provide a Christ-centered environment wherein quality education helps each child grow in faith, knowledge, service and love of God.

Philosophy We at Saint Columba School recognize the worth and dignity of each individual as a child of God. Through daily examples of words and actions, we strive to guide all students to their fullest potential and to promote an atmosphere that encourages each child to grow spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically.

The staff works with parent/guardians to build a solid foundation of Christian moral values, self-confidence, self-discipline and self-worth that will remain in each child throughout adult life. We seek to instill the love of God and neighbor so that each child becomes an active contributor to Church and Community.

It is our goal to make the spiritual development and religious education of our students the school's highest priority. Our objectives are met by providing our students with opportunities that encourage the development of Christian morals and values on a daily basis.

Teachers serve as role models for the students by creating an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation, thereby promoting Christian values and morals. The pattern of the relationship between students is one of seeing Christ in others through mutual respect and tolerance of differences. It can be concluded that teachers, parent/guardians, and students work together to build a Christian community based on faith and trust in each other.

St. Columba School is accredited by the Commission of Elementary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

REHEARSALS

Gospel Choir
Two Thursdays of each month before the first Sunday Mass,
8:00-9:00 p.m. in the church. Open to new members.

Voices of Praise
1st and 2nd Thursday/3rd and 4th Mondays
of each month, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Adult Choir
Tuesday, June 28, 2016, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Open to New Members

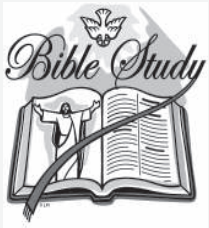
For more information about joining the different ensembles, please contact Consuelo De Los Santos, Director of Music Ministry (301) 567-5506 or music.stcolumbachurch@verizon.net

THE SODALITY OF OUR LADY OF DIVINE GRACE

The Sodality is a door to spirituality and a channel to services. The sodality's motto is "to Jesus through Mary, for the greater glory of God". We welcome all to join us on our journey to Jesus, through Mary, for the greater glory of God the Father. We meet every first Sunday of the month (except during the summer months) in the School Library, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Please contact Cheryl Dow at 301-292-9495 or Marie Vaillant at 301-292-5476.

CYO BASKETBALL

At the St. Columba Parish/School Picnic this Sunday at approximately 2 pm on the outdoor court, there will be a basketball shooting contest for different age groups (under 10 years old, under 12 years old, under 14 years old, and under 18 years old). There will be both boys and girls contests. This event is free, and there will be a prize for each gender/age group division winner.



"Join and experience a deeper appreciation of your faith!" All are welcome, especially the youth.

We meet every Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the 7th Grade Room (go towards the Father Dewan hall). Please contact Kathy Dowd at 301-292-5330, Craig Maresch at 240-643-3644 or Nancy Wooster at 301-248-4065.

from the Parish Secretary

Summer HOURS

Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.
Lunch Time
12:30 - 1:30 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.

BAPTISMAL INFORMATION CLASS: In The Archdiocese of Washington, parents who wish to have their son/daughter baptized must attend this information session. The session is "user-friendly", informative (learn about raising you child Catholic), social (get to meet other parents) and fun! **Next class: September 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. (class starts promptly) in the Weekly Church Chapel (go to the smaller parking lot of the church).** To attend, please contact or email the Parish Office. **NO WALK-INS**. Only the parents are required to attend, but Godparents are welcome.

RCIA "BOOTCAMP" WORKSHOPS

The Office for Catechesis is offering **RCIA "bootcamp" workshops for RCIA team leaders and team members.** These one-day workshops explore the different stages of the catechumenate, discuss content of instruction and methodology, share best practices, cover frequently asked questions, and identify potential resources. From 9am-3pm, two sessions run concurrently, one in English and one in Spanish, at each of the following parishes:

- Saturday, July 16 at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lexington Park, MD
- Saturday, August 20 at Holy Family in Mitchellville, MD

If you or someone on your team would like to attend, please RSVP to Sara Blauvelt (blauvelts@adw.org) for English sessions and Lia Salinas (salinasl@adw.org) for Spanish sessions.

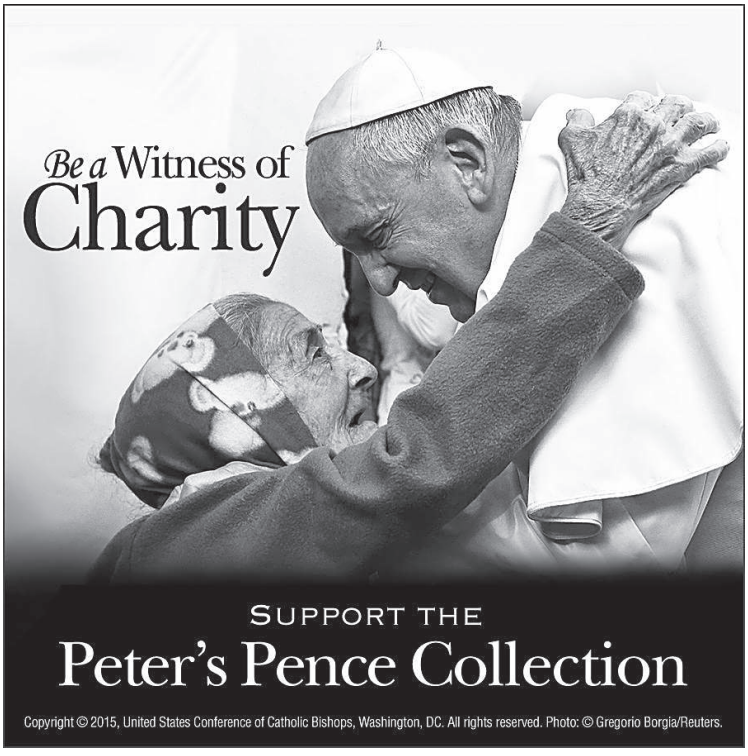
2016 RUN FOR VOCATIONS

Run for Vocations registration is open for the Marine Corps 10K on October 30! Register at www.dcpriest.org/promote/run-for-vocations/register-to-run for both the 10K and to run for vocations. It is not necessary to be part of a team to run. You can support seminarians and vocations to the priesthood by registering to run, pledging support to a runner, and coming to the race on October 30 to cheer for your runners. Visit www.dcpriest.org for information or search "Run for Vocations" on Facebook. Please email RFV@adw.org with any questions.

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!

HOLY FATHER (PETER'S PENCE) COLLECTION JUNE 25 –26, 2016



ST. COLUMBA PARISH DIRECTORY!

CALLING ALL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS !!! Please call the Parish office to pick up your pictures. Please don't come to the Parish office without calling because your pictures might not be here.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families – Hyattsville, MD is recruiting for adult female volunteers over the age of 21 to mentor a mother living at St. Ann's with her children. We are looking for volunteer mentors who can commit to a once-a-week communication via text or phone conversation and a once-a-month in person contact. For more information, please contact Colette Saucier, Volunteer Services Coordinator at (301) 559-5500, ext.168

VOCATIONS CORNER

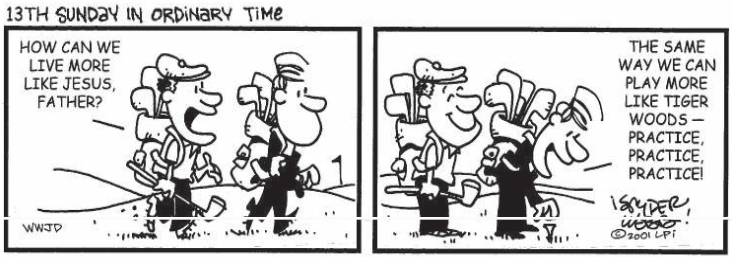
Please continue to pray for our two fellow parishioners who are aspiring for Holy Orders.

Seminarian Patrick Agustin is currently studying for the priesthood at the St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. and Deacon Ryan Pineda.

Let us continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood, the permanent diaconate and the religious life. If you know of anyone who feels such a calling, please give them encouragement and advise them to speak with Father Gary or any of the MCST sisters.

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.



CATECHISM IN A YEAR

Day #20: Understanding the mystery of the Trinity

Can we fully understand how the three Divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, are one and the same God? We cannot fully understand how the three Divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, are one and the same God because this is a supernatural mystery.

What is a supernatural mystery? A supernatural mystery is a truth which we cannot fully understand, but which we firmly believe because we have God's word for it.

[further reading: CCC 234-237]

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.

UPDATES OF ST. COLUMBA CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT FROM THE PASTOR

We have received around $251,147.00 for our projects and once we break ground for the restroom construction, we will continue to raise the amount for the whole projects.

The Special Project has been approved by Cardinal Wuerl and waiting for the permit. We will start the project as soon as we receive the permit. I would like to thank all of you who supported and have donated to these projects. May God bless you for your generosity.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED WITH ST. COLUMBA PARISH?

Share more actively in the life of the parish by registering your family. Registration packets are available in the Narthex and at the Parish Office.

to all the parishioners, volunteers and ministries who helped to make our Saint Columba Parish Family Picnic a success this past Sunday. This fellowship event which involved our school and church reflected our parish life virtues of faith, love and service.

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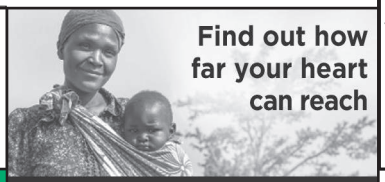
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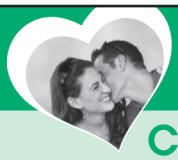
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