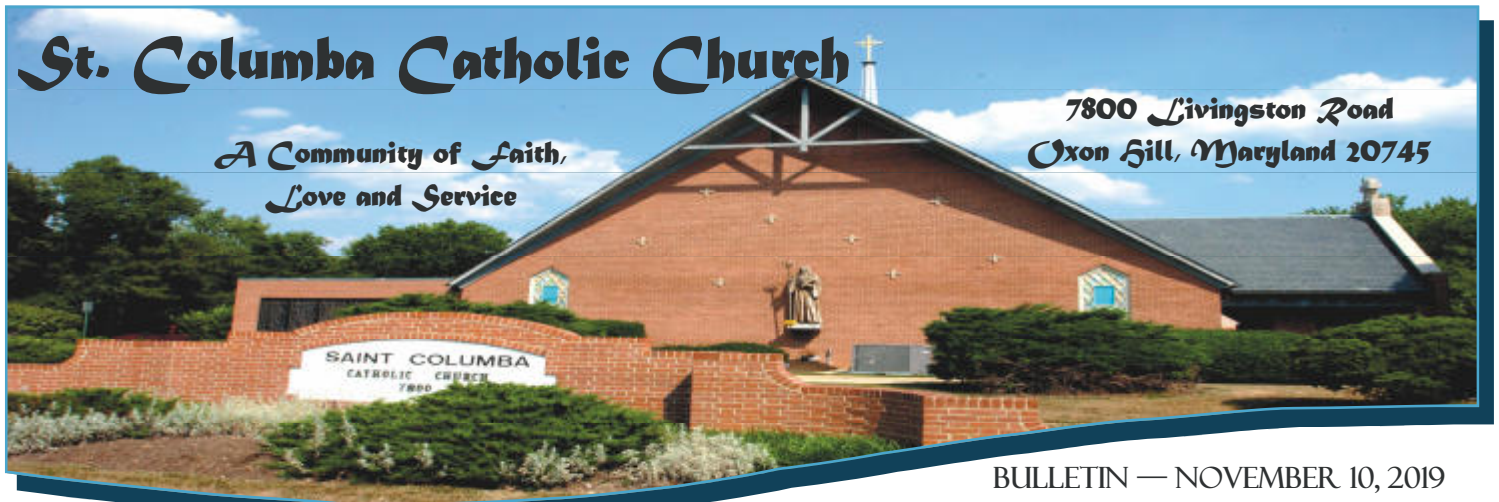


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BULLETIN — NOVEMBER 10, 2019

ASKING HONEST QUESTIONS

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

4:00 p. m. (Fall-Winter only)

Sunday

8:00 & 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

First Saturday Tagalog (Filipino)

6:00 p. m. (Fall-Winter only)

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

2:30—3:30 p.m. (Fall-Winter
only) 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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Deacon Robert Villanueva

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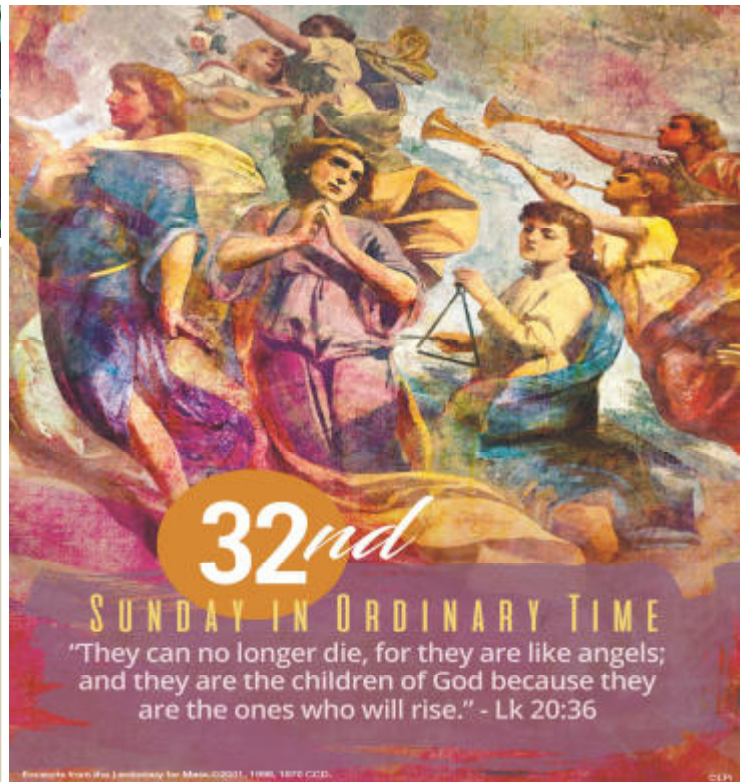
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BAPTISMS

*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.*

ANOIDING OF THE SICK/ COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the Parish Office



Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise." - Lk 20:34-36

REFLECTIONS

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Some Saducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus ..." In this Sunday's Gospel, the Saducees avoid their real question. Is there a resurrection from the dead or not? Rather than ask this question point blank, the Saducees try to prove their point through a roundabout, unrealistic scenario. Jesus cuts straight to the question behind the question, citing Scripture passages relating to the resurrection.

The Saducees are trying to trick Jesus. While we may not intend to stump God, our doubts and questions may have more in common with the Saducees than we care to admit. Doubts are part and parcel of life in a fallen world. Still, there are different ways we can word our doubts to ourselves, God, and others. When we're struggling, truly struggling, about some article of faith, do we admit it? Or do we cloak it with other, obtuse questions to hide the nature of our concern?

Have you considered leaving the Church over the hypocrisy of some of her members and leaders? Perhaps the real question is: "How can a place blessed by God and instituted by Christ have this evil in it? Can I reconcile with the concept that an institution has an admixture of good and bad? What do I expect from others, from myself? What responsibility do I have to try and remedy evil in an institution I'm part of?" Perhaps you've wondered about the nature of romantic love, and if God is love, does He really care so much about the details of this particular scenario? Perhaps the real question is: "Can my mind wrap around the concept of a God whose law seems — on the surface, in this situation — to make people unhappy? What is the relationship between the moral law and human flourishing?" These aren't easy questions, but they are more honest ones. This week, don't be afraid of your deeper questions! Bring them to God, to someone you trust, and to yourself.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10, 2019

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

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 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). Marian Flores, Gloria King, Eleanor Wachowski, Huong Pokropski, Jessie Hart, Galo Gonzales, Cynthia Flores, (5Nov19).

Our Beloved Dead

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

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.



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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 14, 2020.

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

JOIN US FOR ST. COLUMBA SCHOOL'S 19TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CHRISTMAS MARKET PLACE

Saturday, December 7, 2019 - 9am - 2pm

Pancake Breakfast served - 9am - 12 noon - Adults \$10 /
Children - \$5.00 (3 and under free)

Christmas Market Place 9am - 2pm - Free admission

Photos with Santa - 9am - 12 noon. \$5.00

Over 25 local vendors and crafters, food, door prizes, face painting and free craft room for kids.-



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!

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.

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.

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 your 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.

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 September 2019 \$51,064.00

COMPARISON

Month of September 2018 \$39,269.00

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR
PARISH



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

CATECHISM IN A YEAR

25. How does man respond to God who reveals himself?

Sustained by divine grace, we respond to God with the obedience of faith, which means the full surrender of ourselves to God and the acceptance of his truth insofar as it is guaranteed by the One who is Truth itself.

Further reading: CCC 142-143

26. Who are the principal witnesses of the obedience of faith in the Sacred Scriptures?

There are many such witnesses, two in particular: one is *Abraham* who when put to the test "believed in God" (*Romans 4:3*) and always obeyed his call. For this reason he is called "the Father of all who believe" (*Romans 4:11-18*). The other is the *Virgin Mary* who, throughout her entire life, embodied in a perfect way the obedience of faith: "Let it be done to me according to your word" (*Luke 1:38*).

Further reading: CCC 144-149

322 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



2019 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

St. Columba Catholic Church, Oxon Hill, Maryland

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 28, 2019
at 10:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
(Regular Penance Schedule: Saturdays, 2:30 p.m.
– 3:30 p.m.)

Advent Novena Masses (“Simbang Gabi”)

Sunday, December 15 to Monday, December 23,
at 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Wednesday Novena & Mass for Our Lady
of Perpetual Help – 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2019
Masses at 5:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight
5 p.m. Mass with “Living Nativity” presented by
the Children of St. Columba Parish
Christmas Concert starts at 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2019
Masses at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

Feast of the Holy Family

Masses at regular weekend schedule
Sunday, December 29, 2019
Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass (Holyday of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holyday of Obligation)

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Masses at regular weekend schedule
Sunday, January 5, 2020
Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 12, 2020



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!

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.

BLACK HISTORY

On July 24, 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus designated November as Black Catholic History month. Our history goes back to the earliest times of the church, and includes some of the first martyrs for the faith, Saints Felicity and Perpetua. This November we will reflect on lives of those Black Catholics who are on the path to canonization. For additional information, go to <https://www.nbccongress.org/black-catholic-sainthood.html>

Servant of God Mother Elizabeth Lange, OSP
Founder, Oblate Sisters of Providence
Servant of God 2010

Elizabeth Clarisse Lange’s journey to the United States came from Haiti, through Cuba to Baltimore, Maryland where a large number of French-speaking Catholic Haitian refugees were settling. At the time she moved to Maryland, it was a slave-holding state.

Elizabeth, a strong, free, and independent thinker, was an educated woman who possessed money left to her by her father. She recognized the need to educate the children of her fellow refugees. She used her own money and home for over 10 years and worked with Marie Balas, a friend, to provide a free education to children of color.

She wanted to join a religious order, but no order would accept women of African descent. She believed in the power of prayer, and joined confraternities devoted to the rosary and the Blessed Mother. Prayer and the providence of God led Elizabeth and four other women to form a religious order, the Oblate Sisters of Providence, dedicated to the education of black children. They took their vows on July 2, 1828, and were the first black Roman Catholic order to operate in the United States. The Oblate Sisters of Providence, 191 years later, continue their mission including operating St. Francis Academy, the oldest Catholic school in the U.S. established for black children.

Mother Elizabeth Lange was called home to God on February 3, 1882. Her life exemplified the counsel she gave to her Sisters: “Do all you can for the glory and honor of God”. Her legacy continues in the work of the Oblate Sisters of Providence.

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