

February 7, 2021

# St. Columbanus Parish

FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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Rectory M-F 9:00am -4:00 pm, (914) 737-4705  
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK**SUNDAY ~ February 7**

8:00 a.m. Kristen Levitus (Healing)  
 10:00 a.m. Elizabeth Warnock  
 12:00 noon For Our Parish & Parishioners

**MONDAY ~ February 8**

*St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*  
 9:00 a.m. Fr. Eugene Keane

**TUESDAY ~ February 9**

9:00 a.m. Benjamin Figueras

**WEDNESDAY ~ February 10**

*St. Scholastica, Virgin*

9:00 a.m. The Intentions of St. Therese

**THURSDAY ~ February 11**

*Our Lady of Lourdes*

9:00 a.m. Robert Hoodecheck

**FRIDAY ~ February 12**

9:00 a.m. Ricardo Canieso

**SATURDAY ~ February 13**

*Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30 a.m. Mary Kamna  
 5:00 p.m. Joseph Patrick Keenan

Note: There will be no masses at the Martyr's Mission Church until further notice due to the priest shortage at our parish. If you have already scheduled an intention at the Martyr's, please call the rectory so it can be rescheduled.

Livestreamed masses: 10am TLM, 12 Noon

SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: *You shall break forth like the dawn.*  
*(Isaiah 58:7-10)*

Psalm: *The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright.*  
*(Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9)*

2nd Reading: *I have announced to you the mystery of Christ crucified.*  
*(Corinthians 2:1-5)*

Alleluia: *I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.*

Gospel: *You are the light of the world.*  
*(Matthew 5:13-16)*

February 2, 2020 \$6,481.62  
 January 31, 2021 \$

Thank you to those who are able to continue to support our parish during this Pandemic.  
 God Bless you.



Pray for children hidden from sight,  
 but not from God.

WINE, HOST, AND TABERNACLE CANDLE

A donation of \$25 will provide for the weeklong burning of the tabernacle candle in memory of loved ones. A like donation for the hosts and wine offered at Mass may be given as a memorial as well. Please call or stop by the rectory if you would like to honor your loved ones in this holy manner.



*Names of the sick are listed for six months from the date of the initial request. Contact the rectory to add someone.*

**The power of prayer!**  
 PRAY FOR HEALING

Ann Marie & Patricia Barber, Thelma Doeblner, Juliet Epasmo, Justin Fedele, Matthew Hempel, Alex Hetsko, Tom Kemple, Msgr. Patrick J. Keenan, Colleen Kennedy, Kevin Kolosky, Vincent McKenna, Robert McLoughlin, Roselea Megna, Robert Modena, Vivian Pabon, Doreen Robinson, Jake Reyes, Andrea Rocco, Patricia Salvador, Fr. Frank Samoylo, Pete Samoylo, Joan Schneider, Aurea Simbulan, Rosamma Thomas, Brigid Velluzzi, John York, Karen York, Deborah Zolluccio

And all those effected by the COVID-19 virus.



## ***The CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL***

*Sharing God's Gifts*



### **Charitable & Pastoral Outreach**

The Cardinal's Appeal helps those in need all over the Archdiocese, and have been a critical lifeline for our most vulnerable. We're serving meals to the hungry, providing direct financial support to those in need, and providing scholarships for our excellent Catholic schools -- a beacon of light and resilience for those who need our help. Join us today with a one-time or monthly gift to the Cardinal's Appeal at [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org). Thank you for your generosity.

### **LENTEN REGULATIONS**

**Weekdays:** No obligation to fast, but voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

**Friday's:** All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

**Good Friday:** Those between 18 and 59 years old are to fast, only have one full meal (two smaller meals are permitted, but together those two meals cannot equal a full meal). Those 14 years and older must abstain from meat.

**Easter Duty:** Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year, and this should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year (but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season).

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

Ash Wednesday is February 17th. Below is the schedule:

9:00 am	Mass with an ash service
12:00 pm	Ash service
4:00 pm	Ash service
7:00 pm	Mass with an ash service

At this time there will not be any service at the North American Martyrs Mission Church, due to the pries shortage. On Ash Wed. you should fast and abstain from meat. Sunday, February 21st is the First Sunday of Lent.

### **Stations of the Cross and Benediction**

Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. every Friday through the Lenten season.

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

Today we will have a second collection for the Catholic New York paper.

Next week we will have a second collection for Peter's Pence.

### **PARISH EVALUATION**

This year Father Samoylo will be completing his second six-year term as Pastor of St. Columbanus. In keeping with Archdiocesan policy, an evaluation of the parish has begun.

Parishioners and staff who wish to do so may write letters with their own comments about our parish and the pastoral leadership of the parish. Please address your letters to:

The Office of Priest Personnel  
Archdiocese of New York  
1011 First Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

Letters should be received no later than **February 28, 2021**

**Any correspondence received after the deadline will NOT be included in the evaluation process.**

## ~PASTOR'S NOTES~

February 7, 2021

I came across this story December 10, 2020, by Joseph Ferrara in America Needs Fatima:

### The Home Visit

<It was during a visit to a modest, unassuming home with the hostess and mother of five adult children, all present with rosaries in hand. I could not help but notice that some children had tattoos and body piercings, which I normally do not find among everyday devotees of the Rosary. Notwithstanding, I sensed an atmosphere that expressed profound piety.

The visit proceeded with the reciting of the Holy Rosary, a video presentation on the Fatima message and the filling out of intentions envelopes that are taken to Fatima, Portugal. It ended quite naturally with the family expressing heartfelt gratitude for Our Lady's visit. As I gathered up my materials, I chatted with the hostess, who confided to me how her deceased husband had spent his last days. He was a sports enthusiast and trained his boys in boxing. His Sundays consisted of going to Mass and spending the rest of the day with sports.

On Holy Days of Obligation, his wife would remind him about going to Mass. However, he would usually cut her off and say, "Look here, I go to Mass on Sunday, and that's it!" She prayed many Rosaries for his conversion.

One day, her mother accepted the invitation to receive our Fatima Pilgrim Statue in her home. Our hostess recounting this story planned to attend. As Providence would have it, the hostess and her husband had a previous engagement on the same date to attend a meeting at their local school.

She and her husband decided to split up. She would go to the school meeting, and her husband would oblige his mother-in-law by putting in

a polite appearance at the Fatima event "as long as she doesn't harangue me about praying the rosary."

Thus, her husband went to the event when something very unusual happened. Unlike himself, he was quiet and observed the proceedings and devotions most attentively.

His mother-in-law was so surprised by his unusual, mute behavior that she called her daughter to ask if her husband was alright. She said she had never seen him like that and wondered if he was ill and possibly "suffering from a heart attack."

At the conclusion of the evening, the husband spent some time kneeling in quiet prayer in front of the Pilgrim Statue and then departed. Upon his arrival home, his wife was equally concerned when he remained for some time in his truck in the driveway without coming immediately inside, as was his custom.

Our hostess was expecting the worst from this turn of events. She thought he must be fuming and that she was going to get an earful. Much to her surprise, he entered the house and declared with deep emotion, "***I just met the most beautiful woman in my life!***"

From that day forward, he was a changed man. He gave up his obsession with sports and would often steal away to visit Our Lady at a shrine or a nearby church. His conversion was so profound that he started bringing a pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima to homes. The hostess pointed to the statue her husband had used for the visits. It was a traditional one molded in plaster.

Years after this transformative visit with Our Lady, he announced to his family that he was going to die on a First Saturday—a day so special to Our Lady of Fatima. That is exactly what happened, as his family was gathered around his bedside praying the rosary. Yes, the graces of God and the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Spouse of the Holy Ghost, are still very much at work in our world and bearing unexpected fruit.>

**Come and pray before our Lady's statue. We're open every day until 8:00 p.m.**

In Jesus and Mary,  
Fr. Frank Samoylo



**Our Lady of Fatima**

Statue now in St. Columbanus Church

The St. Columbanus K of C Council # 14991 is accepting new members.

Our Council is very active in the parish and community. Some of the activities we are involved with:

- Raising and donating \$15,000 yearly for local charities.
- Extensive work maintaining the Martyrs Mission Church as well as St. Columbanus itself, which saves the parish thousands of dollars yearly.
- Offer a free breakfast or brunch to the parishioners about every two months.
- Assemble the Christmas Crèche each Christmas
- Hold an annual dinner/dance
- Weekly volunteer activities at the Putnam Valley Food Pantry, including food pickup, storage and distribution.

Our community needs involved, Catholic men. Please consider joining a brotherhood that directly impacts our local community. Due to the Pandemic, enrollment is held virtually and all council meetings are via conference call, which makes participation even easier. If you are interested please contact Sean in the parish rectory (914) 737-4705.

May the Lord grant all of us the strength and conviction to do his will. St. Columbanus pray for us.



## THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Monday ~ Adoration 7:00 p.m.

Saturday ~ Confession 4:00—4:45 p.m.



**Flocknote** is a parish communication tool, which lets you choose what info you'd like to receive - via email or text message. You can unsubscribe any time.

We encourage all parishioners to sign-up to get important updates from the parish in a timely and convenient way, such as mass time changes, mass cancelations, the closing or opening of the North America Martyrs Mission Church, etc.

Only important information is communicated via this channel so you will not be inundated with emails.

Sign up at: <https://columbanus.flocknote.com>

Or go to the parish website, scroll down until you see the sheep icon, like the one above, and click on it. Sign up takes only a few minutes.

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service.