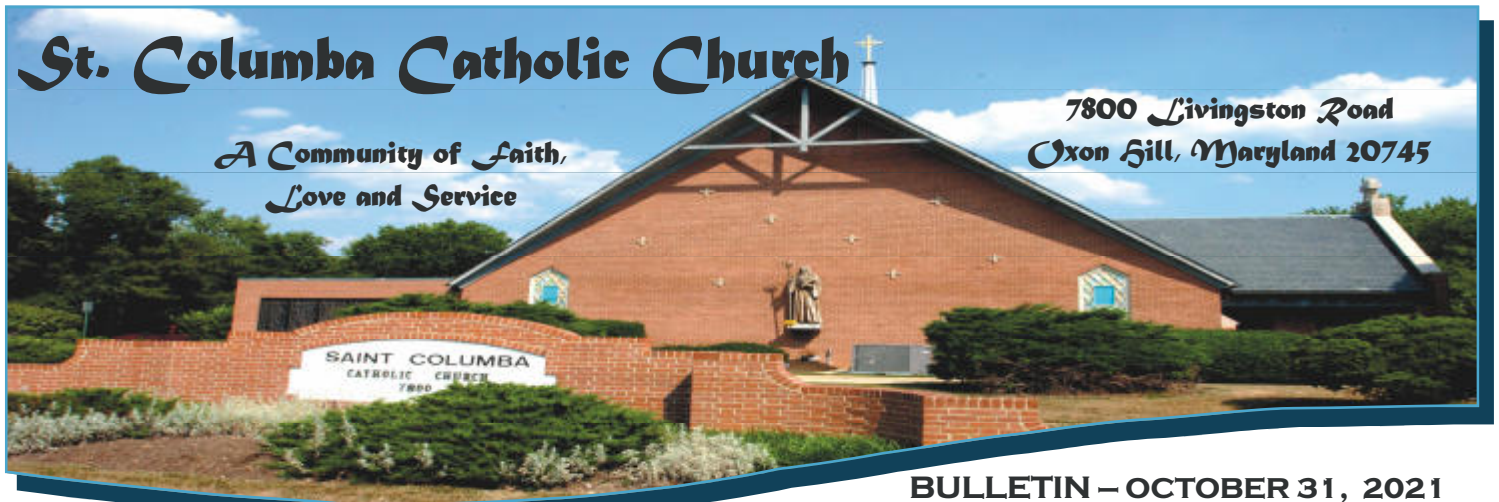


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**7800 Livingston Road
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BULLETIN – OCTOBER 31, 2021



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

(No Mass on Wednesday
Morning)

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.

7:00 p.m. (no Mass)

Adoration

Wednesdays

6:00—6:45 p.m.

First Friday

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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

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Sr. Luzviminda Domingo,
MCST

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Rebecca Bautista

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Benny Ramos

Fr. Dewan Hall Coordinator

TBA

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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



The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab

REFLECTIONS

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Sick and Suffering

Especially Richard Horwath, Liza Tinana, Gin Beniga, Allan Dacanay (5Sept21). Nestor, Rizalinda & Sean Nicolas, Carmen Flores (26Sept21). Rachel Fisher, Abe & Tess Samoy, Ellamae Hulsey, Jeanne Pike, Cathy McGarrigan, Grace Macaranas, Conrado Flores, Jr., Ma. Rubi Jacinto, Francis Perez (3Oct21). Mary Ann Flores, Gloria King, Peter Brosnihan (10Oct21).

Our Beloved Dead

Especially Cora Blancaflor, Carlos Dagdag, Buenaventura Aquino, Aaron Egana, Zito Alba, Brian Smith, Ian Caburian, Galo Gonzales, Emiliano Mallari, Bernie Manlapig, Clavelina Sarmiento, Cynthia Flores, Evelyn Umayam, Teresita Mariano, Carmen Resurreccion, Maria Pico, Fortunata Labrador.

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.



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, Noel Dienzo, Kevin Neri, Marc Mendoza, AJ Semilla.

NOTICE



Change in Saturday MASS and CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Starting Saturday, November 13, 2021 until
Saturday, March 6, 2022

SATURDAY MASSES: 4:00 p.m.
SATURDAY CONFESSIONS: 2:30 p.m.

**Effective Saturday,
November 13, 2021, there
will be Mass schedule
changes. Please refer to the
front of this bulletin for the
changes of the following
Mass schedules from Fall to
Winter only.**

**SCHOOL NEWS, EVANGELIZATION, CHRISTIAN FORMATION, ADMINISTRATIONS,
STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE**



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St. Columba School is looking for substitute teachers, and is currently compiling a list of substitutes to have on hand. Previous teaching experience preferred. All applicants must be Virtus trained and fingerprinted. If you are interested, please call the school office at 301-567-6212.

**ST. COLUMBA AFRICAN
AMERICAN MINISTRY
THANKSGIVING PROJECT**

This Thanksgiving our Ministry is planning to help parish families and others who need assistance during the Thanksgiving holiday. We are coordinating with the Knights of Columbus, as we did last year, 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, please put your donation in an envelope marked AAM Thanksgiving Project, and give it to any usher to place in our mail slot. If you write a check, please put AAM in the memo field. Donations can be made through November 21st. May you be blessed for your generosity!

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.

**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.**

COLLECTIONS

SUNDAY OFFERING

Month of August 2021
\$38,906.00

COMPARISON

Month of August 2020
\$30,0023.00

YEAR-TO-DATE (UPDATED)

| | |
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| 2021 | \$108,013.00 |
| 2020 | 90,925.00 |

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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.stcolumbathcatholic.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
September 2021: \$8,783.00

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