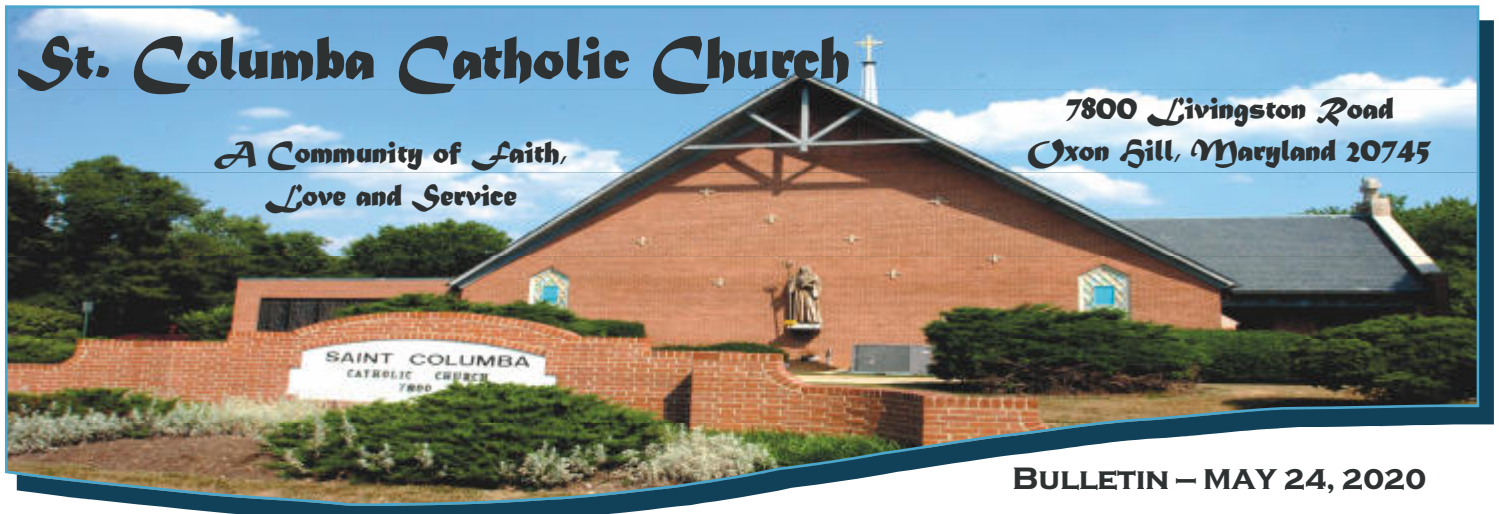


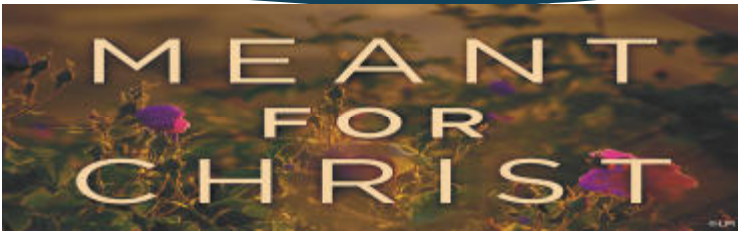
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BULLETIN – MAY 24, 2020



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

Deacons
Deacon Andy Espinosa
Deacon Robert Villanueva

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Diane Alexander

Parish Admin. Assistant
Leah Flores

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Coordinator/Admin. Asst.**
Sr. Emily Bautista, MCST

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Sr. Luzviminda Domingo,
MCST

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Rebecca Yoder

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Benny Ramos

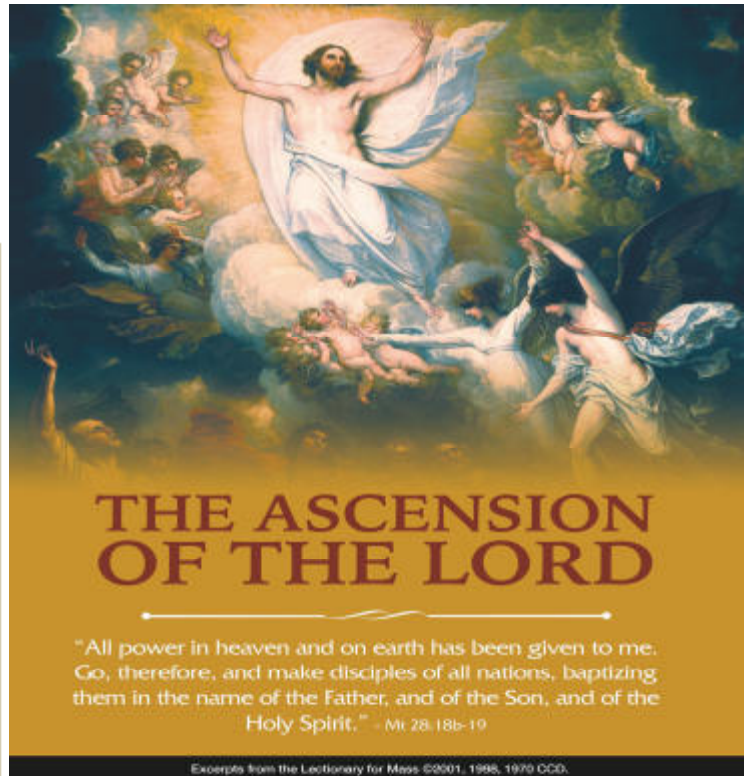
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BAPTISMS

*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



"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18b-19

REFLECTIONS ASCENSION OF THE LORD

A pair of ducks found their way to the same little corner of the property year after year. Sheltered by a little grove of trees, they quickly made their preparations to build a nest, lay eggs, and welcome in a new family. Then one year, only one of the ducks came to that little corner. She went about the business of building a nest, but this time, she was clearly unsettled. She would wander around, sometimes seemingly without purpose, almost hoping perhaps that her mate might come along. But, she remained alone. There were many times when we could hear her "crying", mourning her loneliness and lack of purpose, sitting on a batch of eggs that would never hatch. One day, she quietly left that little corner never to return again.

Many human beings approach life this way. We silently grieve our loneliness, lack of direction, and sense of purpose. Maybe life once had meaning for us, but nothing seems to claim us and settle our restlessness any longer. We wander around looking and hoping for someone or something to come our way. We may even sob at times, wailing as we sit with the misery of our pain. Will happiness ever come our way again? Or will we simply leave where we are never to return again? Many are lost, wandering souls who are not quite sure where to settle or where to make a home.

We are meant to be in Christ. This glorious feast of the Ascension shows us, with clear vision, who Jesus really is! Understanding ourselves in Christ really changes things up and reorients us to our greater purpose, mission, and meaning. We are part of the cosmic wonder of creation and part of a bigger plan and mystery, destined to be much more than what we now know ourselves to be. Could Jesus' friends know who he would become? If we can find the Christ present within and see the Christ bursting forth in all creation and beyond, then we can come to know our truth and understand where our home and life is meant to be.

Advancing upon the blessing of each new day with the certain knowledge that you are an unconditionally loved child of God gives you the axis and the safe harbor to cope with whatever comes your way. The gift of joy will be yours, and you can discover your true meaning and purpose. Look within, look without, look above, and look below. You are not alone. Trust that God will lead you where you need to be and transform you into who you really are.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY INCLUDING:

Especially 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; Delange Monks; Marquette Young.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/ 1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/ Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/ Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23



Monday, May 25

8:15 a.m. +St. Columba Parishioners

Tuesday, May 26

8:15 a.m. St. Columba Parishioners

Wednesday, May 27

8:15 a.m. +Jaime Padre

7:00 p.m. Basilio Cachuela (Birthday)

Thursday, May 28

8:15 a.m. St. Columba Parishioners

Friday, May 29

8:15 a.m. St. Columba Parishioners

Saturday, May 30

9:00 a.m. St. Columba Parishioners

5:00 p.m. Amado & Imelda Avelino (Anniversary)

Sunday, May 31

8:00 a.m. +St. Columba Parishioners

10:00 a.m. St. Columba Parishioners

12:00 p.m. St. Columba Parishioners

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Sick and Suffering

Especially Ruben & Rose Curameng, Greg Mathis (01Mar20). Marian Flores, Gloria King, Eleanor Wachowski, Cynthia Flores, Nancy Wooster, Verena McKenzie (15Mar20). Rachel Fisher, Tess Samoy, Lamar Johnson, Ellamae Hulsey, Kobi King, Jeanne Pike, Cathy McGarrigan, Ellen Palugod, Rey & Carol Robles, Lorna Venus, James Proctor (17May20).

Our Beloved Dead

Especially Julieta Diamante, Candida Romulo, Norma San Pedro, Julie Torres, Virginia Ricablanca, Milagros Urcia, Shirley Bautista, Rex Mendoza, Deogracias Guanco..

SCHOOL NEWS, EVANGELIZATION AND CHRISTIAN FORMATION



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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
St. Columba School

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.



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!

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.



FAST BEFORE COMMUNION?

Question:

Why are Catholics required to fast before Communion?

Answer:

How we prepare for an important event helps us with the intentionality of our actions and raises our awareness. We prepare our house for guests. We wash our car before an important trip. We create a nursery for a newborn child. All of these actions heighten our senses for what is about to come.

The fast required by canon law before holy Communion has its roots in Jewish spiritual practices. We fast for cleansing and to demonstrate our reliance on God. Catholics used to fast for much longer periods of time, but it was Pope Paul VI in 1964 who set the time at one hour in an attempt to encourage people to receive the holy Eucharist more frequently. That one hour observance allows us to pause and reflect on what we will participate in in the very near future. We deny our bodies so that we can focus more clearly on the Body of Christ that we will consume.



SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020 | ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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 March 2020 \$26,566.00

COMPARISON

Month of March 2019 \$40,288.00

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.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

Total Amount Goal: \$860,000

Amount collected through
March 2020: \$424,586.00

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Our parish is grateful for your continued support.
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Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.
Amen

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