

# St. Columba Catholic Church

A Community of Faith,  
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7800 Livingston Road  
Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745



BULLETIN — OCTOBER 28, 2018

## REVEALING OUR Hearts

### 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

#### Pastor

Rev. Gary T. Villanueva

#### Deacons

Deacon Andy Espinosa  
Deacon Robert Villanueva

Parish Accountant  
Diane Alexander

Parish Admin. Assistant  
Leah Flores

Parish Youth Ministry  
Coordinator/Admin. Asst.  
Sr. Emily Bautista, MCST

Parish School of Religion  
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MCST

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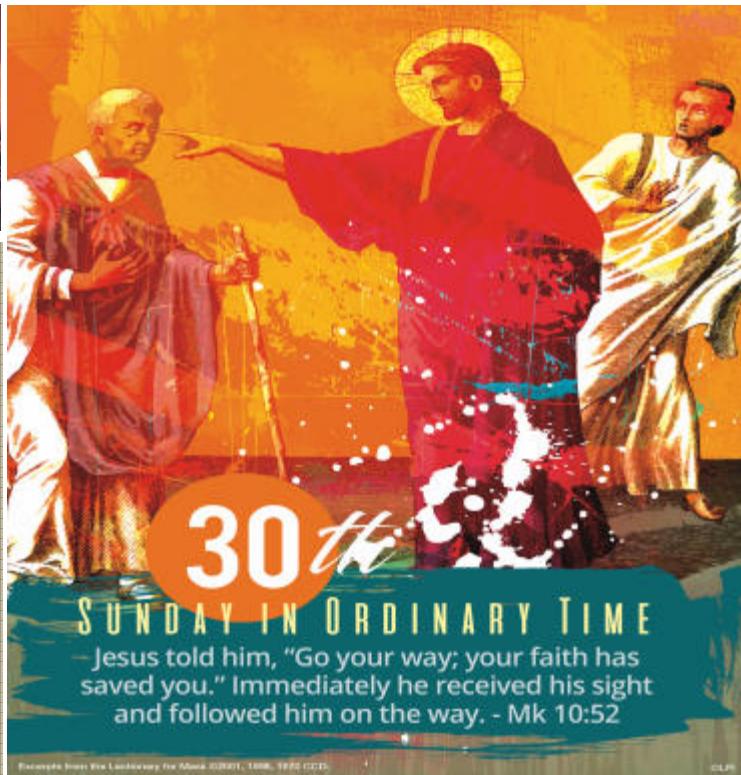
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### Parish Office

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Fax: 301-567-6546

Email:

stcolumbachurch@verizon.net  
Parish Website:  
[www.stcolumbacatholic.net](http://www.stcolumbacatholic.net)

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### School

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<http://www.stccatholic.org>

### BAPTISMS

Please call the Parish Office for information and to schedule Baptism Preparation Class.

### BAPTISM AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR OLDER CHILDREN

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

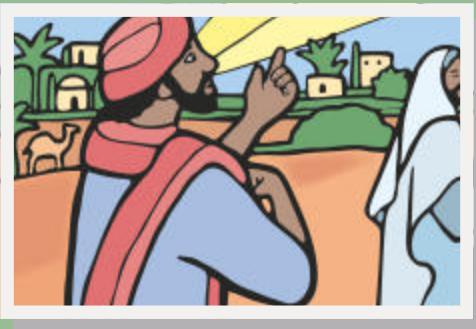
### MATRIMONY

Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to a proposed wedding date to speak with a priest.

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



*Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52*

### REFLECTIONS THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Son of David, have pity on me!" Has the cry of Bartimaeus ever escaped your lips? Today's Gospel tells the story of a blind man with a difficult lot in life. He made a living by begging coins off passing travelers. When word reaches him that Jesus will be passing by, this is when he begins to shout for mercy. Jesus hears Bartimaeus' cry and beckons him forward.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Last week, Jesus asked a similar question to James and John. Their response was a clutch for fame. Bartimaeus' response is much humbler. "Lord, I want to see." How strange this interaction must have seemed to the onlookers. The man is blind! Of course he wants to see! But Jesus is always teaching us. By asking us what we want, Jesus reveals the dispositions of our hearts. God already knows them, but do we? By asking James and John to name their ambition, their selfishness is exposed to them and to the other disciples. By asking Bartimaeus to name his longing, his faith is exposed to the entire crowd. Jesus invites participation in our own redemption. He doesn't save us without us!

Take some time in silent prayer today. Place yourself in this story of Bartimaeus. Imagine yourself there on the dusty, crowded roadside. Jesus is calling you! When you stand before him, his focus is on you and you alone. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asks. Search your heart. How would you respond? What part of your heart is Jesus asking you to expose? He has come to heal and to restore. May we, too, be sent! "Go ... your faith has saved you."

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY INCLUDING:

Especially Linden Bynoe; John M. Harris II; Marquette Young; Sharmelle Williams; Tiffany Williams; Peter John Ifurung; PFC Mark J. Venancio; Andrew Alexander; Lt. Victor Barba; 1st Lt Peter Agboli; Krystol Dudly; Christian Samoy; Derrell Thomas and Jahaira Best, Kevin Myers.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 28, 2018

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|---------------------|--|
| <b>Sunday:</b>      | Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52                   |
| <b>Monday:</b>      | Eph 4:32--5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17                   |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21                 |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>   | Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30                           |
| <b>Thursday:</b>    | Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a               |
| <b>Friday:</b>      | Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40 |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11                                  |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34                   |

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, October 29

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

#### Tuesday, October 30

8:15 a.m. +Raymond Keith

#### Wednesday, October 31

8:15 a.m. +Evangelina Fortin

7:00 p.m. Cachuela Family (Thanksgiving)

### NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

All Mass Intentions for the whole month of November are for the souls of the deceased whose names have been placed in the gold box in front of the altar.

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Our Sick and Suffering

**Especially** Carmelita Losoloso, Tony Ramos (23Sept18). Isobel Parks, Martin Clancy, Sophia Vasquez, Leonardo De Guzman (07Oct18). Esther Cordova, Florencia Sebastian (14Oct18). Marian Flores, Gloria King, Fidela Saguros, Eleanor Wachowski, Debbie Smith, Huong Pokropski, Milagros Rosario (21Oct18). Rachel Fisher, Tess Samoy, Lamar Johnson, Ellamae Hulsey, Kobi King, Simon Perez, Jr., Jeanne Pike, Angel Viray, Cathy McGarrigan, Linda Wilkes (28Oct18).

#### Our Beloved Dead

**Especially** Esther Myers, Joseph Chiacchieri, Agueda Rivera, Joseph Henry, Jaime Padre, Walter Smith, Mark Gibson, Aurora Parani, Froilan Tiongan, Marie Watson, Ernesto Parani, Diosdado Sabal.

## SCHOOL NEWS, EVANGELIZATION AND CHRISTIAN FORMATION



# 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](mailto:ricklingl@stccatholic.org).

## ST. COLUMBA SCHOOL'S 18 T H ANNUAL

~~~Breakfast with Santa~~~  
Christmas Market Place

7800 Livingston Road, Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745  
Saturday, December 1, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Pancake breakfast served until 12 noon Father Dewan Hall

## CATECHISM IN A YEAR

### 250. How are the sacraments of the Church divided?

The sacraments are divided into: the sacraments of Christian initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist); the sacraments of healing (Penance and Anointing of the Sick); and the sacraments at the service of communion and mission (Holy Orders and Matrimony). The sacraments touch all the important moments of Christian life. All of the sacraments are ordered to the Holy Eucharist "as to their end" (Saint Thomas Aquinas).

Further reading: CCC [1210-1211](#)

### 251. How is Christian initiation brought about?

Christian initiation is accomplished by means of the sacraments which establish the *foundations* of Christian life. The faithful born anew by Baptism are strengthened by Confirmation and are then nourished by the Eucharist.

Further reading: CCC [1212, 1275](#)



## 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 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.

## 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.

## 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 into June. 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.

## ADMINISTRATIONS, STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE



**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! **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. **Please don't use the pew envelopes for drawing and writing.**

**A request from our Money Counters**

Please mark the amount of your contribution on the envelopes and make sure that your check is signed, placed in the Sunday collection basket. It will save our hard-working crew of volunteer Money Counters a lot of time! Thanks for your help!

**DO YOU NEED TO REGISTER?**

- just married? Even if you grew up in St. Columba Parish, you (as an adult) need to register independent from your parents.
- new to the parish?
- moving back? attending Mass but have never officially registered?

Whatever your reason, formally registering and becoming an active member is an important, tangible way to show your affiliation to the parish.

Registered active/contributing members receive envelope with your own number, are eligible for sponsor/godparent validation, and are eligible to rent parish.

**EASY OPTIONS TO REGISTER**

- Pick up a registration after Mass at the Narthex or ask one of our ushers.
- Pick up a registration form in our Parish Office located across the parking lot.
- Call the parish office at 301-567-5506 to receive the form in the mail.

**Completed forms may be returned to the parish office, by mail or give it to one of our ushers after Mass. After you register, you will receive parish mailings and church offertory envelopes.**

*Please also notify the office to update your information for any of the following reasons: to advise of a change of address, phone number, update email or to advise when leaving the parish*

**COLLECTIONS****SUNDAY OFFERING**

Month of September 2018      \$39,319.00  
(4 Sundays)

**COMPARISON**

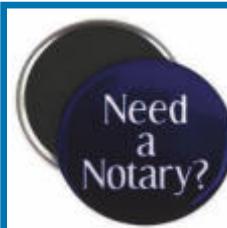
Month of September 2017      \$49,945.10  
(5 Sundays)

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH**

**The Annual Financial Report is available on the table in the Narthex**



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.



*Please call the Parish  
Office at  
301-567-5506.*

## AROUND THE PARISH, DIOCESE AND BEYOND



Families in the Holy Spirit Renewing the Face of the Earth

**SAY "YES" TO THE LORD'S INVITATION!**

Couples For Christ is inviting you to attend an orientation session of the Christian Life Program (CLP) to learn about this life renewal program that has touched the lives of thousands of families here in our area and around the world. This is a Christian community for everyone: married, single parents, single adults, separated, widowed, divorced, youth and kids.

**PLACE:** SAINT COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**ADDRESS:** 7800 Livingston Road, Oxon Hill, MD 20745  
**DATE:** October 7 – December 8, 2018 (Every Saturday)  
**TIME:** 6:30 PM

For more information, please contact any of the following couple servants:

Bert and Marilyn Maraan (301) 535-1989  
 Ferdie and Pinky Baniqued (301) 751-0612  
 Ismael and Rose Rico (240) 938-1364

**Come and join!  
All youth are invited!**



The Official St. Columba Parish Youth Group!

Meeting times:

Every Friday from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM in the 8th Grade Classroom

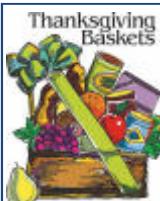
For more information, please contact one of our core team members:

-Sr. Emily Bautista, MCST (Youth Coordinator):  
 -240-593-2279

-Tracy Maresch (Youth Administrator):  
 -301-793-6174

-Craig Maresch (Youth Minister)  
 -240-643-3644

-Jose Valderrama (Youth Minister)  
 -202-297-7978



**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 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. With your support, we look forward to our parish family being a blessing to others!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Members of St. Columcille Council, Knights of Columbus, will be soliciting donations for their Tootsie Roll Campaign after all the Masses during the weekend of October 27th and 28th. The Tootsie Roll Campaign is an annual fund-raiser of the Knights of Columbus, to raise money in support of the mentally challenged. In addition to soliciting donations, knights will hand out Tootsie Rolls. Please help the Knights in their support of our mentally challenged brothers and sisters in the Lord.

**RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION 2018**

The second collection for November 3 and 4, 2018 is for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. Archdiocese of Washington priests have selflessly served the faithful and the community to continue Christ's mission for decades. Let's join together to help to provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live in dignity. Please use the envelopes that have been mailed to your homes from the Archdiocese and/or the special collection envelopes that will be placed in the pews for the weekend of November 3 and 4. **New this year, you can also give through your smart phone by texting "Priest" to (301) 231-1816.** a link will be sent back to you to complete your generous gift for this important collection.



**ANNUAL PARISH INFORMATION FAIR  
NOVEMBER 4, 2018**

After each Mass at Father Dewan Hall

Stop by! Learn about the ministries and groups that help enable a Christian community at St. Columba. Join a group or two! Get involved...a little or maybe more! Stay a while for coffee and donuts. Details will follow

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