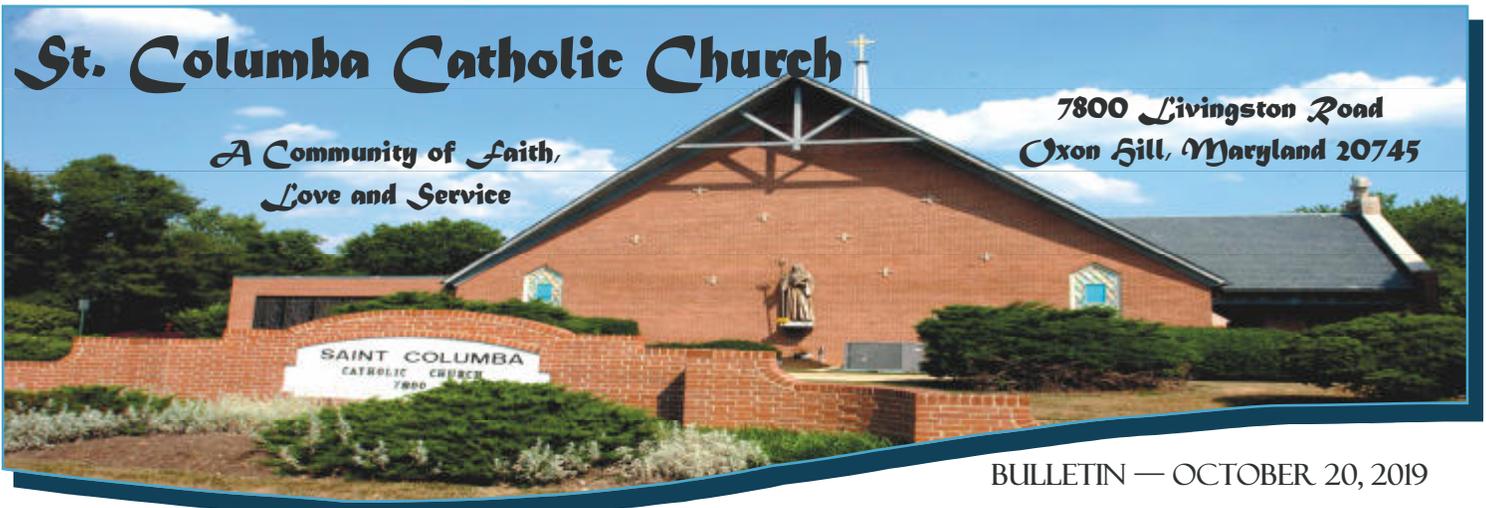


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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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Deacon Andy Espinosa
Deacon Robert Villanueva

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Diane Alexander

Parish Admin. Assistant
Leah Flores

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Sr. Emily Bautista, MCST

**Parish School of Religion
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Sr. Luzviminda Domingo,
MCST

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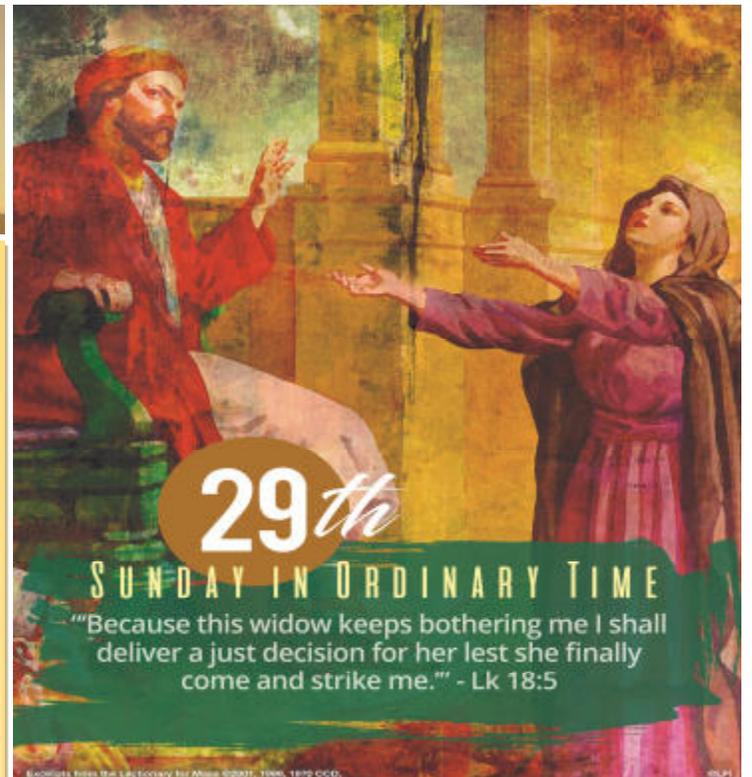
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BAPTISMS

*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



"A widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" - Lk 18:3-4b, 5

REFLECTIONS

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Render a just decision for me against my adversary." Today's Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? "Because the widow keeps bothering me." Jesus' recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We've all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something "fair," which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in our image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones." Sometimes, He may well seem "slow to answer them."

In the face of these very real questions, it's important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God's thoughts "are not [our] thoughts." His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God's better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when — or if — our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to "faith on earth."

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 20, 2019

- Sunday:** Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
- Monday:** Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
- Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68b]/Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
- Next Sunday:** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 21

8:15 a.m. Jan & Emily McGonigal

Tuesday, October 22

8:15 a.m. +Pedro Nagales

Wednesday, October 23

8:15 a.m. +Nabeel Alzabeeha

7:00 p.m. Raniel & Yvonne Cartin (Birthday)

Thursday, October 24

8:15 a.m. Miharla Naraja (Thanksgiving)

Friday, October 25

8:15 a.m. Danny & Nancy Castillo (Thanksgiving)

Saturday, October 26

9:00 a.m. Naomi Akaba (Thanksgiving)

5:00 p.m. +Peter & Angelina Busada

Sunday, October 27

8:00 a.m. Florencio Aricheta, Sr.

10:00 a.m. +Jose Baraquio

12:00 p.m. +Pelagio & Erotida Cabillas

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.



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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. 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 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.



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 monetary 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. Last year, we were able to provide for over 30 families through the generosity of our parish family. With your support, we look forward to our parish family being a blessing to others again this year!

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

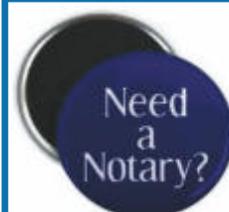
COMPARISON

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

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

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. 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

18. Why does Sacred Scripture teach the truth?

Because God himself is the author of Sacred Scripture. For this reason it is said to be inspired and to teach without error those truths which are necessary for our salvation. The Holy Spirit inspired the human authors who wrote what he wanted to teach us. The Christian faith, however, is not a “religion of the Book”, but of the Word of God – “not a written and mute word, but incarnate and living” (Saint Bernard of Clairvaux).

Further reading: CCC 105-108, 135-136

19. How is Sacred Scripture to be read?

Sacred Scripture must be read and interpreted with the help of the Holy Spirit and under the guidance of the Magisterium of the Church according to three criteria: 1) it must be read with attention to the content and unity of the whole of Scripture; 2) it must be read within the living Tradition of the Church; 3) it must be read with attention to the analogy of faith, that is, the inner harmony which exists among the truths of the faith themselves.

Further reading: CCC 109-119, 137

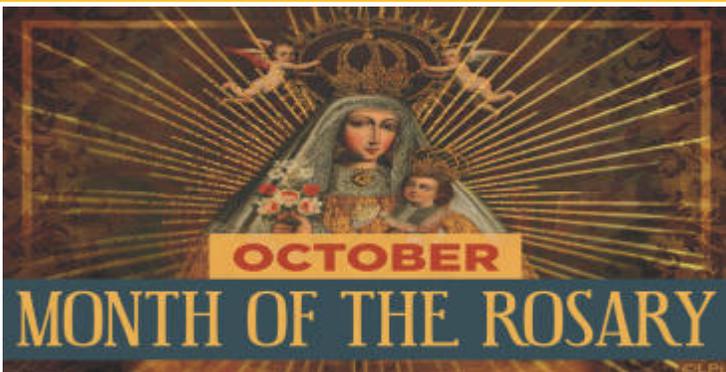


ST. COLUMBA CYO BASKETBALL will have their 2nd CYO Basketball parent/registration meeting for the Boys JV (U12) Division and the Boys Varsity (U14) Division on Monday Oct. 21st at 7 pm in St. Columba FDH.

At 7:30 pm there will be a player evaluation for the Varsity Division. For those players who have been registered both with registration fee payment and on-line registration.

The St. Columba CYO Basketball Registration Fee is \$ 160 for JV, and \$ 165 for Varsity. Check made out to St. Columba.

All new players must provide a copy of their birth certificate. Any new players not attending a Catholic School must provide a copy of their Catholic baptismal certificate. CYO Basketball is single gender.



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