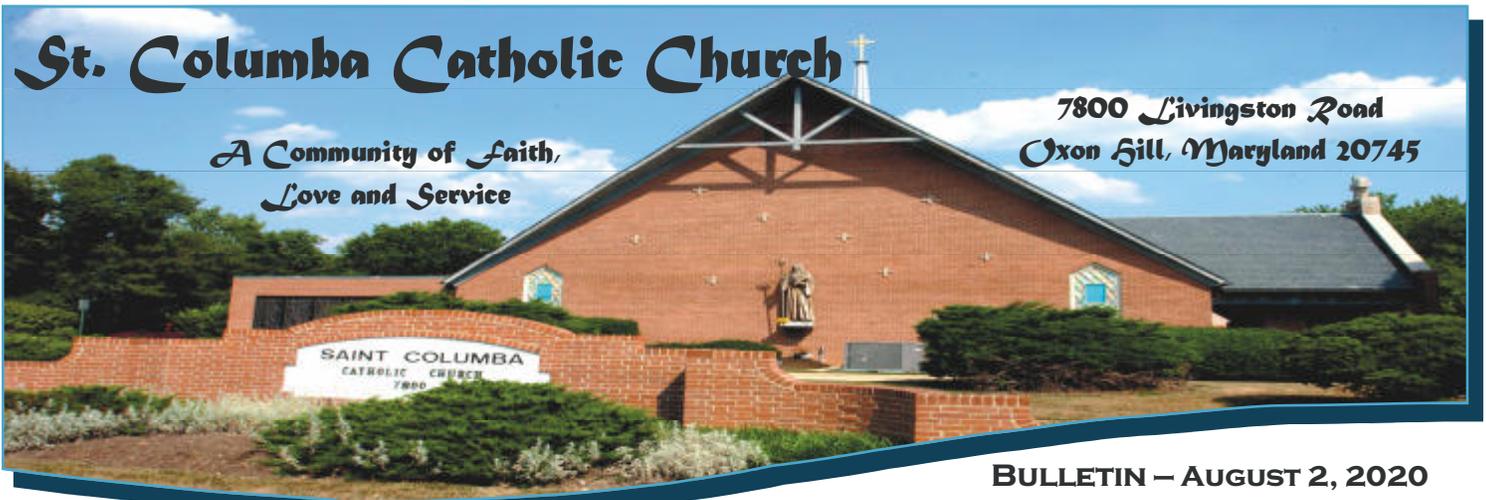


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BULLETIN – AUGUST 2, 2020



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. (no Mass)

**Weekdays
Monday—Friday**
8:15 a.m.
Saturdays
9:00 a.m.

**Mass and Novena
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesdays**
5:00 p.m. (temporary until
further notice)

First Friday
8:15 a.m.
7:00 p.m. (no Mass)

**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)

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Rev. Gary T. Villanueva

Deacons
Deacon Andy Espinosa
Deacon Robert Villanueva

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Diane Alexander

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Leah Flores

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Sr. Emily Bautista, MCST

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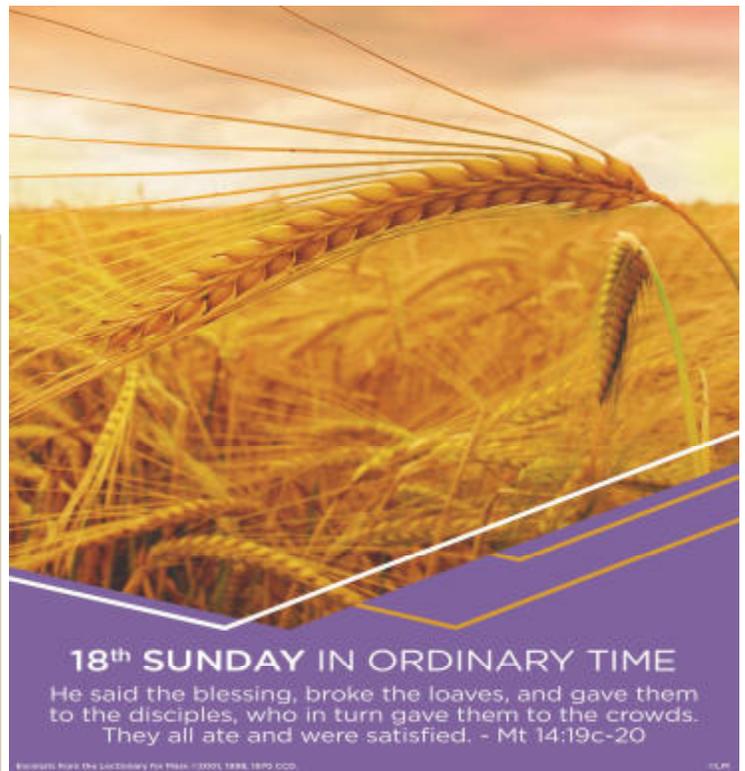
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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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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



He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over--twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children. - Mt 14:19c-21

REFLECTIONS
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Many people in our world are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst go well beyond physical needs for food, security, and shelter. Many are emotionally and spiritually parched, too. Behind every act of violence is a soul who hungers. People live with relationships that actually starve them. They are abused, exploited, disrespected, laughed at, and marginalized. There is a lot of confusion and inner pain that needs to be acknowledged and expressed. We all long to be understood and loved, even when our inner demons or who I am make it difficult to be. Do you live with inner confusion and pain? Folks often wander through life without any real direction or purpose and take their cues from what seems satisfying or popular at the moment. The deeper dots of our lives can easily remain unconnected, and we can find ourselves without grounding, purpose, or real happiness. Life becomes shallow and without real purpose as we hunger and thirst for an ultimate love.

It's easier to see the physical hungers and thirsts. We try to respond to these as best we can. Much more needs to be done. With all that God's earth can provide, nobody ought to face sleep at night with a belly that's empty. It's sinful. It's unjust. But isn't all hunger unjust? It doesn't need to be, and it should not be. Just as no one ought to be physically hungry and thirsty, there is really no need to be emotionally or spiritually deficient either. If we have more privileges at our fingertips, it is easier to try to satisfy our emotional and spiritual hungers and thirst by acting on impulse or self-indulgence, carelessly following passions, or by seeking self-destructive ways to dull the ache of emptiness.

Folks need to know where to look for nourishment and need the right friends to help them find it. We may not think that we have enough to respond to and to satisfy all of the needs, but we do. It doesn't take much. Five loaves and two fish provided for a huge crowd. With God, all things are possible. Our faith provides the direction for where God's children must go to find the nourishment they seek. It also tells us how to structure life so that justice and equity can be a reality for all. It also tells us how to respond to pain, sinfulness, and confusion. Come to the water and then help another get there.

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
AUGUST 2, 2020

- Sunday:** Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/ Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21
- Monday:** Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36
- Tuesday:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/ Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/ 2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
- Friday:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday:** Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/ Mt 17:14-20
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



Monday, August 3

8:15 a.m. Jonathan Tupaz (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, August 4

8:15 a.m. +Agnes Santoro

Wednesday, August 5

8:15 a.m. No Morning Mass
5:00 p.m. George Jones (Special Intention)

Thursday, August 6

8:15 a.m. +Jesus Osorio, Sr.

Friday, August 7

8:15 a.m. +Propitacion Sarian

Saturday, August 8

9:00 a.m. +Mary LoMedico
5:00 p.m. Miguel Rodrigo (Birthday)

Sunday, August 9

8:00 a.m. Leah Flores (Thanksgiving)
10:00 a.m. St. Columba Parishioners
12:00 p.m. +Diosdado Sabal, Sr.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Sick and Suffering

Especially Rachel Fisher, Tess Samoy, Lamar Johnson, Ellamae Hulsey, Kobi King, Jeanne Pike, Cathy McGarrigan, Rey & Carol Robles, Lorna Venus (17May20). John Dowd (8July20). Marian Flores, Gloria King, Eleanor Wachowski, Cynthia Flores, Simon Perez, Jr. (2Aug20).

Our Beloved Dead

Especially James Proctor, James Duckett, Orly Lagman, Susana Abston, Corazon Cruz, Sr. Editha Basa.

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



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!



CELEBRATING SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 2020 JUBILARIAN MASS

Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary? Each year the Archdiocese of Washington honors couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 51+ years at the annual Jubilarian Mass, held **Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 2:00pm** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. For more information or to register for the Mass, please call your parish office. The deadline to register is September 30.

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.



SUNDAY MASS

Question:

Why do Catholics need to go to Mass every Sunday?

Answer:

The heart of the Church's instruction that we are to attend Mass on Sundays goes back to the Third Commandment: "Take care to keep holy the sabbath day as the LORD, your God, has commanded you" (Deuteronomy 5:12). Although the Jewish People celebrate the Sabbath on Saturday, the first generations of Christians began to observe the sabbath on Sunday, recognizing how important it is for Christians to celebrate the day that Jesus rose from the dead. As the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults observes, "Sunday extends the celebration of Easter throughout the year ... It makes present the new creation brought about by Christ" (364).

The focus of our Sunday should be the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass. This is our time to be formed by God's Word and nourished at the table of the Lord, becoming prepared to live out and share our faith in the week that follows. In his encyclical, *Dies Domini*, Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us that Christians "cannot live their faith or share fully in the life of the Christian community unless they take part regularly in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly" (no. 81). This is why the Church teaches us that Sunday Mass is a non-negotiable part of being a Christian (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2192).

Beyond being a time of worship, we should also remember that Sunday is intended to be a day of rest, when we make time for recreation, for sharing meals, and enjoying the company of friends and family. Sunday is given to us as a day to take stock of and enjoy the blessings that God has given us (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2187). Pope Francis reminds us, "The day of rest, centered on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor" (*Laudato Si'*, no. 237).

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 and to keep track of your donations for year-end statement 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.

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 hall 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 June 2020 \$40,408.00

COMPARISON

Month of June 2019 \$39,166.00

YEAR-TO-DATE

2020 \$395,195

2019 \$468,617

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.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Near the end of Israel's captivity in Babylon (597-538 BC), the prophet Isaiah spoke of the Lord's desire to be unimaginably generous and life-giving to his people. How has the Lord been generous in gifts to you and your family?

Second Reading

In his letter to the Christians in Rome, Paul speaks of God's inseparable bond of love for us through Jesus Christ. In what ways does this sense of God's love for us help you in times of stress and anxiety?

Gospel Reading

In the immediate aftermath of the news of the death of John the Baptist, Matthew reports that Jesus, "moved with pity," cured those who were sick in the crowds and fed the entire crowd of 5,000. How do you react toward others for whom you feel "pity"?



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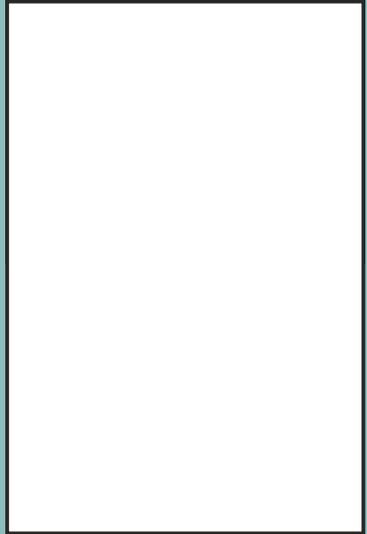
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