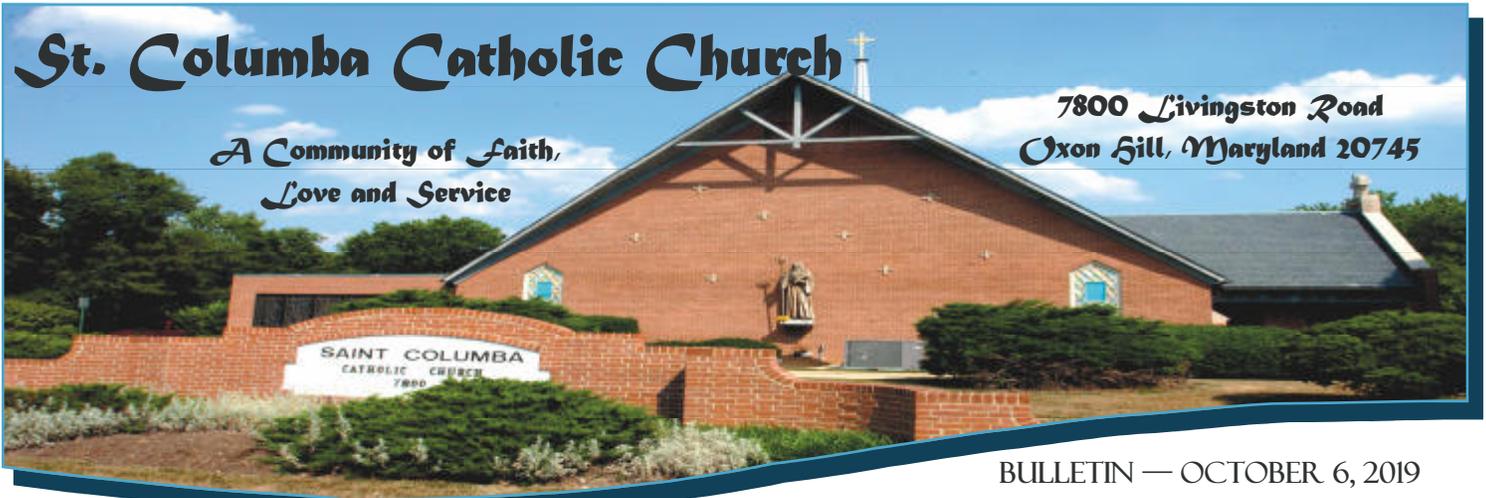


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BULLETIN — OCTOBER 6, 2019

## SELFLESS SERVICE

### 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  
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

**School Admin. Assistant**  
Marie Norment

**Plant Manager**  
Carlos Brown-Bey



### Parish Office

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Fax: 301-567-6546

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**Parish Website:**  
www.stcolumbacatholic.net

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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

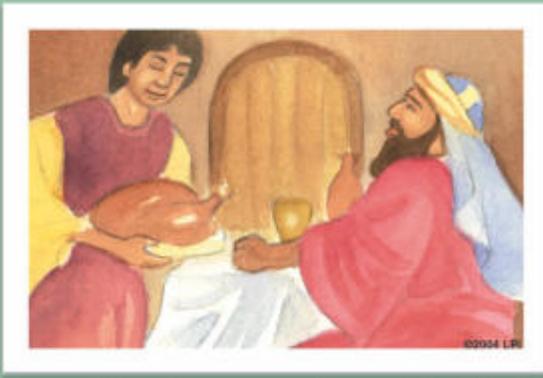
Please contact the Parish School of Religion, Sr. Luzviminda Domingo, MCST at 301-567-6113.

### 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.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the Parish Office



*"Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"*  
 - Lk 17:9-10

**REFLECTIONS**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" The metaphor in the story could seem harsh to us today. A servant has worked hard all day, and rather than receiving a much-needed respite, the master commands an additional task. Jesus, however, is appearing to their sensibilities. This was a hierarchical society in which everyone had a place. His listeners would know this. No servant would presume a reward for good deeds.

It's important to remember that we do have a place at God's table. But we don't "earn" it. Dining with the Lord at the heavenly wedding feast requires surrender. It requires deep faith in God and His promises. It also requires commitment. The kingdom takes work! There are fields to plow and initiatives to prepare. There are sheep to tend to and family to care for. There are people waiting for our yes to generous service. When we serve dinner at a homeless shelter, we are waiting on the table of Christ. When we visit an ill relative, we're imitating the Good Samaritan. We're visiting Jesus! We're growing his kingdom of life and love.

The Gospel today reminds us to check our motives. Are we serving because we're seeking a reward? Or because we have faith that this is who we're meant to serve? That is, is this where we're meant to be? The Gospel reminds us that this faith can do powerful things! "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." But, ultimately, we're not the ones doing the deeds. We're not the ones "earning" the grace. Faith, and the good we do for others, is a gift.

**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  
 OCTOBER 6, 2019**

- Sunday:** Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
- Monday:** Jon 1:1- 2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/ Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/ Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
- Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/ Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/ Lk 11:27-28
- Next Sunday:** 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/ 2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-1

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, October 7**

8:15 a.m. +Emerenciana Desamparado

**Tuesday, October 8**

8:15 a.m. +Araceli Saguros

**Wednesday, October 9**

8:15 a.m. +Michael Lynn

7:00 p.m. +Emerenciana Desamparado

**Thursday, October 10**

8:15 a.m. +Trinidad Saguros

**Friday, October 11**

8:15 a.m. +George Cutler

**Saturday, October 12**

9:00 a.m. +Nady Villanueva

5:00 p.m. +Rodel and Resty Advincula

**Sunday, October 13**

8:00 a.m. +Peter Marino

10:00 a.m. +Jaime Padre

12:00 p.m. +Edward Rico

**IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Our Sick and Suffering**

**Especially** 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, Cecilia Kashakhi (15Sep19). Marian Flores, Gloria King, Eleanor Wachowski, Huong Pokropski, Jessie Hart, Galo Gonzales, Cynthia Flores (29Sep19).

**Our Beloved Dead**

**Especially** Maria Cacas, Restituto Advincula, Ed Hernandez, Joel Calacal, Primitiva Tomboc, Carmelita Flores, Michael Lynn, Edwin Varias, Nick Hession, Raiza Mina Simon, Roberto Simon, Florcerfida Cresido.



# St. Columba School

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Dear St. Columba Families,

I am honored to be the Interim Principal of St. Columba School for the 2019 -2020 school year. Throughout my life St. Columba has been my second family. I am a member of the first graduating class, and have worked as a volunteer, librarian, teacher's aide, teacher, and assistant principal. I'm absolutely thrilled to be able to serve in this new capacity.

I am excited to be working with your children, but will also look forward to joining together to keep St. Columba School the wonderful, caring community that it has been for over 55 years - dedicated to academic excellence, and more importantly, to the well-being of our children. My goal is to ensure that all of our students are healthy, happy, and safe, and educated in mind, body, and faith.

Please be assured that I, along with the teachers and staff, will work tirelessly to ensure that your children have the best possible experiences, both academically and spiritually, while at St. Columba. I look forward to working with all of you to make 2019 - 2020 our best school year yet! !

Peace and Blessings,  
Mrs. Christine Patton  
Interim Principal



**ST. COLUMBA CYO BASKETBALL** will have parent/registration meetings on Tuesday Oct. 8th in the 8th Grade Classroom.

The JV Under 12-year-old Division meeting will start at 7 pm. The Varsity Under 14-year-old meeting will start at 7:35 pm.

CYO Basketball is single gender. The Rookie Under 10-year-old Division meeting will be in November. Further information will be provided in late October.

## VOCATIONS CORNER

Please continue to pray for our fellow parishioner who is aspiring for Holy Orders.

Seminarian Chukwuma Collins Odigwe is currently studying Theology in Saint John Paul II Seminary, Washington, D. C.

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.– 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 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 August 2019      \$40,193.17

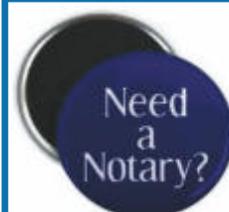
**COMPARISON**

Month of August 2018      \$39,846.24

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH



We kindly remind our school parents of their obligation, in order to receive catholic rate tuition, to tithes 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.

### SODALITY ANNUAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION

You are cordially invited to join  
St. Columba's Our Lady of Divine Grace Sodality  
*Annual Day of Recollection*  
**Monday, October 7, 2019**  
(Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary)

#### Loyola Retreat House

(9270 Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, MD  
20632 (301) 392-0800)

*Loyola on the Potomac is a Jesuit Retreat House  
overlooking the Potomac River.*

Theme for the Day: "Come with Me into the  
Fields"

Starts at 9 am with continental breakfast, lunch and  
Mass ending at 3 pm.

Confessions will be available.

**Registration is \$40 per person** (cash or check  
payable to St. Columba Sodality).

Carpool will be arranged, leaving the main parking  
lot at 7:45 am

Call **Lydia Astorga (301) 567-8872** or talk to any  
Sodalist.

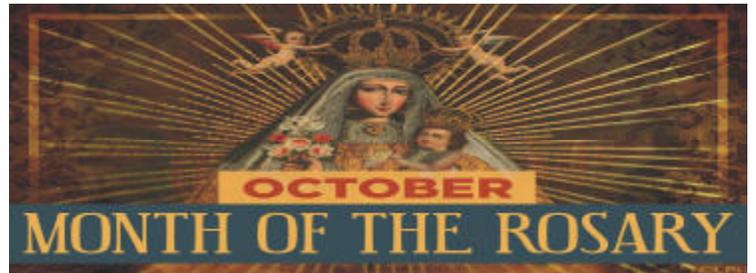
### RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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 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.



### 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!



### CATECHISM IN A YEAR

#### 12. What is Apostolic Tradition?

Apostolic Tradition is the transmission of the message of Christ, brought about from the very beginnings of Christianity by means of preaching, bearing witness, institutions, worship, and inspired writings. The apostles transmitted all they received from Christ and learned from the Holy Spirit to their successors, the bishops, and through them to all generations until the end of the world.

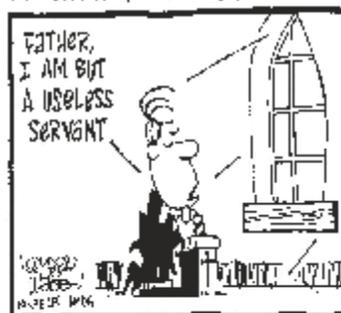
*Further reading: CCC 75-79, 83, 96-98*

#### 13. In what ways does Apostolic Tradition occur?

Apostolic Tradition occurs in two ways: through the living transmission of the word of God (also simply called Tradition) and through Sacred Scripture which is the same proclamation of salvation in written form.

*Further reading: CCC 76*

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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