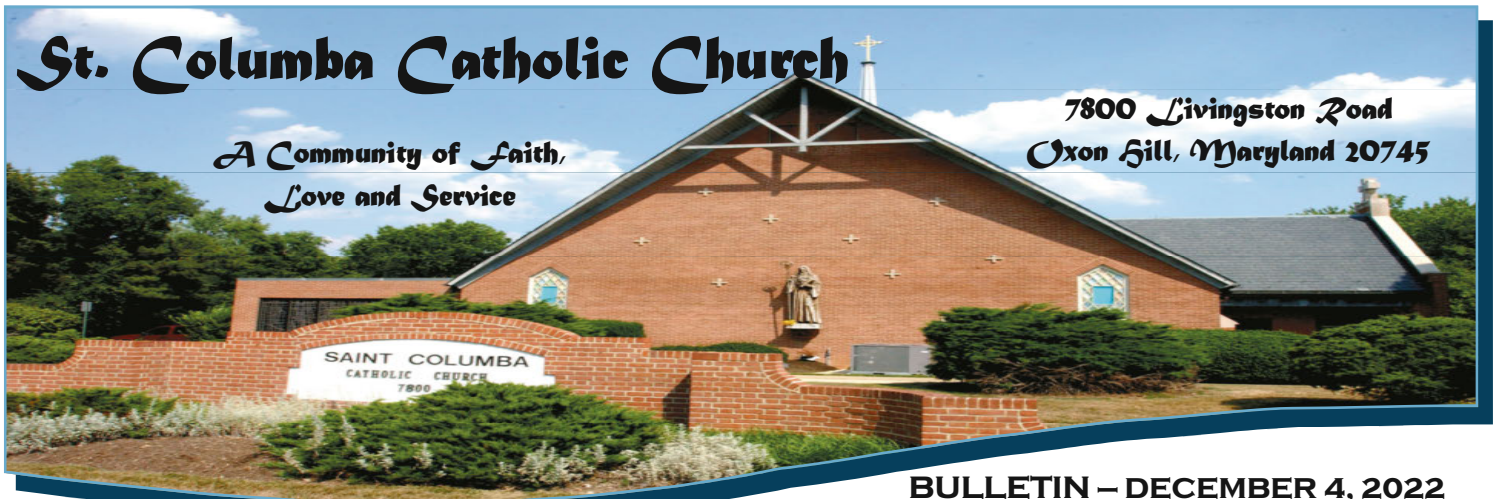


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**7800 Livingston Road  
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**BULLETIN – DECEMBER 4, 2022**



## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil**

5:00 p. m.

**Sunday**

8:00 & 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

**First Saturday  
Tagalog (Filipino)**  
(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.—6:00 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

**Deacon**

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

**Director of Music  
Ministry**

Rebecca Bautista

**Parish Council Chair**

Benny Ramos

**Fr. Dewan Hall  
Coordinator**

TBA

**School Principal**

Christine Patton

**School Bookkeeper**

Nicole Vickers

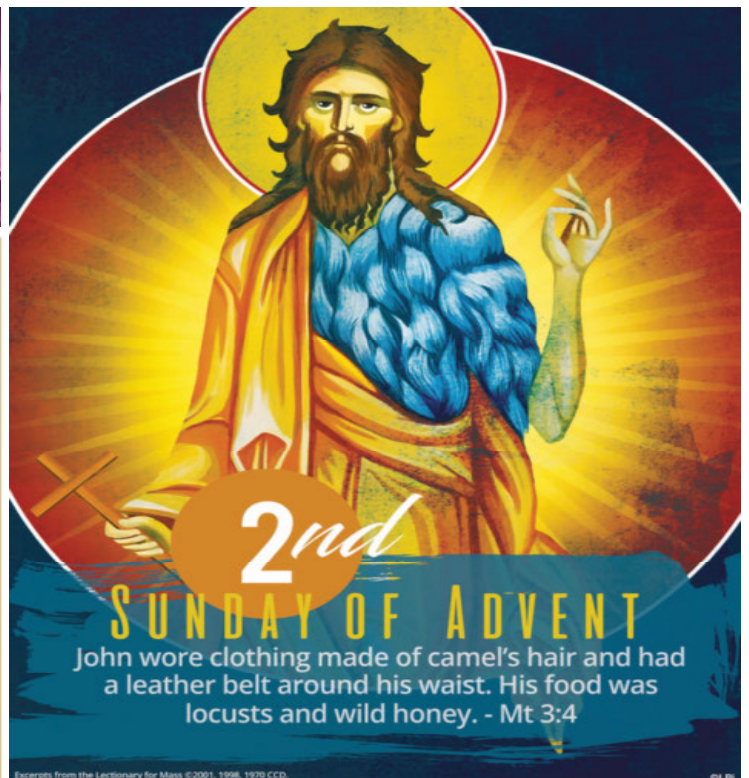
**School Admin. Assistant**

Marie Norment

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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.*

## ANOIDING OF THE SICK/ COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

*Please contact the Parish Office*



*John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. - Mt 3:4-6*

**REFLECTIONS  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

At sixty years of age, Maria and Paul had a beautiful life. High school sweethearts, they had four children, five grandchildren, a successful business, good friends and a fabulous beach house. They felt very blessed. Their strong faith in God saw them through some difficult challenges. Without warning, Paul died suddenly. Maria was devastated. Why did God do this? Why did God allow this to happen? An indescribable depth of sadness weighed heavily upon her heart. She felt betrayed by the God she thought was looking out for her. She was overwhelmed by despair. Have you ever experienced such incredible and deafening sadness? Where is God in all of the pain?

We often want God to fix things or intervene and change nature's course. When He doesn't act as we desire, it shakes our faith. We do not always understand or appreciate why things happen as they do. There is much that is beyond our control. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and Jesus is the way to God. There is something more going on in life than what we can see with human eyes. We are on a sacred path, and God is with us. God is with us in our confusion, suffering, doubts, and intense sadness. Jesus announced God's vision for humanity and taught people to see God and themselves for who they are. There is a way through and beyond all hardship and suffering. God does not abandon us.

God has a clear vision for the future, both for us individually and for our world. It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one and the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb." God is not indifferent. He is the God of "endurance and encouragement." In God, we see what we may be, what may come and who we can become. When Maria opened herself to God's creative presence, she learned to trust. She began to realize that she could endure more than she had imagined. She also discovered a spark of encouragement, bringing her through the sadness to where she could be. In retrospect, Maria knew that God's reassuring presence was with her.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 4, 2022**

**Sunday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12  
**Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26  
**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14  
**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30  
**Thursday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19  
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**Next Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Our Sick and Suffering**

**Especially** Mary Ann Flores, Gloria King (17Jul22). Simon Perez, Jr. (28Aug22). Rachel Fisher, Abe & Tess Samoy, Ellamae Hulsey, Jeanne Pike, Grace Macaranas (11Sept22). Violeta dela Pena, Charles & Elizabeth McClain (27Nov22).

**Our Beloved Dead**

**Especially** Gloria Bungato, Leonor Peralta, Mary Hodge, Juliana Perez, Rebecca Galang, Amparo Rosario, Maurice Paraoan, Lirio Reyes Jao, Fr. Everett Pearson, James Abston, Francisco Sanchez, Theresa Busada, Sara Elizabeth Deeb, Magin Dones, Jr., Lourdes Davis, Katherine Santos.



**Thursday, December 1**

8:15 a.m. +Conrado Flores, Sr.

**Friday, December 2**

8:15 a.m. +Peter LoMedico

**Saturday, December 3**

9:00 a.m. +Alma Arlyn

Rodrigo

5:00 p.m. +Peter & Angelina Marino

**Sunday, December 4**

8:00 a.m. Gerry & Liza Manaloto (Thanksgiving)

10:00 a.m. Penny Ramilo (Thanksgiving)

12:00 p.m. +Ashley Rose Namata (Birthday)

**Monday, December 5**

8:15 a.m. Eva Poblete (Thanksgiving)

**Tuesday, December 6**

8:15 a.m. +Roy DeMesme, Sr.

**Wednesday, December 7**

7:00 p.m. St. Columba Parishioners

**Thursday, December 8**

8:15 a.m. Venerando Dinglasa (Birthday)

**Friday, December 9**

8:15 a.m. Henry Perez (Birthday)

**Saturday, December 10**

9:00 a.m. +Peter LoMedico

4:00 p.m. +Ester Legaspi

**Sunday, December 11**

8:00 a.m. +Emiliano Mendoza

10:00 a.m. +Joseph Marino, Sr.

12:00 p.m. +Joseph Ciochon

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

**INCLUDING:**

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, AJ Semilla.

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



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FOR THE 2023-24  
SCHOOL YEAR**

Applications for the 2023-2024 Archdiocese of Washington Tuition Assistance Program are now being accepted through 12/2/22 for returning families, and through 2/18/23 for new families. Please note that all families requesting any financial aid from St. Columba School must complete an application. The link may be found on our website [www.stccatholic.org](http://www.stccatholic.org).

**PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

If you already pledged and opted for electronic bank or credit card withdrawals, please set-up your account through Parish Giving. Visit [www.stcolumbatholic.net](http://www.stcolumbatholic.net) and click the Parish Giving link. For assistance, 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 2022: \$2,836.00

**COLLECTIONS**

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

Month of October 2022  
\$34,311.00

**COMPARISON**

Month of October 2021  
\$31,705.00

**YEAR-TO-DATE (UPDATED)**

**2022**    \$141,633.00  
**2021**    139,718.00

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING  
YOUR PARISH

**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 The Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy.

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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**POSTER COLORING  
COMPETITION**

For the Parish children we are conducting the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster coloring competition. It is intended to complement other church teachings of the importance and understanding of the true meaning of Christmas. The program is open to the PSR and Parochial school here at St. Columba. The competition runs through **November and ends in early December**. For additional information contact Robert Butto at 301.455-9774.

**HOLY HOUR**

On **Wednesday, December 7, 2022**, St. Columille Council invites all families to join them in Holy Hour. The Holy Hour will feature the exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for intercession and Communal Rosary, Holy Hour will begin at 5:30 P.M.

**ADVENT RECOLLECTION**

Our Lady of Divine Grace Sodality offers an opportunity to deepen one's relationship with God. Join us and the MICs in prayer, silent reflection, meditation, Adoration and Reconciliation.

All are welcome!

Come to the Advent Day of  
Recollection on **Saturday,  
December 10, 2022 from 10:00 am  
– 1:00 pm,**

St. Columba Church with the  
Marians of the Immaculate  
Conception (MIC): Rev. Fr. Jim  
McCormack, MIC and Bro. Steve  
Castellano, MIC

*2022 Simbang Gabi*

Saint Columba Catholic Church,  
Oxon Hill, MD

**December 15 – 23, 2022  
7:00 PM**

*9-Day Christmas Novena Masses  
to prepare us for the coming of  
our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Let us all come together in prayer!*

Let us know if you want to  
sponsor any of the Simbang Gabi  
masses to lift up your personal  
prayer of intentions.

A big Community Potluck Celebration  
will be held after the last Simbang Gabi on  
Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022  
8:00 PM  
in Father Dewan Hall.  
FOOD BOOTHS will be stood up by Fil- Ministry.  
Pls contact us if your organization or group  
would like to sponsor a  
Food Booth (2-3 dishes per booth)



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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



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