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BULLETIN — MARCH 12, 2017



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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.

First Friday
9:00 a.m.—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

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Rev. Art Mallari

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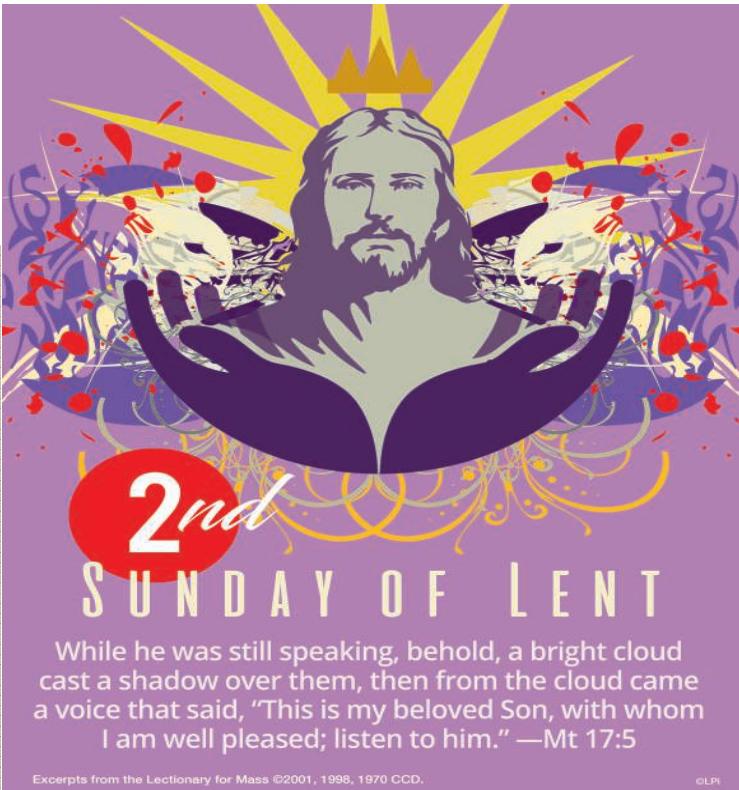
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BAPTISMS

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



Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:4-5

REFLECTIONS SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid." Peter, James, and John already knew Jesus. They had been following him, learning from him, watching him for quite some time. But what took place before their eyes at the Transfiguration was unlike anything they had yet witnessed. This was not just a miracle or a message: this was a supernatural vision. When Jesus' face suddenly "shone like the sun" and two ancient prophets appeared and spoke, and a heavenly voice announced the true identity of their friend and teacher, these three disciples nearly fainted in fear. It must have been too glorious, too strange, too astonishing to handle.

But Jesus "came and touched them" to rouse them from their prostration. He told them, "Rise, and do not be afraid." What a beautiful moment. The Lord realized that his friends were overwhelmed. He had compassion on their meager ability to comprehend what was really going on. He allowed them to participate in this moment of revelation to help them understand who he was, but he still understood who THEY were--imperfect human beings who could not be expected to completely understand the ways of God.

Sometimes we might long to witness a kind of Transfiguration moment. It can be tempting to think that if we had access to such a supernatural revelation, our faith would be strengthened and our lives would change. But Jesus knows us best. He knows what we can handle and he knows the perfect way to reveal himself. For most of us, most of the time, this means coming to know Jesus in the more ordinary ways of prayer, Scripture study, and the sacraments. Let's be sure we are ready to find Jesus there.



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 Dudy; Christian Samoy; Derrell Thomas and Jahaira Best.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2017

Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/ 2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/ Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/ Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 13

8:15 a.m. +Evangelina Fortin

Tuesday, March 14

8:15 a.m. +Napoleon Lechoco

Wednesday, March 15

8:15 a.m. +Marianne Juliano

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday, March 16

8:15 a.m. +Florentino Sanchez

Friday, March 17

8:15 a.m. +Jessie San Mateo

Saturday, March 18

9:00 a.m. +Juanito Aglipay

5:00 p.m. +Peter & Angelina Marino

Sunday, March 19

8:00 a.m. +Esther Decena

10:00 a.m. +Arthur & Josephine Giacalone

12:00 p.m. +Jose Pico

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Sick and Suffering

Especially Ada Parker, Lolita Ferrer, Gus Blancaflor, Conrado Flores, Sr., Marian Flores, Christopher Samonte, Cesar Cadapan, Manuel Malgapo, Gloria King, Edilberto Calma, Fidela Saguros, Joseph Organ, Ernesto Abaquia, Eleanor Wachowski (12Feb17). Carolyn Wolcott, Mildred Jenkins, Pedro Padolina, Jr., James Maraan, Mitch Otero, Lina Bartolome (05Mar17). Deacon Rick & Rachel Fisher, Roy DeMesme, Tess Samoy, Lamar Johnson, Ellamae Hulsey, Linda Wilkes, Kobi King, Simon Perez, Jr., Nicholas Mararac, Joseph Alto (12Mar17).

Our Beloved Dead

Especially Esther Contreras, Alfonso Baes, April Rosales, Mary Tevault, Edgardo Abdon, Nicola Martinelle, Carrie Pearson, Judith Arguijo, Francisca Rico, Christy Bravo, Edmund Smoot, V., Marjorie Gallie, Antonio Castro.



St. Columba School

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This week we began the Holy Season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. During this time we are asked to renew our baptismal commitments and grow closer to God. We are called to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and alms giving. In the Holy Father's Lenten message he reminds us that "Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving." Here at St. Columba, students and staff will be strengthening our faith through service projects, prayer and penance. I pray that each of you hear your call to grow deeper in your faith and commitment to the Lord.

In continuing our dedication to God and our faith, I also want to share our Spotlight Students of the Month for March. Congratulations to Chelsey Ko (4th grade) and Tiffany Obina (7th grade)! Thank you for embodying what it means to be a St. Columba student.

"A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit."

Blessings,
Katrina Fernandez
St. Columba School Principal

JOIN US FOR THE 8TH ANNUAL ST. COLUMBA 5K/10K WALK/RUN FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION.

When: Saturday, March 25, 2017

Where: Woodrow Wilson Bridge Trail at National Harbor.

Time: Registration opens at 9am and the event starts at 10am.

Cost: \$16.00 - per individual - pre registration fee includes 1- t-shirt

\$40. 00 - pre registration for Families of 3 or more includes 2 - t shirts

You may also register the morning of the walk at 9am. Registration forms are available on the school website at www.stccatholic.org

Come out, have fun and support our parish school.
For more information contact Christine Patton
at pattonec@stccatholic.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY



Whiting and Shrimp Dinners, Every Friday night during Lent beginning March 3, 2017 thru April 7, 2017 from 5:30pm - 8:30pm 1633 Tucker Rd., Fort Washington, MD 20744.



**COME AND JOIN...
ALL CATHOLIC YOUTH ARE INVITED:
St. Columba Youth Ministry**

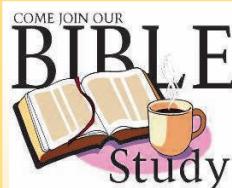
(Regular Meeting – Every Friday)
7:00 p.m.– 10:00 p.m.
in Fr. Dewan Hall

*For more information please call
Sr. Emily M. Bautista, MCST
(Youth Ministry Coordinator)
at 301-567-5506*

A QUICK REMINDER

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We kindly remind our school 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.



COME JOIN OUR **BIBLE** Study "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 Craig Maresch at 240-643-3644, Maggie Edmonson at 301-567-3347 or Nancy Wooster at 301-248-4065.



ST. COLUMBA CYO BASKETBALL

St. Columba CYO Basketball. The St. Columba CYO Basketball Varsity Boys Mid-Atlantic Team won the CYO City Championship First Round Game by 22 points over

Holy Trinity DC Parish/School. In their second City Championship Game they defeated Holy Family 45-41, to advance to the City Championship Semi-Finals Game on Sat. March 4th at 3 PM at Archbishop Carroll High School in DC, and if they win they play in the City Championship Game on Sunday March 5th at 1:30 PM at Stone Ridge High School in Bethesda MD. This is the first time a St. Columba CYO Basketball Team advanced to the Semi-Finals of the Archdiocese of Washington Varsity City Championship Tournament.



PRAYER LIST: Names for the Prayer List should be written either in a note or sent electronically. The name 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 or email the Parish Office with required information at least 10 business days in advance.

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 your child Catholic), social (get to meet other parents) and fun! **Next classes: February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18 and June 15 at 7:00 p.m. (classes start 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.



Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Lunch Time
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

UPDATES OF ST. COLUMBA CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT FROM THE PASTOR

We have received around 256,578.00 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. The permit is almost here. 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.

POSITION OPEN: MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

Computer literate, experience in a doctor's office preferred but not necessary. Call 240-472-1488 to apply.

CATECHISM IN A YEAR

Day #60: The Theological Virtues

What are the three theological virtues? The three theological virtues are faith, hope, and charity.

So there abide faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. (I Corinthians 13:13)

What is faith? Faith is the virtue by which we firmly believe all the truths God has revealed, on the word of God revealing them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed. (John 20:29)

What is hope? Hope is the virtue by which we firmly trust that God, who is all-powerful and faithful to His promises, will in His mercy give us eternal happiness and the means to obtain it.

But hope that is seen is not hope. For how can a man hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (Romans 8:24-25)

What is charity? Charity is the virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.

If I should speak with the tongues of men and angels, but do not have charity, I have become as a sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And if I have prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, yet do not have charity, I am nothing. (I Corinthians 13:1-2)

MARCH Month of St. Joseph



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.

SCHEDULE OF LENTEN ACTIVITIES 2017

Soup and Bread Fellowship & Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent: March 3 to April 7, 2017
 Soup and Bread Fellowship (Fr. Dewan Hall)
 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.
 Station of the Cross (Church) 7:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation “The Light is On for You”

Wednesday of Lent, March 8 to April 5,
 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.
 Friday, March 3 to April 7, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.
 Regular Schedule, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. (Saturdays)

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 8, 2017: Mass at 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 9, 2017: Masses at 8:00 a.m.,
 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon.

Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 8:00 p.m.
 Eucharistic Adoration after Mass until Midnight
 in Father Dewan Hall

Good Friday, April 14, 2017

Confessions 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
 Living Stations of the Cross - St. Columba
 Youth Group, 3:30 p.m.
 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion - 8:00 p.m.

Meditations on The Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross

Good Friday, April 14, 2017
 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017

Confessions 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
 Paschal Vigil with celebration of the Easter
 Sacraments - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 16, 2017

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon
 at the Main Church
 Family Mass with Children and Baptisms -
 10:00 a.m. - Father Dewan Hall

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.

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.



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!

LENTEN RECOLLECTION

Our Lenten Recollection will be held on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 7:00—9:00 p.m.** at the church. It will be given by Father Raymond Bueno, a Carmelite priest. The theme will be "The Spirituality of the Cross." All are encouraged to attend this opportunity for prayer and meditation this Lent.



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