



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 8:15 a.m. 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.

3:30—4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Rosary Monday—Friday 7:25 a.m.

Coffee SocialsFirst Sunday after all Masses (Sept. to June)

Parish and School Staff

Pastor Rev. Gary T. Villanueva

Parochial Vicar Rev. Art Mallari

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Deacon Andy Espinosa Deacon Robert Villanueva Deacon Rick Fisher (Ret.)

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME "SO SHOULD IT BE WITH YOU. WHEN YOU HAVE DONE ALL YOU HAVE BEEN COMMANDED, SAY, 'WE ARE UNPROFITABLE SERVANTS; WE HAVE DONE WHAT WE WERE OBLIGED TO DO." - LK 17:10

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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



The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith.
"The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6

REFLECTIONS TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do." What a humble attitude this would be! Jesus challenges us today not to boast, not to seek special praise, not to consider ourselves worthy of some great reward when we follow him. Rather, he honestly reminds us that it is simply our duty to do all we "have been commanded."

God made us. Our lives are a result of his loving initiative. Giving ourselves back to him through "the obedience of faith" (as the Second Vatican Council called it), is truly the only appropriate response. Of course we are free NOT to practice this obedience. We are free to reject God, to ignore his commandments, even to make ourselves his enemies. But nonetheless it remains true that what we ought to do is to love God and follow his ways. And Jesus suggests today that this simple obedience should be a given in our lives. Following the commandments is merely what we are obligated to do.

But, let's not forget that we are also free to do more. Because of the nature of love, we can never really exhaust it. We can always love more, serve more devotedly, give more generously. Perhaps Jesus is calling us to focus less on meeting the barebones requirements of Christianity, and instead to shift our efforts farther in the direction of going above and beyond the call of duty. Instead of asking what is the least I HAVE to do, we would do well to ask, what ELSE can I do? What else can I do to show my gratitude to God for all he has given me? What else can I do to serve his people and nurture the world he has made? Let us aim to become truly profitable servants.



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 OCTOBER 2, 2016

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1-2, 7-10/

Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/

Lk 10:38-42

 Wednesday:
 Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1-2/Lk 11:1-4

 Thursday:
 Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 11:5-13

 Friday:
 Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 11:15-26

 Saturday:
 Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/

2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 3

8:15 a.m. Gerino Perez (Birthday)

Tuesday, October 4

8:15 a.m. +Simon Perez, Sr.

Wednesday, October 5

8:15 a.m. +Thomas & Margaret Smith

7:00 p.m. +Quintin De Asis

Thursday, October 6

8:15 a.m. +Susan Taylor

Friday, October 7

8:15 a.m. +Elizabeth Smith

7:00 a.m. St. Columba Parishioners

Saturday, October 8

9:00 a.m. +Florentino & Eden Villanueva

5:00 p.m. +Araceli Saguros

Sunday, October 9

8:00 a.m. +Ronald & Margaret Peterson

10:00 a.m. Gerard Casey

12:00 p.m. St. Columba Parishioners

In your prayers...

Our Sick and Suffering Brethren

Especially Deacon Rick & Rachel Fisher, Roy DeMesme, Tess Samoy, Lamar Johnson, Ellamae Hulsey, Mark David, Linda Wilkes, Kobi King, Simon Perez, Jr., Felipe Dimayuga (11Sept16). Ada Parker, Lolita Ferrer, Gus Blancaflor, Debbie Holmes, Ruth Anne Kulp, Kathy Dowd, Julius Perez, Medardo Calo (25Sept16). Carolyn Wolcott, Marjorie Gallie, Mildred Jenkins, Pedro Padolina, Jr., Gregoria Bautista, Jovencio Mangahas, Ray Adams, James Maraan, Nicola Martinelle (2Oct16).

Our Beloved Dead

Especially Stephen Lynn, Raul Arquisola, Anthony Smart, William Pettit, Larry Andre, George Kalas, Jr., Nadine Leyson, Crescencio Agir, Jr., Melecio Soriano, Christopherson Cortez, Braulia Delacruz.



St. Columba School

Established in 1962

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.

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.



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

Children's Choir (6-12 yrs. old) (3rd Sunday) Saturday, October 15, 2016, 1:00-3:00 pm in the church. They will sing at the 12:00 pm mass on Sunday October 16.

Youth Choir (13-19) (4th Sunday)

Saturday, October 22, 2016. 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the church. They will sing at the 12:00 pm mass on Sunday Oct. 23.

Gospel Choir (1st Sunday 12:00 pm) 3rd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 8:00-9:00 pm in the church.

Voices of Praise (VOP)

(2nd Sunday/ Three Saturday 5:00 pm) 1st and 2nd Thursdays and 3rd and 4th Mondays of each month 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the choir room

Adult Choir (Sunday High Mass 10:00 am) Tuesdays 7:30 – 9:30 pm in the Church. Christmas Midnight mass rehearsal begins a and 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

We are always looking for new members with a generous heart, a little extra time and the willingness to learn music for the liturgy.



ST. COLUMBA CYO BASKETBALL.

St. Columba CYO Basketball will have parent/registration meetings for St. Columba Parish parents, St. Columba School parents, or last season's St.

Columba Basketball parents of children in the following CYO Age Divisions. The JV Division Meeting (Birth Years 2004 and 2005) will be on Monday October 3rd at 7:00 PM in the 7th Grade Classroom, and the CYO Varsity Division Meeting (Birth Years 2002 and 2003) will be on Monday Oct. 3rd at 7:40 PM in the 7th Grade Classroom. CYO Basketball is single gender only. St. Columba will try to have separate boys and girls CYO Teams. The CYO Rookie Division (Birth Years 2006 and 2007) will start up in late October, but parents with children born in 2006 or 2007 who want their child to try out for the older JV Division can attend the Oct. 3rd JV Parent Meeting.



"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). It will start in September.

Please contact Kathy Dowd at 301-292-5330, Craig Maresch at 240-643-3644 or Nancy Wooster at 301-248-4065.





Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 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 "userfriendly", informative (learn about raising you child Catholic), social (get to meet other parents) and fun! Next classes: October 27, November 17 and December 15 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 (THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION **OF ADULTS)**

Do you know someone who is interested in learning about the Catholic faith? Perhaps you are thinking about what it means to be called to the Catholic way of life. The Church has a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A) whereby adults can learn and discern whether to become Catholic Christians. The process leads an unbaptized adult to his or her baptism, usually at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. If the adult has been baptized in another Christian tradition, then the process prepares the person to be received into the Catholic Church by making a profession of faith as a Catholic. The process also prepares the way for someone who was baptized in the Catholic Church to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Here at Saint Columba, the RCIA meets on Saturday mornings at 9:30 from late September through May. Each morning we explore a different topic with lecture/discussion facilitated by one of the RCIA team members. Our goal is to help you on your spiritual journey as you come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the teachings of the Catholic Church, prayer and worship, and the community of Saint Columba. You will be accompanied on your journey by a Catholic sponsor, usually a friend, who is there to help answer questions and provide support for you. To know more about the RCIA process, call the Parish Office at 301-567-5506 or call Mike Maxey at 301-536-1543.

CATECHISM IN A YEAR

Day #35: Mortal (or deadly) sin

What is mortal sin? Mortal sin is a grievous offense against the law

Flee from sins as from the face of a serpent; for if thou comest near them, they will take hold of thee. (Ecclesiasticus 21:2)

Why is this sin called mortal? This sin is called mortal, or deadly, because it deprives the sinner of sanctifying grace, the supernatural life of the soul.

Before man is life and death, good and evil; that which he shall choose shall be given him. (Ecclesiasticus 15:18)

Besides depriving the sinner of sanctifying grace, what else does mortal sin do to the soul? Besides depriving the sinner of sanctifying grace, mortal sin makes the soul an enemy of God, takes away the merit of all its good actions, deprives it of the right to everlasting happiness in heaven, and makes it deserving of everlasting punishment in hell.

For the wages of sin is death; but the grace of God, life everlasting in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

Further reading: CCC 1854-1856



UPDATES OF ST. COLUMBA CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT FROM THE PASTOR

We have received around \$251,647.00 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. The project is progressing and that a survey is currently being performed. The survey is needed to secure 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.

VOCATIONS CORNER

Please continue to pray for our fellow parishioner who is aspiring for Holy Orders.

Seminarian Patrick Agustin is currently studying Theology in North American College, Rome, Italy.

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.

A QUICK

We are kindly remind our school REMINDER parents of their obligation, in order to receive catholic rate tuition, to tithe on a weekly basis. Catholic rate tuition

means that you are also "in-pew" on Sunday. Parents who pay catholic rate tuition are required to attend and participate in Mass on a weekly basis.

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!

THE PROPER ATTIRE **INSIDE THE CHURCH**

"The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life." (LG no. 11)

1. Our dignity as baptized children of God.

"For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." (Gal 3:27)

The sacredness of the Eucharistic celebration urges all participants to dress, manifest the importance of what they are doing.

The mystery of the Euchanst has found historical expression not only in the demand for an interior disposition of devotion, but also in outward forms meant to evoke and emphasize the grandeur of the event being celebrated." (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, no. 49)





SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC** PRAYER COMMUNITY HAWAIIAN DINNER DANCE

To benefit St. Columba Catholic Church Special Project, Charismatic Outreach Program and Evangelization

Saturday, October 8, 2016 From 6:00pm - 11:00pm St. Columba Catholic Parish Father Dewan Hall

Tickets: \$25.00 per person, for sale after each mass

For information, please call: Mila Samonte at 301-839-5474; Evelvn Umavam at 301-266-2787: Dorothy Francia at 301-203-0659; Mena Alamares at 301-567-9526.

DAY OF PRAYER/RETREAT AT LOYOLA

Please join the St. Columba Sodality for their annual Day of Prayer at the Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, MD, on Monday, October 3, 2016, from 9 am - 3 pm.

Loyola on the Potomac is an excellent place to end our summer. A retreat is a time to come away from our ordinary activities, to rest, pray, and invite God to renew our spirits. It is an opportunity to gain perspective and to find new meaning to our

Fr. Bill Noe, SJ, will speak on "The Seed that Falls on Good Ground."

The fee is \$40 per person and includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Sodalists plan to carpool. If interested to join, please call Lydia Astorga at (301) 567-8872.



The African American Ministry of St. Columba plans to deliver Thanksgiving baskets to members of our community who are in need. If you are able to support this effort, please bring non-perishable food items (please check the expiration dates!) and place them in the box that is marked in the Narthex. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please place your contribution in

an envelope and give it to an usher to place in the African American Ministry mail slot. Checks should be made out to "St. Columba Church" with AAM or African American Ministry in the note field. Last year, we were able to provide for 35 families through the generosity of our parish family. With your support, we look forward to our parish family being a blessing to others again this year!

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.

DUTSIDE



D'Anjou Pears

ANNUAL FLORIDA FRUIT SALE

- Ladies of Charity, St. Ignatius of Loyola are having their Annual Florida Fruit Sale. Items include, Navel Oranges, Juice Oranges, Red Grapefruits, Tangerines, Red Delicious Apples &
- When: September 1, 2016 thru November 12, 2016
- Due date: All orders must be paid in full by November 12,
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