

The Baptism of The Lord | January 12, 2025



St. Columba Parish



Saint Edward

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Youngstown, Ohio 44504

Saint Columba

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Youngstown, OH 44503
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Saints Peter & Paul

421 Covington Street
Youngstown, OH 44510

Saint Columba Parish

Mission Statement

The mission of the Cathedral Parish of Saint Columba is twofold: to participate in the saving mission of Jesus Christ by caring for the spiritual and physical needs of people in Central Youngstown, and to serve as the spiritual center of the Diocese of Youngstown by fostering the mission of the Bishop.

Saint Columba Parish Directory

Most Reverend David J. Bonnar

Bishop Of The Diocese Of Youngstown

Very Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Siffrin Rector

Reverend Edward Brienz Vice Rector

Reverend Francis Muriithi Parochial Vicar

Monsignor Peter Polando In Residence

Deacon William Bancroft Deacon

Deacon Sylvester Frazzini Deacon

Ralph Holtzhauser Director of Music

Sister Martha Reed Pastoral Minister

Sister Regina Rogers Pastoral Minister

Karen Thomas Secretary

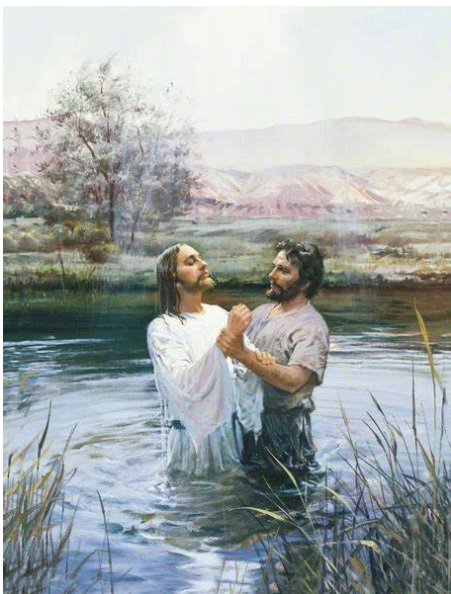
Members Of Parish Council

Laura Elder, Steve Grzywna, Louise Korhan, Josephi Markulin, Linda Puryear, David Sweeney, Julie Tarrantino, Jennifer Vinkler, Bill Wainio, Mary Lynne West, Guy Young and Barb Zorn

Members of Finance Council

Our New Finance Council will be announced at a later date.

Please watch the bulletin for updates.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 12

9:00 am **St. Edward** † Ed Billock

10:30 am St. Columba † Bishop Bonnar on his 4th Anniversary of Ordination

11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † Edo Pacic, Dave Kaster, Joseph Tarentino Jr.

4:00 pm St. Columba † Living and Deceased members of St. Columba Parish

Monday, January 13

8:30am **St. Edward** † Patricia Garrison

12:10 pm St. Columba † Skovira & Garancovsky Families

Tuesday, January 14

8:30 am **St. Edward** † Sonia Niro

12:10 pm St. Columba † Parishioners of St. Columba Parish

Wednesday, January 15

8:30 am **St. Edward** † Lenny Gessler

12:10 pm St. Columba † Carol Guglielm

Thursday, January 16

8:30 am **St. Edward** † Marge & Ed Scharrer

12:10 pm St. Columba † Jakubko & Benney Families

5:45 pm **Sts. Peter & Paul** †

Friday, January 17

8:30am **St. Edward** † Joseph L. Cook Jr.

12:10 pm St. Columba † Todd M. Zmary

Saturday, January 18

8:30am **St. Edward** † Parishioners of St. Columba Parish

4:00pm Vigil St. Columba † Kevin Sobnosky

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Sunday, January 19

9:00am **St. Edward** † Paul Hartwig

10:30 am St. Columba † Living & Deceased Members of St. Columba Parish

11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † Edo Pacic

4:00 pm St. Columba † Rite for Life w/ Bishop Bonnar

Pastor's Column

Sunday, January 12, 2025 The Baptism of The Lord.

As We Journey Together, May Christ Light Our Way.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin this New Year together as a parish, I offer my prayers and support to all of our members, and I ask your help and prayers to support your brothers and sisters in Christ. When we value and treasure our relationship with Christ, our prayer life is enriched and our desire to share the gifts of God with others is strengthened and renewed by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Help us to grow as a parish community, welcoming parishioners back and inviting new people to experience our faith.

Happy Anniversary to Bishop Bonnar on his fourth anniversary of Ordination to the Episcopacy and Installation as Bishop of Youngstown! Please remember him in your prayers today and often that the Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and guide him in his Episcopal ministry!

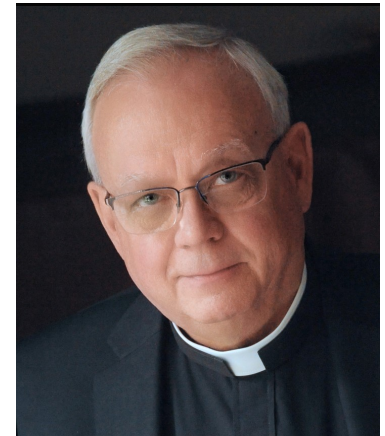
Special thanks to those who prepared our Churches for Christmas and everyone who supported our gifts for the poor. Also heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped us in establishing our new office in the chancery. We will be scheduling an open house soon.

If you have not received your new envelopes, please call the parish office. Please take time to read our bulletin and access our new website.

Our New Year emphasis on ministry is to reach out in the Lord's name to the homebound, hospitalized and unchurched. Please help us with your prayers and help us to know of anyone you know who would like a visit or call from the staff.

With my daily prayers for you and your families, I remain.
Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin



Reflection

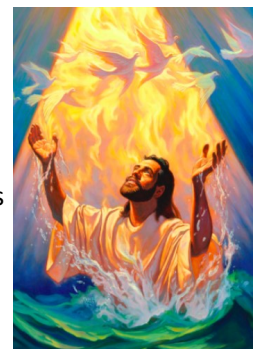
With Water and Fire

John tells us in today's Gospel that the long-awaited Christ would baptize not only with water but also with fire. Some of us may have been baptized as infants, some as adults, and while we have fresh, living water poured over us, no one talks about the fire that inevitably comes, testing our spirits and our faith.

"With you I am well pleased." What lovely words that our hearts long to hear, whether from parents, spouses, teachers or friends, our humanity craves affirmation, which often leads us to look for it in unreliable things. Some of us do find this affirmation in the places we search for it: money, successful careers, likes on social media, until we need so much that nothing will ever be enough. Like inching closer and closer to a cliff without ropes to catch us, a fall will come. A parent might pass away, a child could stop speaking to us, a friend could betray us, and the people we so often rely on for affirmation become the sparks of our trials by fire.

These flames of purification can seem unending, unbearable, and cause our hearts to question: how can this be the "love" Christ wants for my life? We see other Christians who pick and choose what they stand for, who only embrace their baptismal vows when it is most convenient and comfortable, and who never survive their personal trek through the desert. However, for those who cling to Christ, through the fire, through the questions, through the struggles of detachment from worldly goods, and fulfill our baptismal vows, there is a life-saving and refreshing river, where Christ waits for us with words that only fulfill our hearts when they are spoken from His mouth: "You are my beloved...with you I am well pleased."

By Lily McKeough



Saint Columba Parish

Mass Times	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeters & Ushers	Altar Server
St. Edward				
4:00 pm January 18	Luke Lantz Don Turnbull	Jimmy Weller/ Host Deacon Syl/ CP Mike McBride/ CB	Linda Puryear Ed Palumbo	Mike Lowry
9:00 am January 19	John Barry Jason Vinkler	John Jablonski/ Host Deacon Bill/ CP Tim Herberger/ CB	Mary Ann Cashier Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Jennifer Vinkler
St. Columba				
4:00 pm January 18	Jessica Gause Melissa Larsen	Kathy Gause/ Host Deacon Bill/Cup Paul Gause/ Cup	Rich Conway	
10:30 am January 19	Barbara Walko Lisa Devlin	Lisa Young/Host Deacon Bill/Cup Rosa Tirado/ Cup	Randy Grohovsky Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	Kasten Miller Anthony Williams
4:00 pm January 19	John Cisine Margaret Bourne	Laura Elder/Host Deacon Syl/Cup Kathleen Meese/Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	
Sts. Peter & Paul				
11:00 am January 19	Jim Sutman	Deacon Syl Mary Rose Purton Branka Sovec-Ladd	Nancy Gunyula Ray Kovach Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin

Vocation View/ Baptism of the Lord – January 12, 2025

“You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased.” (Luke 3:22)

God takes great pleasure in those who respond to His call. Do you hear His voice? He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org

Bishop Bonnar has asked me to share with the parish and request prayers for Fr. Greg Fedor. He has recently been approved for a kidney transplant. Let us pray for a successful search for a compatible donor and successful recovery. Thank you, Msgr. Siffrin



Please consider helping our food pantry. For the month of January we are asking for Soup & Cereals. Thank you for your continued support.

Stewardship Reflections

The Baptism of Our Lord

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming..he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’ “-Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus- the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



Our Stewardship

Christmas Collections for Dec 24/25

St. Edward: \$13,205.00

St. Columba: \$13,071.00

Sts. Peter & Paul: \$4,749.00

Sunday Collections for Dec 28/29

St. Edward: \$3,228.00

St. Columba: \$5,438.00

Sts. Peter & Paul: \$3,226.00

Total Mass Attendance

St. Edward

Tues./Wed. Dec. 24 & 25 404

Sat./Sun. Dec. 28/29 241

St. Columba

Tues. Dec. 24 4:00 pm 436

Tues. Dec. 24 10:00 pm 287

Wed. Dec. 25 10:30 am 157

Saturday, Dec 28 4:00 pm 120

Sunday, Dec 29 10:30 am 116

Sunday, Dec 29 4:00 pm 225

Sts. Peter & Paul

Tues. Dec 24th 6:00 pm 85

Sunday, Dec 29 11:00 am 64

Membership Forms Available

Membership forms are located in the literature rack. Simply fill out your form and return in the collection basket. Or you may call (330) 744-5233 Monday-Friday from 8:00 am– 4:00 pm. Children of registered members should register on their own as adults on their 18th birthday.

MASS FOR LIFE

When: January 19th, 2025,
Where: St. Columba Cathedral,
 159 W Rayen Ave, Youngstown,
 OH 44503
Time: 4:00 PM

Most Rev. David J. Bonnar
 Bishop of Youngstown

CATHOLIC DIOCESE
 OF YOUNGSTOWN

Lord, help us foster a Culture of Life in Ohio!

Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated at 1:00 to 1:30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday and at 9:15 - 9:45 am on Saturday at St. Columba. St. Edward offers the sacrament before 8:00 am every Saturday morning. Communal celebrations are held during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

Baptism

Please make arrangements with the office for the necessary preparation at least four weeks in advance. All parents and when possible, godparents, participate in the baptismal preparation program prior to their child's baptism. Call the parish office for registration and further information.

Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated with the eighth grade students in the spring. Our young people must participate in the preparation program according to the diocesan and our parish's guidelines.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

A person who desires to become a Catholic is encouraged to be a part of a religious process which may begin each autumn and may culminate with the Sacraments of Initiation being celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

Marriage

Please make arrangements with Monsignor Siffrin at least six months before the marriage is to be celebrated. All engaged couples participate in a preparation program for their marriage following the diocesan and our parish's guidelines.

Holy Orders Of Religious Life

Any woman desiring to become affiliated with a religious order and any man desiring to become a priest, permanent deacon, or brother is welcome to discuss her/his vocation with Monsignor Siffrin.

Anointing of the Sick

Communal celebrations are held in the spring and in the autumn. Individual celebrations may be celebrated upon request at any time.

Sick Calls

For visitation, please contact the office if a parishioner is in the hospital. The Eucharist is taken to those unable to attend Mass each week. Anyone desiring a visitation is asked to call the office at any time.

Remembrance Flames @ St. Columba Cathedral for the week.

Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10

Sanctuary:

Blessed Mother:

St. Joseph: John C. & Tommy Orlo

Lady of Czestochowa: Former members of St. Stanislaus Parish

Sanctuary Candle/ Host & Wine @ St. Edward January 2025

Sanctuary: Marge & Ed Scharrer

Host & Wine: Marge & Ed Scharrer

Sanctuary Candle/ Host & Wine @ Sts. Peter & Paul for the week.

Dave Kaster

CCD classes will resume today, Sunday Jan. 12 from 10:15 am-11:30 am.

**Congratulations To:
Mr. and Mrs. Ryan and Carolyn Tiller
Who were married at
St. Columba Cathedral on
December 28, 2024**

Please Pray For:

All the sick and homebound of our parish.

**Saint Edward Food Pantry
2024**

This Holiday season 180 families received food baskets with turkey, ham and cheese, corn bread, canned cranberries, vegetables, soup, rice and more.



All year long the Pantry supplies food boxes with enough to feed a needy family for a week.

We are very thankful for the generosity of our parishioners. Your contributions of food items are greatly appreciated and your monetary donations allow us to purchase foods which provide meaningful help to individuals and families in need.

We are also deeply thankful for the hard work of our volunteers in bringing together everything that we do.

If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact the parish office and leave your name and phone number. The pantry is open on Wednesdays for 9:00 am to 10:30. Please consider this worthwhile service opportunity.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 12, 2025

Scripture Readings

- Sunday** **Baptism of the Lord**
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29-1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Monday** Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday** Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6, 7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-
- Wednesday** Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday** Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday** **Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot**
Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday** Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday** **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



**300 Club Winner Wk #8:
Sts. Peter and Paul
Carolyn Yurak Number 128**



*Prayers and Best Wishes to you, Your Excellency,
On the 4th Anniversary of Ordination to the Episcopacy and
Installation as Bishop of Youngstown.*

*Thank you for continuing the work that Jesus bestowed on
Peter by "Feeding His sheep."*

*May God bless you and guide you to lead our way knowing
Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.*



Saint of The Week

SAINT HILARY (c. 315-367)

January 13 Feast Day

Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, "the Latin Trumpet against the Arians," heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ's divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus' challenge to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.

—Peter Scagnelli

