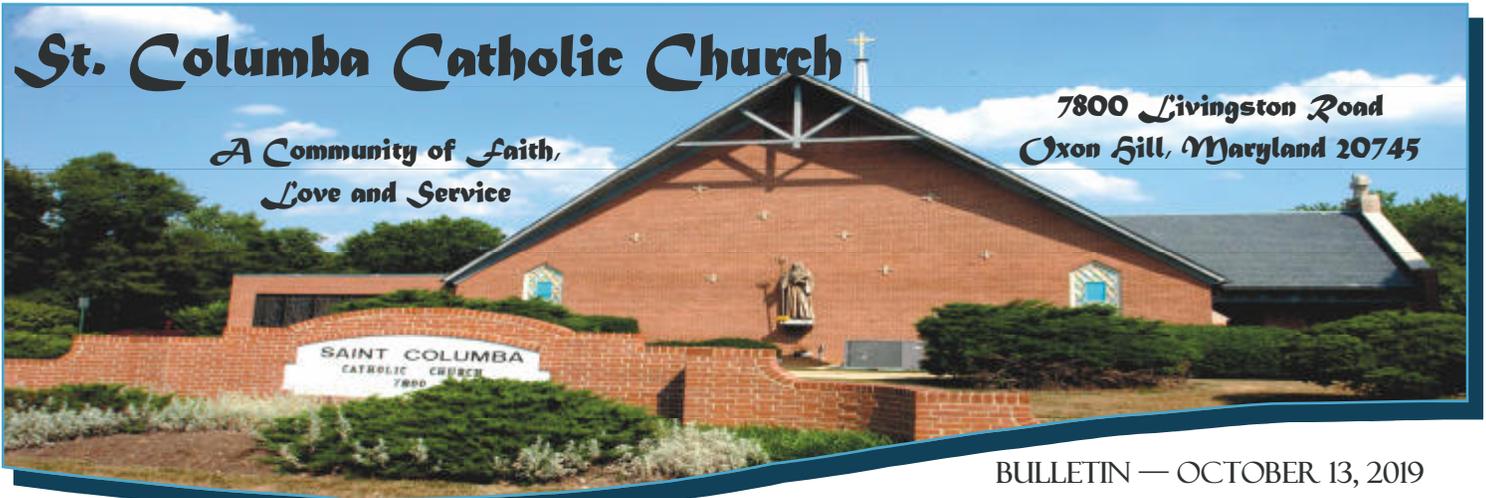


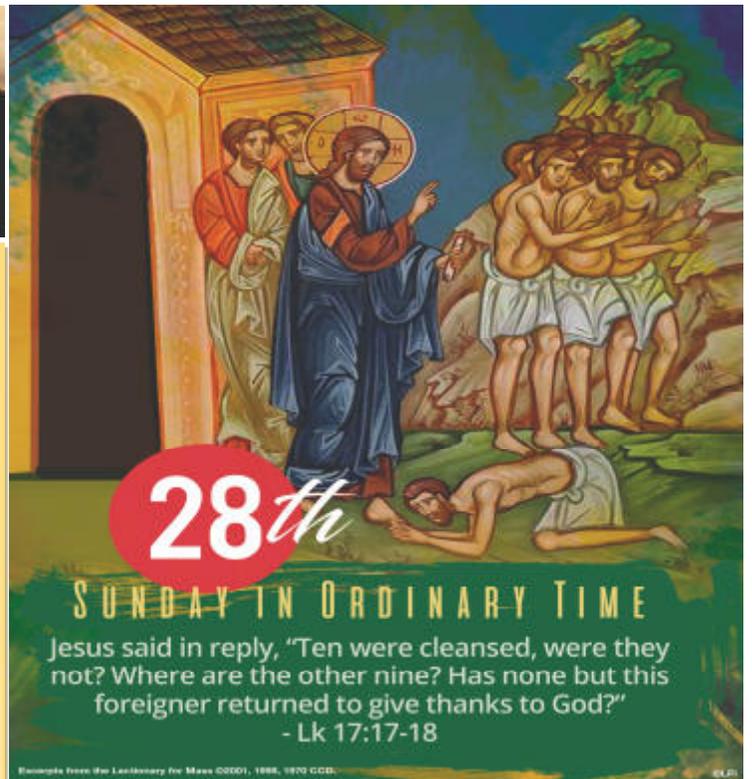
# St. Columba Catholic Church

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BULLETIN — OCTOBER 13, 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

**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

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Benny Ramos

**Fr. Dewan Hall Coordinator**  
TBA

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Christine Patton

**School E/F Coordinator**  
Lera Rickling

**School Admin. Assistant**  
Marie Norment

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Carlos Brown-Bey

## Parish Office

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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*



*And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" - Lk 17:15-18*

### REFLECTIONS

#### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance ...” In the ancient world and into the Middle Ages, there was no treatment for leprosy. People thought it was wildly contagious and were suspicious of any skin diseases. Lepers were isolated from civil society. This isolation was upheld by the Mosaic Law. Should there be a healing from leprosy, the former leper was to present himself to a priest to certify the healing. Like Jesus commands, “Show yourselves to the priests.” The person would then undergo a religious rite to be formally reintroduced to society. In other words, a leper got their life back. So why didn’t they come back?

“As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.” Of the ten lepers healed by Christ, only one returns with a grateful heart. The others, perhaps, were thankful enough. Perhaps they couldn’t believe their luck, and they hastened to the priests to confirm the healing. They were more than willing to leave their life of rejection and isolation behind. Why take any steps backward, when the way ahead was so attractive? An attitude like this is perhaps understandable, but few would admire it.

How about you? Do you come back? If you’ve ever had the experience of getting what you hoped and prayed for, you know that this can sometimes be easier said than done. When we’ve wanted something badly enough, how easy it can be to focus on the gift rather than the giver. The truth is, God is daily offering us gifts: the gift of our existence, of the created world, of family and friends, of modern conveniences. Even in times of distress, there is always something to be thankful for. This Sunday, give yourself a gratitude check. Count your blessings. Glorify God and thank Him for the gift of your life!

#### 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 13, 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 14

8:15 a.m. Ramon Osorio (Thanksgiving)

#### Tuesday, October 15

8:15 a.m. Teresita Cachuela (Birthday)

#### Wednesday, October 16

8:15 a.m. +Michael Lynn

7:00 p.m. Penny & Lily Ramilo (Thanksgiving)

#### Thursday, October 17

8:15 a.m. +Raymond Keith

#### Friday, October 18

8:15 a.m. Roland Mandapat (Birthday)

#### Saturday, October 19

9:00 a.m. Zoe Baraquio (Thanksgiving)

5:00 p.m. +Joy Ricasa

#### Sunday, October 20

8:00 a.m. Robby ryan Rodrigo (Birthday)

10:00 a.m. +Nilo Castillo

12:00 p.m. Dalisay Perez (Birthday)

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Our Sick and Suffering

**Especially** Marian Flores, Gloria King, Eleanor Wachowski, Huang Pokropski, Jessie Hart, Galo Gonzales, Cynthia Flores (29Sep19). Rachel Fisher, Tess Samoy, Lamar Johnson, Ellamae Hulsey, Kobi King, Jeanne Pike, Cathy McGarrigan, Linda Wilkes, Darlito Quimen, Mark Marcelo, Macario Reyes, Ellen Palugod, Andy Bravo(13Oct19).

#### Our Beloved Dead

**Especially** Joel Calacal, Primitiva Tomboc, Carmelita Flores, Michael Lynn, Edwin Varias, Nick Hession, Raiza Mina Simon, Roberto Simon, Florcerfida Cresido, Aquilino Bomediano.



## St. Columba School

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Dear St. Columba Families,

Interested in sending your student to St. Columba School? Please make sure that you apply for Archdiocesan financial aid, the deadline for returning families is December 6, 2019, the deadline for new families will be in February.

The link can be found on our school website, [www.stccatholic.org](http://www.stccatholic.org). Please contact Mrs. Vickers at 301-567-6212 ext. 4 with any questions.

Come in for a tour, contact our Enrollment Director, Mrs. Lera Rickling at 301-567-6212 ext. 2 or [ricklingl@stccatholic.org](mailto:ricklingl@stccatholic.org) to make an appointment.

Peace and Blessings,  
Mrs. Christine Patton  
Interim Principal

### 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 St. 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.

### 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

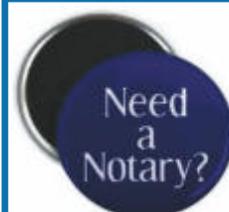
**COMPARISON**

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.

**ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH THROUGH ITS PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (“PSR”) INVITES STUDENTS/PARENTS AND ALL PARISHIONERS TO WITNESS THE CELEBRATION OF PARISH CATECHETICAL AWARENESS MONTH**

OCTOBER, 2019  
CATECHETICAL AWARENESS MONTH  
ACTIVITIES

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| October 6, Sunday<br>9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.    | Opening of Catechetical Exhibits<br><i>Narthex for all parishioners and guests</i>  |
| October 13, Sunday<br>11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. | Pre-Catechetical & Bible Quizzes<br><i>Respective classroom for all PSR students</i>  |
| October 20, Sunday<br>10:00 to 11:45 p.m.      | Catechetical Conference<br><i>Fr. Dewan Hall for all PSR/SCS Parents, and Guests</i>  |
| October 27, Sunday<br>10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  | Catechetical Month Culmination<br>Thanksgiving Mass ( <i>program and Lunch follows</i> )<br>Catechetical & Bible Quizzes (Final)<br>On-The-Spot Poster Making Contest<br>Kid’s Coloring Contest<br><i>(Contestant must be registered on or before October 20, 2019)</i> |

For details or information about St. Columba Church PSR, please contact Sr. Luz Domingo, Missionary Catechists of St. Therese (“MCST”) at 301-567-6113 or email us at: [st.columbapsr@gmail.com](mailto:st.columbapsr@gmail.com). All parishioners and guests are welcome to come and see our Parish PSR exhibits on October 6. All PSR families, especially students and parents, are encouraged to promptly attend and participate in all Catechetical activities listed above.



**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**

**14. What is the relationship between Tradition and Sacred Scripture?**

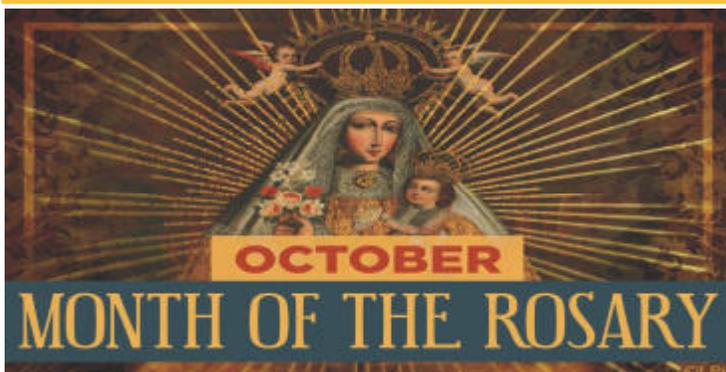
Tradition and Sacred Scripture are bound closely together and communicate one with the other. Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ. They flow out of the same divine well-spring and together make up one sacred deposit of faith from which the Church derives her certainty about revelation.

*Further reading: CCC 80-82, 97*

**15. To whom is the deposit of faith entrusted?**

The Apostles entrusted the deposit of faith to the whole of the Church. Thanks to its supernatural sense of faith the people of God as a whole, assisted by the Holy Spirit and guided by the Magisterium of the Church, never ceases to welcome, to penetrate more deeply and to live more fully from the gift of divine revelation.

*Further reading: CCC 84, 91, 94, 99*



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