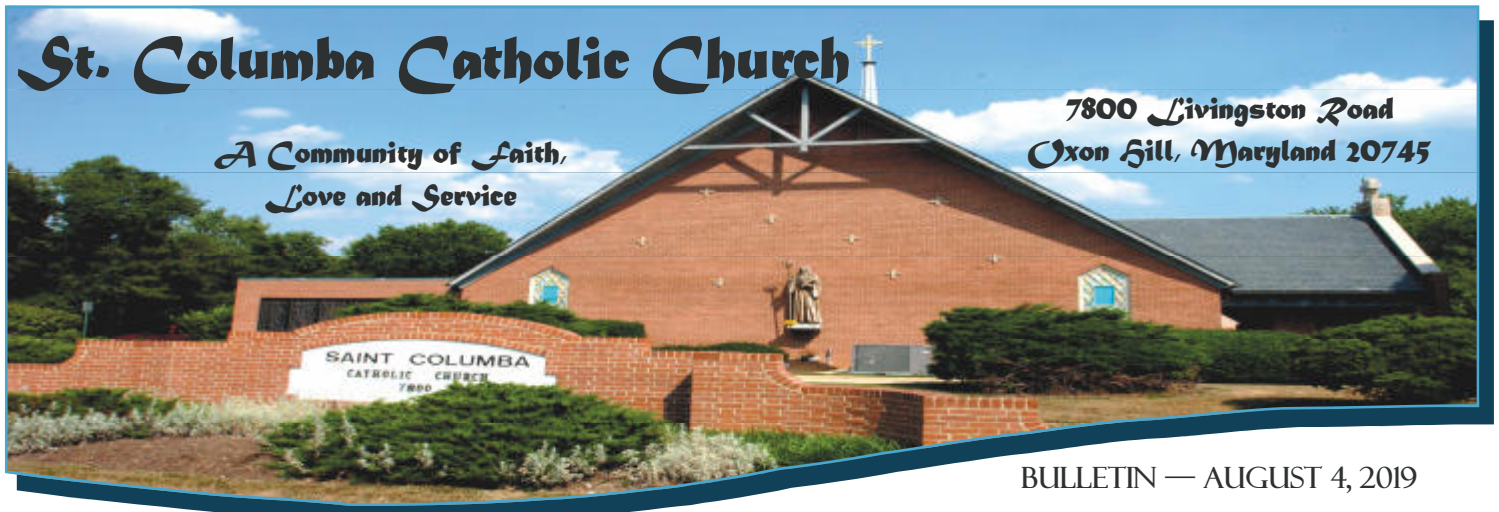


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BULLETIN — AUGUST 4, 2019



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

Priest In-Residence
Rev. Marcelino Cortez, Jr.

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
Coordinator:
Sr. Luzviminda Domingo,
MCST

Director of Music Ministry
Rebecca Yoder

Parish Council Chair
Benny Ramos

Fr. Dewan Hall Coordinator
TBA

School Interim Principal
Christine Patton

School E/F Coordinator
Lera Rickling

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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.*

ANOIDING OF THE SICK/ COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the Parish Office



A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. - Lk 9:34b-36b

REFLECTIONS

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The cake is frosted, the guests have arrived, and the gifts are piled high. One by one, the packages are opened, and one by one, the child reaches for another. Who among us hasn't seen a child who appears crestfallen when the gifts run out? Even the abundance isn't quite enough. Today's Gospel tackles a key question in the spiritual life - grateful or greedy?

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest." We all recognize the need to be practical. Raising a family, there's need to save for all sorts of things beyond normal day-to-day costs - medical bills, family vacations, private school, rainy day funds, retirement. Jesus doesn't critique the rich man for simply having an abundant harvest. It's his mentality. Does the rich man sell off the extra to make the needed repairs to the back fence or to invest in some additional livestock to grow the business? Perhaps donate some of the excess to the poor? No. "You have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" The man wants to hoard and indulge with no concern for others.

Jesus doesn't condemn prudent saving or owning necessary items. He calls us to purify our attitudes. "Guard against all greed... one's life does not consist of possessions." We are called to be good stewards. This means being practical. It also means remaining open to God's invitation with our resources. Are we tithing to our parish? Do we give alms to the poor? Does our weekly entertainment far outstrip what we offer to others? Life is not about "stor[ing] up treasure for [our] selves." The more we grow in gratitude and generosity, the more we become "rich in what matters to God."

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 Dudley; Christian Samoy; Derrell Thomas Jahaira Best; Kevin Myers; Daryll Andrew Garcia; Delange Monks.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 4, 2019

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21 [12a]/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 5

8:15 a.m. +Fidela Saguros

Tuesday, August 6

8:15 a.m. +Ernie Chester Layug

Wednesday, August 7

8:15 a.m. Sabrinell Adimi (Birthday)
 7:00 p.m. Abelardo & Norma Villarivera (Thanksgiving)

Thursday, August 8

8:15 a.m. +Mary LoMedico

Friday, August 9

8:15 a.m. Leah Flores (Thanksgiving)

Saturday, August 10

9:00 a.m. Brent Thomas (Special Intention)

5:00 p.m. +Rose Haas

Sunday, August 11

8:00 a.m. St. Columba Parishioners

10:00 a.m. +Jaime Padre

12:00 p.m. +Walter Smith

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Sick and Suffering

Especially Therese Igot, Manuel Teodoro, Sr. (21July19). Marian Flores, Gloria King, Eleanor Wachowski, Huong Pokropski, Anacleto Bautista, Claire Millet (28Jul19). Rachel Fisher, Tess Samoy, Lamar Johnson, Ellamae Hulsey, Kobi King, Jeanne Pike, Cathy McGarrigan, Linda Wilkes, Darlito Quimen, Mark Marcelo, Teresita Albano, Macario Reyes, Carmelita Losoloso, Barbara Saab (4Aug19).

Our Beloved Dead

Especially Fidela Saguros, Juanito Soriano, Philip Alvarado,. Ed Hernandez, Joel Calacal, Primitiva Tomboc.



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St. Columba is now accepting applications for **PRE K4** through 7th grade. We have a wonderful four years old Pre K program. Students must be four by Sept. 1, 2019. **School starts Aug. 27th**. Don't delay seats are filling! Call today for more information or to schedule a school visit. Please contact Mrs. Lera Rickling, our Enrollment Coordinator at 301-567-6212 Ext. 2 or email her at ricklingl@stccatholic.org.

TEACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR FIRST GRADE AND FIFTH GRADE

Candidates may apply online at www.schoolspring.com. For more information contact our Interim Principal, Mrs. Christine Patton at 301-567-6212 or pattonc@stccatholic.org.

Summer Office Hours
Mon-Thurs, 8am-1:00pm

CATECHISM IN A YEAR

393. Is there a variety of sins?

There are a great many kinds of sins. They can be distinguished according to their object or according to the virtues or commandments which they violate. They can directly concern God, neighbor, or ourselves. They can also be divided into sins of thought, or word, of deed, or of omission.

Further reading: CCC 1852-1853, 1873

394. How are sins distinguished according to their gravity?

A distinction is made between mortal and venial sin.

Further reading: CCC 1854

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.

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.

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 Kathy Manning at 301-423-7305.

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.– 3:00 p.m.
Lunch Time
12:30 - 1:15 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 sign, 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 envelop 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 June 2019 \$39,166.00

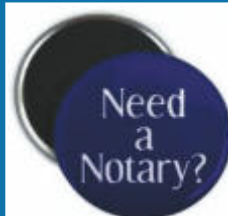
COMPARISON

Month of June 2018 \$38,639.00

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

**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.



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

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



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 ST. COLUMBA CHURCH'S Filipino Ministry

Zumbathon

Saturday, August 10, 2019

6:30—9:30 p.m.

St. Columba 's Father Dewan Hall

HELP OUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1,000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on August 30th - September 1st, 2019, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org

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CHRIST,**
after having given
us all he could...
willed also to give
us the most
precious thing he
had left, which was
**HIS HOLY
MOTHER.**
—ST. JOHN VIANNEY

WHAT DID NOT LIE IN MY
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