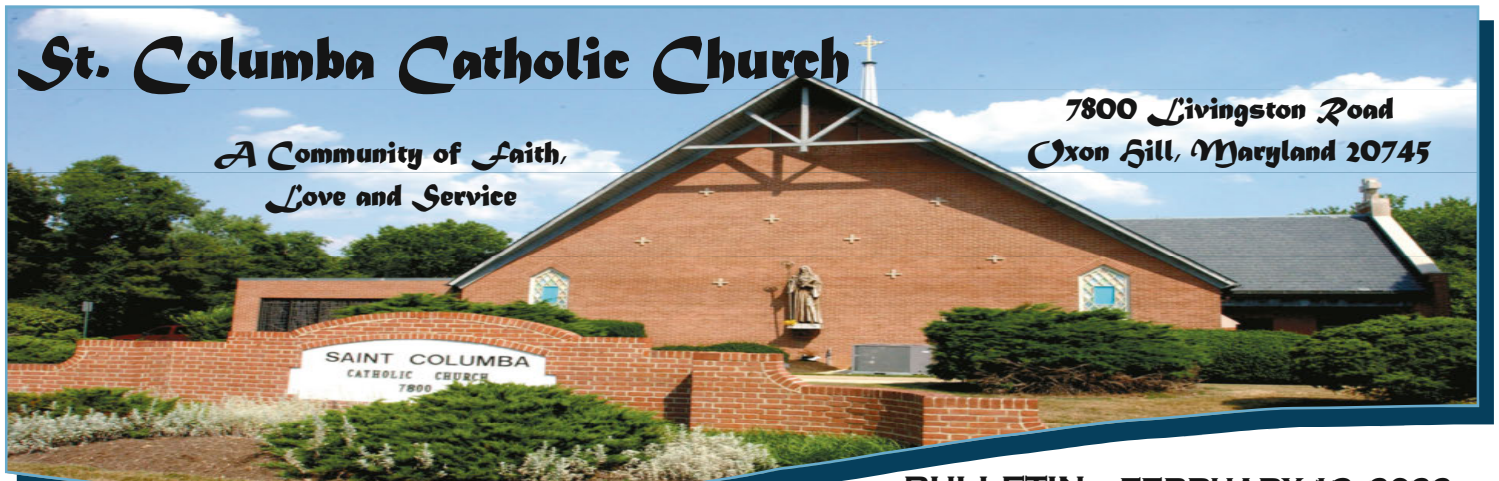


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BULLETIN – FEBRUARY 13, 2022



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

4:00 p. m. (Fall-Winter)

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

2:30—3:30 p.m. (Fall-Winter)
or by appointment

Rosary

Monday—Friday
7:25 a.m.

**No Coffee Social at this
time until further notice**

Parish and School Staff

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Rev. Gary T. Villanueva

Deacons

Deacon Robert Villanueva

Parish Accountant

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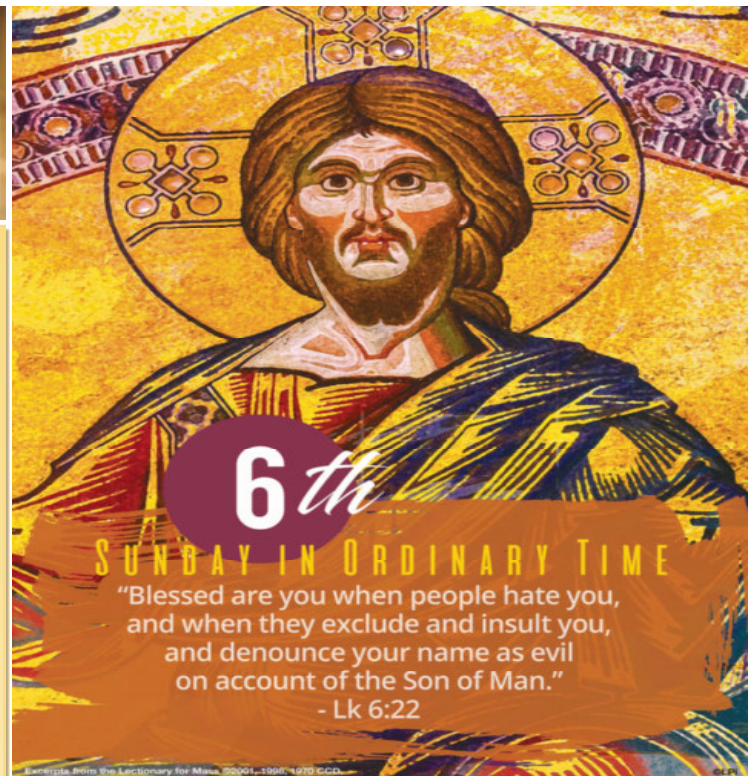
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BAPTISMS

*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



*"Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who are now weeping,
for you will laugh."
- Lk 6:21*

**REFLECTIONS
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can "turn up the heat" in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening "because they do." They seemingly endure and move on. Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It's easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It's there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question — that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God's existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place. It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it's too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life's ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life's heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear.

The beatitudes celebrate life's ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God's friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus' message so intriguing! Don't give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one's faith. But it's the only way to deepen it.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 13, 2022**

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2,
3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12,
16-20/ Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67,
68, 71, 72, 75, 76/
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/
Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/
Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/
Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3,
4-5, 6-7/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/
Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-3,
4-5, 7-8/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2,
7-9, 12-13, 22-23/
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10,
12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/
Lk 6:27-38



Monday, February 14

8:15 a.m. +Nieves Paraoan

Tuesday, February 15

8:15 a.m. +Antero Saguros

Wednesday, February 16

8:15 a.m. No Morning
Mass

7:00 p.m. +Mercedes
Quimen

Thursday, February 17

8:15 a.m. +Dionisio
Gabriel

Friday, February 18

8:15 a.m. +Pedro Agustin

Saturday, February 19

9:00 a.m. +Juliana
Montiero

4:00 p.m. +Joseph Murphy

Sunday, February 20

8:00 a.m. +Grace Bellomo

10:00 a.m. +Eugenio &
Antonina Bautista

12:00 p.m. Nielo Namata
(Birthday)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Sick and Suffering

Especialy Marian Flores, Gloria King, Peter Brosnihan (02Jan22). Allan Dacanay, Victor Juan, Marie Norment, Jose Francia, (23Jan22). Rachel Fisher, Abe & Tess Samoy, Ellamae Hulsey, Jeanne Pike, Cathy McGarrigan, Grace Macaranas, Ma. Rubi Jacinto, Francis Perez, Gloria Bungato (6Feb22).

Our Beloved Dead

Especialy Fortunata Labrador, Gloria Almodiel, Angelica Cruz, Manolo Pagninen, Mariano Gaboy, Roberto Pulos, Alma Arlyn Rodrigo, Joseph Bienes, Jesus Rivera, Dionisio Gabriel, Deacon Leandro Espinosa, Linda Wilkes, Nieves Paraoan, Ruben Curamen, Agatha Dougans.

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY
INCLUDING:**

Especialy Tiffany Williams; Peter John Ifurung; PFC Mark J. Venancio; Andrew Alexander; Lt. Victor Barba; 1st Lt Peter Agboli; Krystol Dudly; Christian Samoy; Derrell Thomas Jahaira Best; Kevin Myers; Delange Monks, Marquette Young, Noel Dienzo, Kevin Neri, Marc Mendoza, AJ Semilla.

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LUKE 6:21



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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.



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PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

Total Amount Goal:
\$860,000.00

Amount collected
January 2021: \$5,370.00

PRIESTS & MARRIAGE COUNSELING

Question: How can a priest counsel people about marriage when he has never been married?

Answer: If a marriage counselor is in a bad marriage does that mean that he or she will be a bad counselor? If one's counseling ability depended upon first-hand experience, would that require counselors to be perfect before they can help others? Obviously not. Some of the skills necessary to help others do come out of personal life experience. But you don't need personal, first-hand experience in order to understand something. We would not think that a doctor, who is an oncologist, would not be able to treat cancer because he himself has never been sick. We also would not expect every doctor to treat cancer. It is the same with priests.

Essentially marriage is a relationship and we've all been involved in different kinds of relationships: in our family, with our friends, and with God. And so counseling people about marriage is really helping them to look at the issues that really are part of their relationship, finding ways to better understand themselves in relationship to one another and in relationship to God. In many ways a priest's training, background, and experience, as well as his personal knowledge of many different relationships in families and couples, gives him a broad background from which to draw upon. Most priests are quite capable of helping couples prepare for marriage and discussing the issues that are important as they begin their life together. And they do not do it alone. With the help of married couples and specially trained counselors, most parishes offer a very good preparation for the sacrament of marriage.

COLLECTIONS

SUNDAY OFFERING

Month of January 2022
\$28,685.00

COMPARISON

Month of January 2021
\$28,968.00

YEAR-TO-DATE (UPDATED)

2021 \$210,459.00
2020 191,397.00

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PLANTED NEAR WATER

We all know that there are times when life can feel, as Jeremiah writes, empty and wasted. There are moments when we think we resemble a barren bush, thirsting in the desert sun.

That's why it is imperative for us to know the location of our water source. I promise you, it's closer than you think. God never planted a seed in barren ground.

For me, it's the Mass. Going to Mass is where I find total peace and renewal. I don't have any great theological explanation for this — Mass is simply where I can truly rest in God for a time, where nothing and no one in the world can touch me. And wouldn't you know it, it's in the toughest times that I need Mass the most — that my roots stretch harder for that water.

Woe to the rich, says Jesus — woe to the popular, to the content, to the happy. It's not because He hates to see us smile. It's because He knows our humanity. He knows our limitations. He knows that when things are going really well, we often stop looking for God.

What replenishes you as a disciple, as a steward, as a Christian? If it feels far away or hard to reach, why is that? How can you bring it closer?

We are all trees planted near water, to yield our fruit in due season. Let's pray for the strength to know where our water source is, and to seek it both in good times and in bad.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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