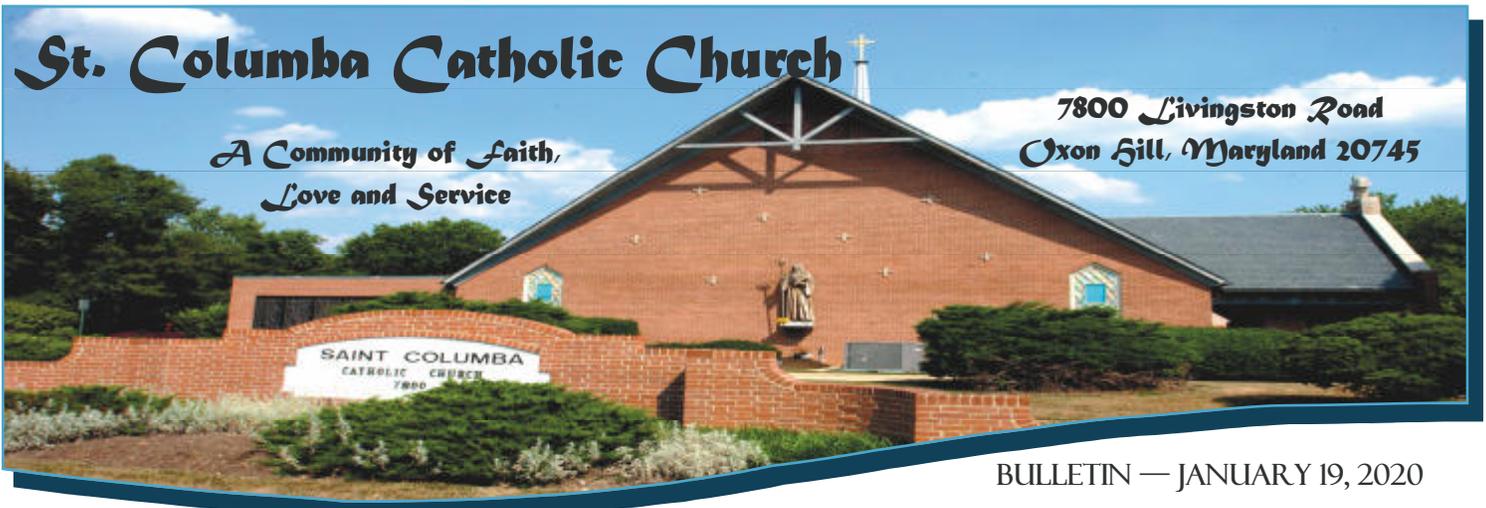


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BULLETIN — JANUARY 19, 2020



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

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

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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.

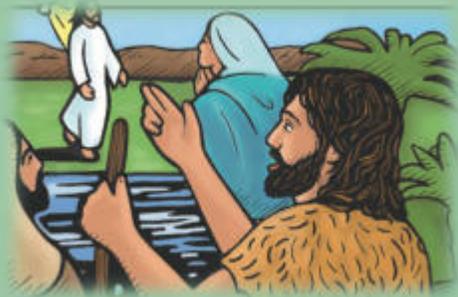
MATRIMONY

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



John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:32-34

REFLECTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me." ... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.'" Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. "I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God?

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 JANUARY 19, 2020

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



Monday, January 20

8:15 a.m. Fred Ladrangan (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, January 21

8:15 a.m. Gigi Worrall (Birthday)

Wednesday, January 22

8:15 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

7:00 p.m. +Patricia Lewis

Thursday, January 23

8:15 a.m. +Wendell Black

Friday, January 24

8:15 a.m. +Feliciana Garzon

Saturday, January 25

9:00 a.m. +Joseph Ciochon

4:00 p.m. +Peter & Angelina Marino

Sunday, January 26

8:00 a.m. +Alfonsa Flores

10:00 a.m. +Charles Enschede

12:00 p.m. +Leonard Michael Pineda

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Sick and Suffering

Especially Marian Flores, Gloria King, Eleanor Wachowski, Huong Pokropski, Jessie Hart, Cynthia Flores (29Dec19). Rachel Fisher, Tess Samoy, Lamar Johnson, Ellamae Hulsey, Kobi King, Jeanne Pike, Cathy McGarrigan, Linda Wilkes, Darlito Quimen, Macario Reyes, Ellen Palugod, Jaime Fernandez (05Jan20).

Our Beloved Dead

Especially John McDaniel, Nympha Ricasata, Michael Fernandez, Andy Bravo, Salome Catbay, Romeo Ramirez, Corazon Cruz.



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Dear St. Columba families,

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For more information go to www.stccatholic.org. Please contact Mrs. Vickers at 301-567-6212 ext.4 with any questions about financial aid.

Come in for a tour, contact our enrollment Director, Mrs. Rickling at 301-567-6212, ext.2 or ricklingl@stccatholic.org to make an appointment.

Peace and blessings,

Mrs. Christine Patton
Interim Principal
St. Columba School

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.

CATECHISM IN A YEAR

70. Where does the soul come from?

The spiritual soul does not come from one's parents but is created immediately by God and is immortal. It does not perish at the moment when it is separated from the body in death and it will be once again reunited with the body at the moment of the final resurrection.

Further reading: CCC 366-368, 382

71. What relationship has God established between man and woman?

Man and woman have been created by God in equal dignity insofar as they are human persons. At the same time, they have been created in a reciprocal complementarity insofar as they are masculine and feminine. God has willed them one for the other to form a communion of persons. They are also called to transmit human life by forming in matrimony "one flesh" (*Genesis 2:24*). They are likewise called to subdue the earth as "stewards" of God.

Further reading: CCC 369-373, 383

72. What was the original condition of the human person according to the plan of God?

In creating man and woman God has given them a special participation in his own divine life in holiness and justice. In the plan of God they would not have had to suffer or die. Furthermore, a perfect harmony held sway within the human person, a harmony between creature and Creator, between man and woman, as well as between the first human couple and all of creation.

Further reading: CCC 374-379, 384

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Invites you to join the
Santo Niño Novena and Feast Day
January 10 - 19, 2020

Novena Schedules

January 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17 and 18 at 7:00 P.M.

January 14th at 6:15 P.M.

January 15th Novena will be at 8:00 P.M.



January 19
Feast Day

2:30 P.M. -
Rosary

3:00 PM
Holy Mass
Blessing of
Children and
Sto. Nino
Images
Procession

Main Celebrant: Fr. Gary Villanueva
Co-Celebrants:

Devotees are encouraged to bring their Sto. Niño images for the procession and Sinulog community dancing.

Fellowship follows at Fr. Dewan Hall.

Contact Persons:

MCST Sisters (301) 839 7751
Vener Dinglase (240) 396 7263
Nerissa Dinglase (240) 832 1398
Mary Ann King (301) 906 3228
Lynn Abuela (703) 328 8175
Ester Padaranga (443) 618 1991
Ayin Sipagan (410) 693 7338

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 December 2019 \$47,369
(Five Sundays)

COMPARISON

Month of December 2018 \$40,258

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH



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

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

If you already pledged and opted for electronic bank or credit card withdrawals. Please set-up your account through Parish Giving. Go to www.stcolumbcatholic.net and click the Parish Giving link. If you need help, please call the parish office at 301-567-5506. Thank you for your support.

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

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

The contribution statement for 2019 will be available starting February 1, 2020. Please call or email the parish office to obtain a copy of your statement. Thank you!



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.

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.

I HAVE BAPTIZED
YOU WITH WATER;
HE WILL BAPTIZE
YOU WITH THE
HOLY SPIRIT.

— MK 1:8

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WHEN I
AM AFRAID,
IN YOU
I PLACE
MY TRUST.

PS 56:4

TESTIFY

"Now I have seen
and testified that he
is the Son of God."

JOHN 1:34

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I REALLY SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT TAKING GOD'S MESSAGE TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH...



IS 49: 1, 5-6

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