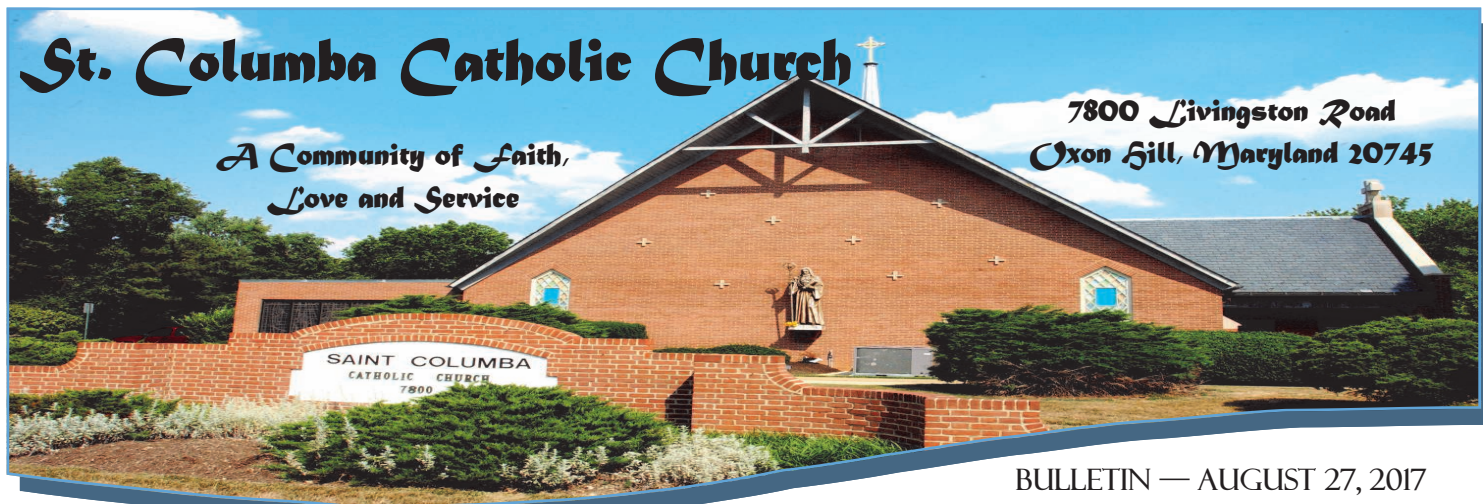


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MASS SCHEDULE

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. Gary T. Villanueva

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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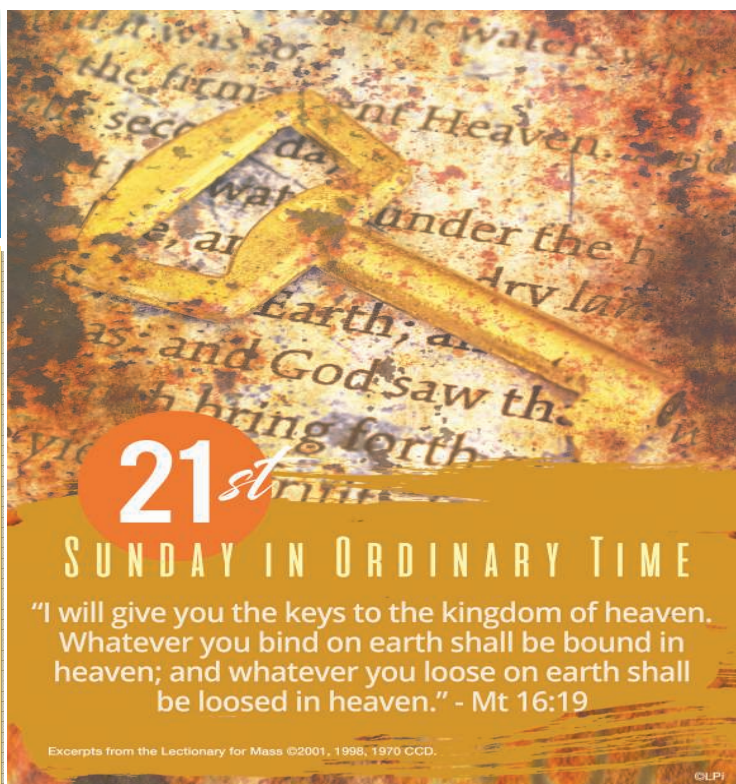
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Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in
heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall
be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19**

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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



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REFLECTIONS

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." Simon got a new name after his profession of faith. As soon as he declared to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus renamed him with a title that means "rock." And with that name he gave Peter the mission to be a solid foundation upon which he would build his church. Not Peter's church. Not James or Paul's church. Not Martin Luther's or John Calvin's or anybody else's. This is Jesus' church, the church of Christ himself, that we call the Catholic Church.

So it was Christ himself who desired to give authority in the church--"the keys to the kingdom of heaven"--to a human leader. Peter was thus established as the first pope. He exercised a special kind of headship, within the community of the apostles and the church at large, because Jesus gave him the power to do so, not because Peter claimed it for himself. And so too every pope since, right down to our Holy Father today, exercises this unique leadership within the Church.

What a gift this is to us! Jesus knew well the human tendency to squabble and disagree, to argue and compete. He knew that the church would be prone to all of this because of her members, and that providing a final voice of authority, saying in effect that "the buck stops here" would be helpful for maintaining unity. As Catholics, even in spite of the differing opinions and perspectives that are manifest in the Church, we nonetheless maintain a strong sense of identity and belief thanks in large part to the papacy. Today, may we give thanks for the pope and pray for him as he strives to lead all of us closer and closer to Christ.



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 Dudley; Christian Samoy; Derrell Thomas and Jahaira Best.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 27, 2017

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-6a,
9b/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-6/Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12ab/
Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17/
Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12/
Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/
Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 28

8:15 a.m. Agustin Family (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, August 29

8:15 a.m. Tom & Maria Birmingham (Anniversary)

Wednesday, August 30

8:15 a.m. Patricio & Modesta Dancel

7:00 p.m. Vivian Pulido (Birthday)

Thursday, August 31

8:15 a.m. +Paulina Obi

Friday, September 1

8:15 a.m. Deacon Rick Fisher (Special Intention)

7:00 p.m. +Romulo Caliso

Saturday, September 2

9:00 a.m. +Matias & Lourdes Valeza

5:00 p.m. St. Columba Parishioners

7:00 p.m. +Virgilio Balancio

Sunday, September 3

8:00 a.m. Ellis & Leah Flores (Anniversary)

10:00 a.m. +Leona Tabila

12:00 p.m. Ervin Ines (Special Intention)

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Sick and Suffering

Especially Conrado Flores, Sr., Marian Flores, Christopher Samonte, Gloria King, Fidela Saguros, Eleanor Wachowski, Eduardo Dela Cruz, Julius Perez (30Jul17). Edwin P. Smith, John Vary, Norm Dela Rosa, Mike Maxey, Virginia Maxwell (6Aug17). Carolyn Wolcott, Ryan Estorninos, James Maraan, Ludy Tamundong (20Aug17). Deacon Rick & Rachel Fisher, Roy DeMesme, Tess Samoy, Lamar Johnson, Ellamae Hulsey, Linda Wilkes, Kobi King, Simon Perez, Jr., Nicholas Mararac, Joseph Alto, Jacob Dylan Paguio, Jeanne Pike, John Bryan, Angelita Majors, Angel Viray, Jun Nagales (27Aug17).

Our Beloved Dead

Especially , George Scott, Liberata Rivera, Resty Catbay, Ramon Elevencionado, Kim Hargrove, Mary Will, John Droter, Kenneth Leavy, Art Pereras, Romulo Caliso.



St. Columba School

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On-going School Visits are by appointment. For evening appointments please contact Mrs. Rickling our Enrollment Coordinator at **301-567-6212 x2** or email her at ricklingl@stccatholic.org

St. Columba School would like to announce the opening of Pre-K4 for the upcoming school year 2017-18. You may apply on-line at our school website, www.stccatholic.org. Our school summer hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:00am to 1:00pm.

Please contact Mrs. Rickling, our Enrollment Coordinator for more information and for school tours at 301-567-6212 x2 or by email, ricklingl@stccatholic.org.

RCIA (THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Do you know someone who is interested in learning more 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 AM from until 11:00 AM beginning in September and continuing 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 support you. To know more about the RCIA process, call the Parish Office at 301-567-5506 or call Mike Maxey at 301-536-1543.

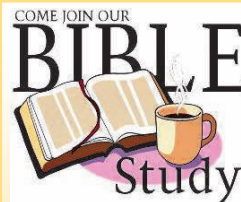


**COME AND JOIN...
ALL CATHOLIC YOUTH ARE
INVITED:
St. Columba Youth Ministry**

(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*



“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 PARISH
SCHOOL OF RELIGION
ANNOUNCES ITS
REGISTRATION FOR
THE SCHOOL YEAR
2017-2018.**

Registration starts every **Saturday & Sunday** starting **August 5** until **September 10** of this year. For registration please see the Catechist-In-Charge at the Narthex Hall.

Requirement/s upon Registration:

1. For Kinder and all Newcomers:
Copy of Baptismal Certificate
2. Those who have done their First Communion from the other Parish:
Copy of First Communion Certificate
3. Registration Fee: (Subject to Change)
\$ 80 for one student
\$140 for 2 students (same family)
\$ 200 for 3 students (same family)

\$ 110 for Confirmation class
(gown rental and retreat fee included)

**An additional \$ 20.00 if registered after
September 10.**



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: It is necessary to use donation envelopes so that the parish office can track your attendance, allow the parish office to keep track of your donations for year-end statement of your donations, and for not using the envelopes you will be marked inactive. **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 21 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.



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

Parents!

Your children are a gift from God, and we consider children incredibly important at St. Columba Catholic Church. Please feel free to discuss with your children what is happening in the church, and if they get a little noisy, please don't feel out of place. Their energy is a sign of the life that God has given them.

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are welcome in God's place.

Children's Bulletins

In the Narthex on the table, there is a “Kids bulletin: with 2 different children's bulletins, one for Kindergarten—1st grade, and one for 2nd grade—3rd grade.

It comes with activities that go along with the Biblical text for this week's message, readings and Gospel. Feel free to pick up a copy for your children's use **instead of using the pew envelopes for drawing and writing.**

St. Columba Parishioners

The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our church is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents!

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.

A QUICK REMINDER XXXXXX

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.

Holy Communion for the Sick/Homebound

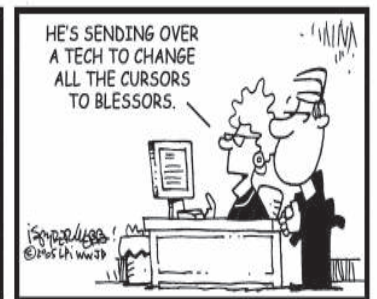
If you are physically unable to come to Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist at home, please contact the parish office at 301-567-5506. Arrangements will be happily made to bring the Eucharist to you.



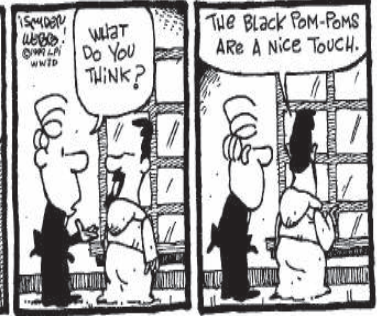
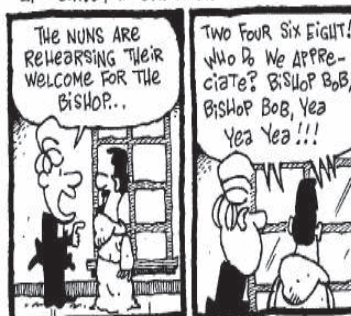
FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE POOR

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!

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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.



TO FALL IN LOVE WITH GOD

is the greatest romance;
to seek Him the greatest adventure;
to find Him, the greatest
human achievement.

— St. Augustine



CATECHISM IN A YEAR

104. What does the hidden life of Jesus in Nazareth teach us?

In the course of his *hidden life* in Nazareth Jesus stayed in the silence of an ordinary existence. This allows us to enter into fellowship with him in the holiness to be found in a daily life marked by prayer, simplicity, work and family love. His obedience to Mary to Joseph, his foster father, is an image of his filial obedience to the Father. Mary and Joseph accepted with faith the mystery of Jesus even though they did not always understand it.

Further reading: CCC 533-534, 564

105. Why did Jesus receive from John the "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 3:3)?

To inaugurate his public life and to anticipate the "Baptism" of his death, he who was without sin accepted to be numbered among sinners. He was "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29). The Father proclaimed him to be "his beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17) and the Spirit descended upon him. The baptism of Jesus is a prefiguring of our baptism.

Further reading: CCC 535-537, 565

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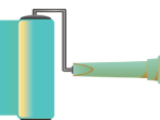
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