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BULLETIN — APRIL 9, 2017



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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Parochial Vicar

Rev. Art Mallari

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Deacon Robert Villanueva
Deacon Rick Fisher (Ret.)

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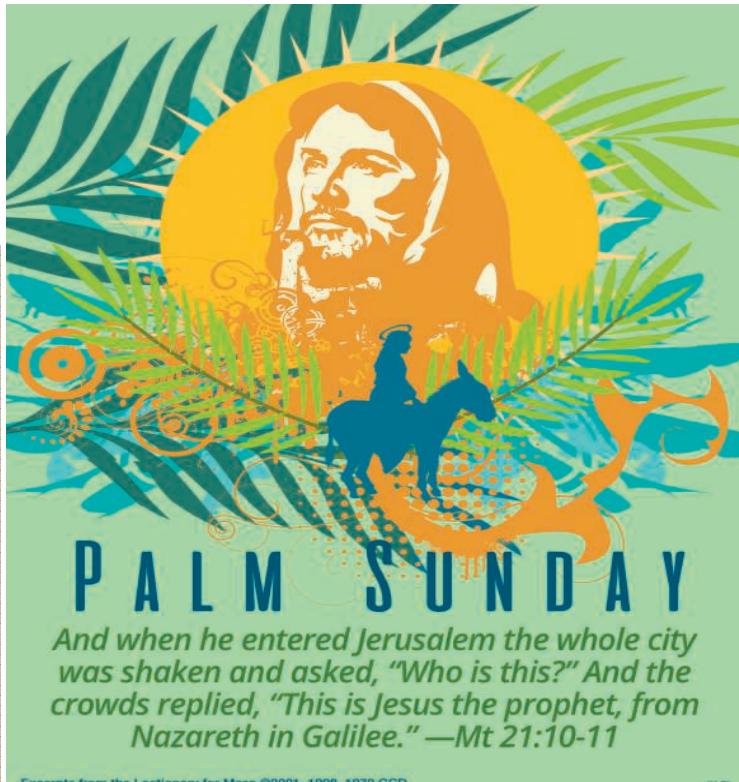
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BAPTISMS

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

BAPTISM AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR OLDER CHILDREN

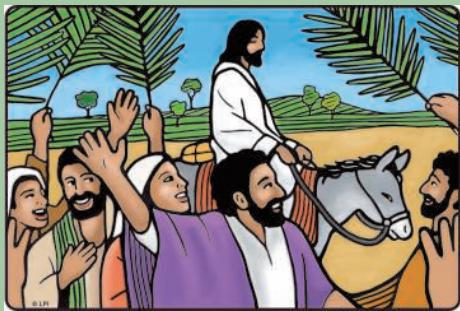
Please contact the Parish School of Religion, Sr. Rosario Salazar, MCST at 301-567-6113.

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



*"Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
hosanna in the highest."*

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." - Mt 21:9-11

REFLECTIONS PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

"Peter said to him in reply, 'Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be.'" Peter thought pretty highly of his faith. On the eve of Christ's death he professed, in essence, that he was more committed to Jesus than anyone else. And yet, we know how the story turns out: when put to the test in the moment that mattered, Peter "began to curse and to swear, 'I do not know the man.'"

On this Palm Sunday, we hear many stories of betrayal. The crowds, who once hailed Jesus with "hosannas," will soon be chanting, "Let him be crucified!" Judas, who was counted among the closest companions of the Lord, turns him over to the chief priests for thirty pieces of silver. And Peter falls short in the moment of truth, and then "went out and began to weep bitterly."

Here in the hours before Christ faces crucifixion, he is surrounded by false friends. Just when he most needs the support, he is abandoned. No wonder he feels the suffering even of being forgotten by his Father while he hangs on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" What trials Jesus endured, not only physically but emotionally as well.

It's easy to glaze over this as a story from the past that does not involve us. But in truth, Jesus suffered all of this for each one of us. He would have preferred things to go otherwise, but submitted to his Father's will because he knew "it must come to pass in this way." Jesus' passion and death took place in order to bring us salvation. So today, may we not be counted among his many betrayers, but may we be truly grateful for the gift of the cross and show it through a life of sincere faith.



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 APRIL 9, 2017

- Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/
Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54
- Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17/
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/
Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27/
Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
- Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13,
15-16bc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- Friday:** Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
- Saturday: Vigil:** Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14,
24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22/Gn 22:1-18 or
22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Ex 14:15-
15:1/Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Is 54:14/Ps 30:2, 4-6,
11-13/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/
Ps 19:8-11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5;
43:3-4 or Is 12:2-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/
Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or
Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 10
8:15 a.m. Fidela Saguros (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, April 11

8:15 a.m. +Nilo Castillo

Wednesday, April 12

8:15 a.m. +Paul Simms

Thursday, April 13

8:15 a.m. No Morning Mass

Friday, April 14

8:15 a.m. No Morning Mass

Saturday, April 15

9:00 a.m. No Morning Mass

5:00 p.m. No Mass

Sunday, April 16

8:00 a.m. +Artemio Almendras

10:00 a.m. +Arthur & Josephine Giacalone (Hall)

10:00 a.m. St. Columba Parishioners (Church)

12:00 p.m. +Anthony Miguel Cabotaje

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Sick and Suffering

Especially Carolyn Wolcott, Mildred Jenkins, Ryan Estoninow, James Maraan, (26Mar17). Deacon Rick & Rachel Fisher, Roy DeMesme, Tess Samoy, Lamar Johnson, Ellamae Hulsey, Linda Wilkes, Kobi King, Simon Perez, Jr., Nicholas Mararac, Joseph Alto (2Apr17). Ada Parker, Lolita Ferrer, Gus Blancaflor, Conrado Flores, Sr., Marian Flores, Christopher Samonte, Gloria King, Fidela Saguros, Eleanor Wachowski, Eduardo Dela Cruz (09Apr17).

Our Beloved Dead

Especially Carrie Pearson, Judith Arguijo, Francisca Rico, Christy Bravo, Edmund Smoot, V., Marjorie Gallie, Antonio Castro, Marian Snead, Catherine "Kitty" Porter, Arturo Padama, Manuel Malgapo, Edward Skeens, Paul Simms.



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

AN INVITATION TO MEDITATIONS ON THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS

*Good Friday, April 14, 2017
12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.
St. Columba Church*

Come and spend time for reflection and prayer on the seven last sayings of our Lord Jesus as He hung in agony on the cross for love of us and for our redemption.

Reflections on each word of Jesus will be given by seven deacons of the Archdiocese of Washington.



The St. Columba Mixed Choir will lead the singing of the sacred hymns..



**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



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 (Under 14 year olds) team won their CYO Semi-Finals City Championship Tournament Game on Sat. March 4th against St. Ambrose CYO, and advanced to the CYO City Championship Game on Sunday March 5th. St. Columba lost the Championship Game to Mt. Calvary, but finished as the Runner-up in the CYO City Championship Tournament which had 16 of the best teams from the Archdiocese of Washington CYO Varsity League. The players on the team were: Angelo Vergara, Nathan Joson, Tyvon Edmonds Jr., Justin Joyner, Justin Burrows, Francis Coronejo, Chris Saunders, Cedric Boston, Travis Roberts, Tyler Doersom, Joshua Williams, Jared Altice, and Paul Kamara. Coaches: Bill Parks, Eric Soriano, Mike Williams, and Tyvon Edmonds Sr..



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 you 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 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.



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 #64: Are there other types of virtue?

Are there any other virtues besides the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity?

Besides the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity there are other virtues, called moral virtues.

Why are these virtues called moral virtues?

These virtues are called moral virtues because they dispose us to lead moral, or good lives, by aiding us to treat persons and things in the right way, that is, according to the will of God.

Further reading: [CCC 1803-1804](#)



2017 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on **Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office. The deadline is on **Monday, April 24, 2017.**

PALM SUNDAY



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

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

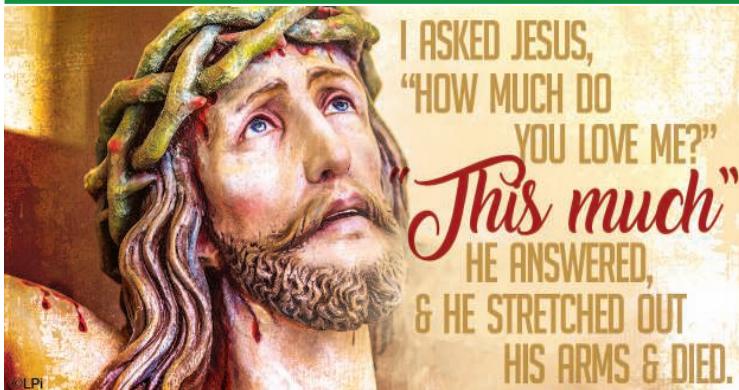
Good Friday, April 14, 2017
12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

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!

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