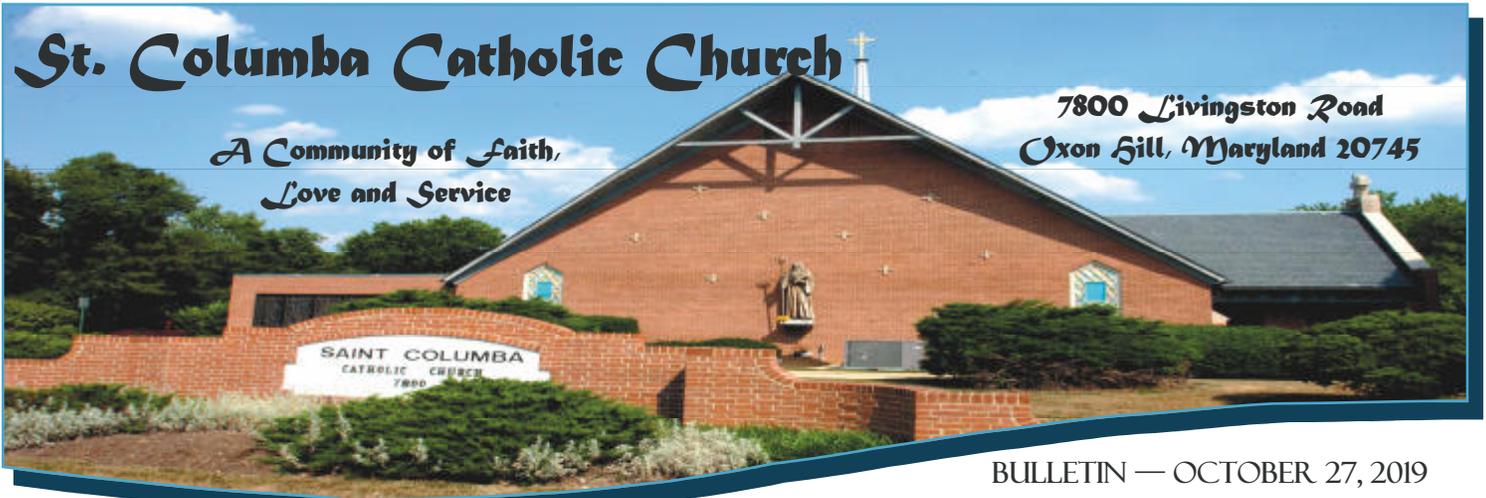


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BULLETIN — OCTOBER 27, 2019



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

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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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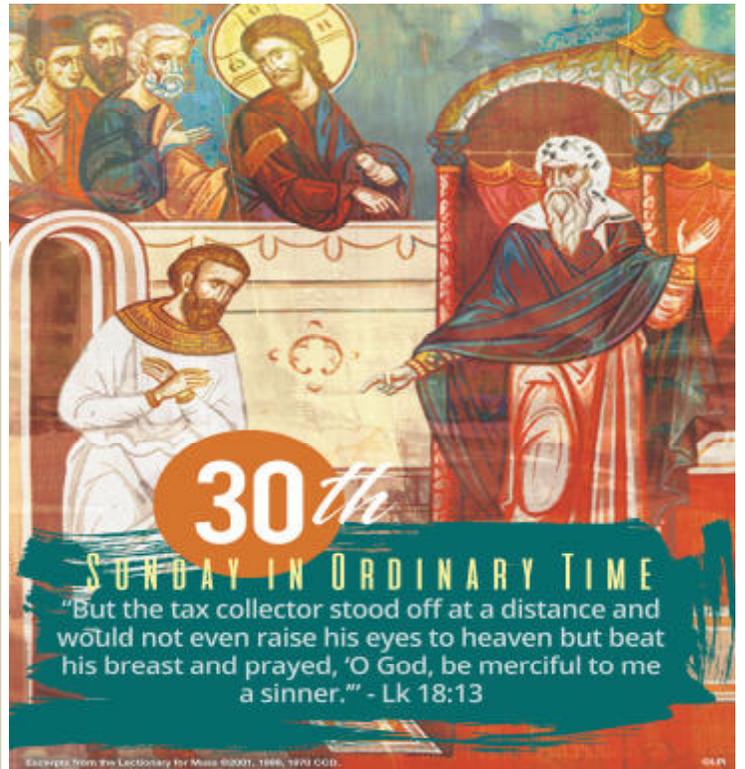
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BAPTISMS

*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



"But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13-14

REFLECTIONS

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Sunday's Gospel contrasts two different religious attitudes. First, the self-righteous Pharisee. Here is a man who seems to impeccably follow the law. In some terms, he is the model citizen! Honest, fiscally generous, and faithful to his marriage vows. But something else lurks in his heart: pride. "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity ... or even like this tax collector." For the Pharisee, no fault can be admitted. The only way to stay on top is to preserve one's image — even to God, it seems! — and point out the flaws of others from the pedestal.

In the back of the temple, hidden and bowed down, is the tax collector. "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." This man's prayer is one of supplication and petition. He isn't afraid to express his sinfulness and misery. This, Jesus says, is the one who "went home justified." How many times have we heard the mission of Jesus to seek and save the lost? Jesus is the one who dines with sinners and invites every heart to repentance. But how can we return to him if we don't know we've left? How can we receive God's grace when we're adamant we don't need it?

We all have within us both the Pharisee and the tax collector. We want to be sure of ourselves and to be admired in the eyes of others. Yet we also know that we are not always what we wish to present to others. We can be preoccupied with our self-image and feel anxious about our flaws being exposed. Because we do have flaws, after all. We are the sinner in need of mercy. This Sunday, will we humble ourselves enough to ask for it?

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 27, 2019

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
Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/ Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/ Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31[26b]/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Saturday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/ Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Next Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 [cf. 1]/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 28

8:15 a.m. +Simon Perez, Sr.

Tuesday, October 29

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

Wednesday, October 30

8:15 a.m. +Esther Baraquo

7:00 p.m. +Raymond Keith

Thursday, October 31

8:15 a.m. Tom Birmingham (Birthday)

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 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 Carmelita Flores, Michael Lynn, Edwin Varias, Nick Hession, Raiza Mina Simon, Roberto Simon, Florcerfida Cresido, Aquilino Bomediano, Sylvia Parker.



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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

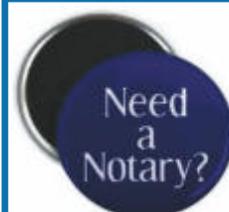
COMPARISON

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.

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!

CATECHISM IN A YEAR

20. What is the *Canon* of Scripture?

The *Canon* of Scripture is the complete list of the sacred writings which the Church has come to recognize through Apostolic Tradition. The *Canon* consists of 46 books of the Old Testament and 27 of the New.

Further reading: CCC 120, 138

21. What is the importance of the Old Testament for Christians?

Christians venerate the Old Testament as the true word of God. All the books of the Old Testament are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value. They bear witness to the divine pedagogy of God's saving love. They are written, above all, to prepare for the coming of Christ the Savior of the universe.

Further reading: CCC 121-123

22. What importance does the New Testament have for Christians?

The New Testament, whose central object is Jesus Christ, conveys to us the ultimate truth of divine Revelation. Within the New Testament the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are the heart of all the Scriptures because they are the principle witness to the life and teaching of Jesus. As such, they hold a unique place in the Church.

Further reading: CCC 124-127, 139



Masses:
8:15 a.m.
7:00 p.m.



ANNUAL PARISH INFORMATION
FAIR
NOVEMBER 3, 2019

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



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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