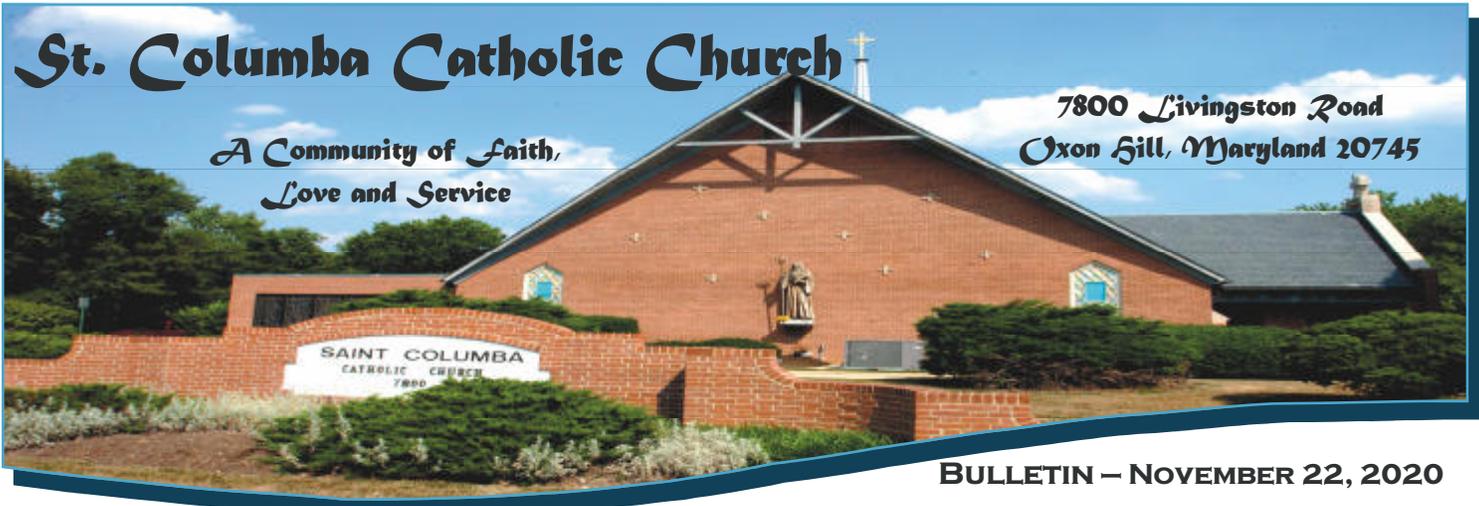


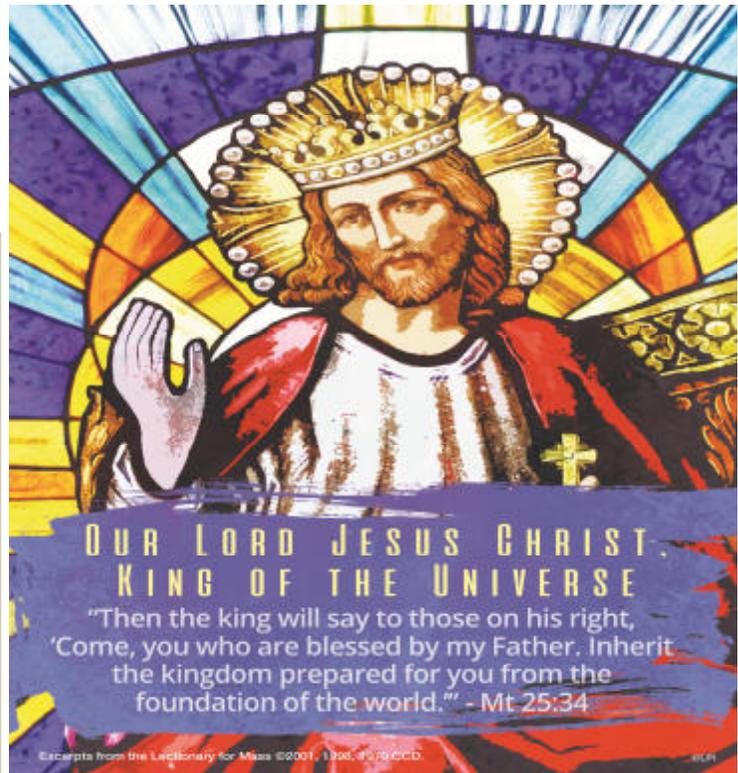
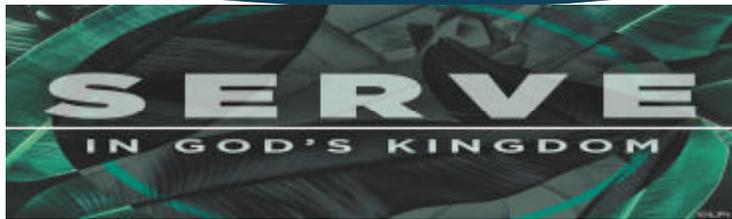
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Due to COVID-19, it's temporarily cancelled.

Confessions

Saturdays

3:30—4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Rosary

Monday—Friday

7:25 a.m.

No Coffee Social at this time until further notice

Parish and School Staff

Pastor

Rev. Gary T. Villanueva

Deacons

Deacon Andy Espinosa (Ret.)

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

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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.

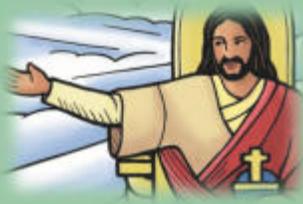
MATRIMONY

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



"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'" - Mt 25:34-36

REFLECTIONS

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Many Americans are fascinated with England’s monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What’s most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this story book understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It’s almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ’s kingdom. “Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.” At different times in our lives we are all counted among the “least” ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don’t quite fit in. But who hasn’t experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn’t enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God’s kingdom?

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, Capt. Daryll Garcia.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

- Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
- Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday:** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

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.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Sick and Suffering

Especially Rachel Fisher, Tess Samoy, Lamar Johnson, Ellamae Hulsey, Kobi King, Jeanne Pike, Cathy McGarrigan, Grace Macaranas, Eileen Pineda (4Oct20). John Dowd, Maria Evelyn Suacito, Monica Dash (18Oct20). Marion Rathbun (25Oct20). Marian Flores, Gloria King, Eleanor Wachowski, Cynthia Flores, Gilda Delsignore (8Nov20).

Our Beloved Dead

Especially Simon Perez, Sr., Alfred Brash, Lolita Recio, Jessie Vergara, Benjamin Cosca, Alfred Brash, John Jackson, III, Salvador Ramos, Felicia Johnson, Rolando Mariano.

SCHOOL NEWS, EVANGELIZATION AND CHRISTIAN FORMATION



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All Seats are filling! We are currently Distance Learning through the first quarter.

For more information go to www.stccatholic.org or call the school at 301-567-6212.

Check out our virtual tour on the school website. Like what you see? Contact our enrollment director Mrs. Lera Rickling at 301-567-6212, ext.2 or email at ricklingl@stccatholic.org to schedule an in person tour.

*Peace and blessings,
Mrs. Christine Patton
Principal
St. Columba School*



Happy Thanksgiving to all!
**From: Fr. Gary, Deacon Robert,
Deacon Andy and Staff**

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.



WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

Question: What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Answer:

The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is a centuries old ritual and falls within a broader category of devotions and rituals that are associated with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In a particular way, Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of the worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that occurs in every Mass.

In a long-standing practice, a period of Eucharistic Adoration often ends with "benediction," the blessing of the faith with the Blessed Sacrament.

Several parishes throughout the United States have introduced the practice of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, while other communities have the custom of shorter periods of Eucharistic Adoration. Care should always be taken that these periods of adoration respect the instructions outlined in Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass, the liturgical book that gives the instructions for the proper celebration of Eucharistic Adoration.

Although adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can never take the place of Eucharistic Communion, many Catholics find great comfort and consolation in their prayers before the Eucharist enshrined in the tabernacle or when it is exposed in the monstrance (both are equally valid, as the Christ is not more present in one than in the other). But when we consider our eucharistic devotions, it is always important to remember the fundamental connection these acts of devotion have the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass and reception of Christ in Communion.

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: Due to the COVID-19, we don't have baptismal class at this time. **Please contact or email the Parish Office.**



Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 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 signed, 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 envelopes 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 October 2020 \$26,343.00

COMPARISON

Month of October 2019 \$39,685.00

YEAR-TO-DATE

2020 \$395,195.00
2019 \$468,617.00

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

Month	2020	2019
September		
1st week	\$5,243.00	\$12,184.00
2nd week	\$10,022.00	\$10,693.00
3rd week	\$9,194.00	\$10,167.00
4th week	\$7,721.00	\$9,037.00
5th week	\$6,017.00	\$8,983.00
October		
1st week	\$7,401.00	\$12,847.00
2nd week	\$7,613.00	\$9,670.00
3rd week	\$5,329.00	\$8,466.00
SUBTOTAL	\$58,540.00	\$82,047.00

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: \$860,000.00
Amount collected
October 2020: \$8,560.00

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING OR MAIL YOUR DONATION

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



NOTICE



Change in Wednesday Novena MASS SCHEDULE

Starting Wednesday, November 18, 2020

WEDNESDAY MASSES: 7:00 p.m.
ADORATION: 6:00 P.M.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION AT THE LOYOLA RETREAT HOUSE

You are invited to join the St. Columba Sodality for a Day of Prayer on **Monday, November 30, 2020** at the Loyola on the Potomac, a Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, Maryland. The Theme is The Advent of Hope. The day begins at 9:00 am and includes Continental breakfast, Lunch, and Mass. The fee is \$40. Reservations are required. **The Sodality will plan to carpool leaving the chapel parking lot at 7:30 am on November 30.** Please call Lydia Astorga at (301) 567-8872, by Nov.21, if interested.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

**Thursday, November 26, 2020 at
10:00 a.m.**



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 Saint 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.



ST. COLUMBA AFRICAN AMERICAN MINISTRY THANKSGIVING PROJECT

Each Thanksgiving the African American Ministry collects food and donations to enable us to provide and distribute food baskets for those in need. This year, instead of doing what we have normally done for previous Thanksgivings, we are coordinating with the Knights of Columbus to safely distribute gift cards so families can purchase what they need for Thanksgiving from local stores. We are asking for donations from parishioners who are in a position to help with this project. If you are able to donate to this project, please put your donation in an envelope marked AAM Thanksgiving Project, and give it to any usher to place in our mail slot. **Donations can be made through November 22nd.** May you be blessed for your generosity!



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