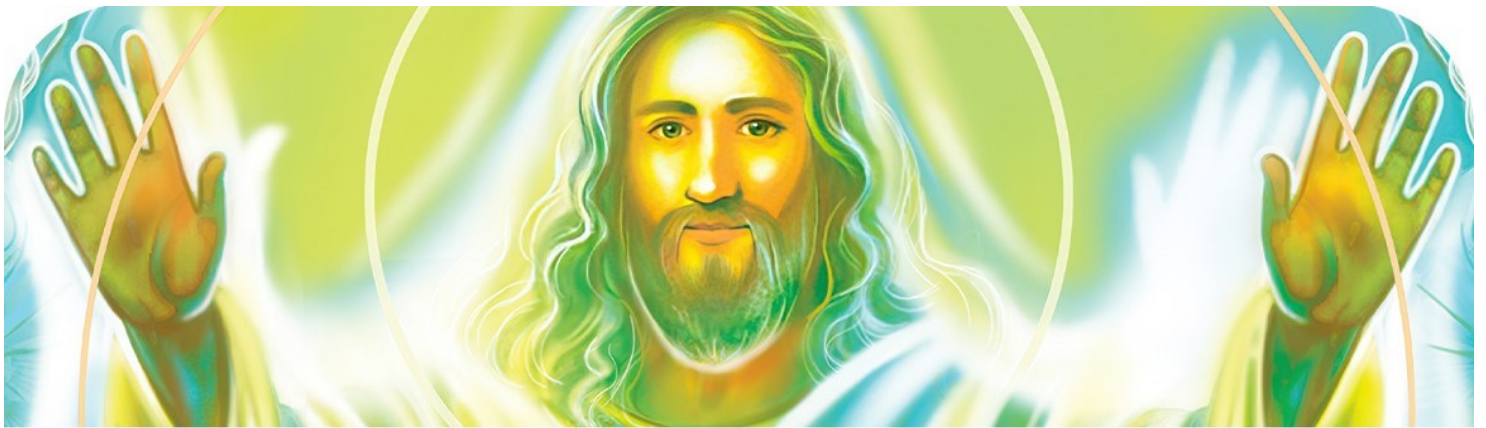


The Second Sunday of Lent | March 16, 2025



St. Columba Parish



**THIS IS MY
CHOSEN SON**
LISTEN TO HIM

© Diocesan

Saint Edward

240 Tod Lane
Youngstown, Ohio 44504

Saint Columba

144 West Wood St.
Youngstown, OH 44503
330.744.5233
parish101@youngstowndiocese.org

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, Joseph Markulin, Linda Puryear, David Sweeney, Julie Tarantino, 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.



Scan to make a one time donation to the parish. Recurring will be available soon. Please stay tuned for more information.

Scan me!

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST:

MARCH 19, 2025

WE WALK BY FAITH

1636 HIMROD AVE.

YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44506

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 16

9:00 am St. Edward † Byrne Family
10:30 am St. Columba † Leo Tirado
10:30 am Sts. Peter & Paul Stations of the Cross
11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † Carla Medovich, Nancy Vogrin & Health & Blessings Stephen Wegendt
4:00 pm St. Columba † Living & Deceased Members of St. Columba

Monday, March 17

8:30am St. Edward † Duke & Dorothy Welsh
12:10 pm St. Columba † Ted & Agnes Kearns

Tuesday, March 18

8:30 am St. Edward † Sonia Niro
12:10 pm St. Columba † Our Parish Family
5:30 pm St. Edward Mass & Simple Supper

Wednesday, March 19

8:30 am St. Edward † Bishop Murry, Fran Doyle & Isabel Tarr
12:10 pm St. Columba † Angela Filipski
6:00 pm St. Columba Gorzkie Zale & Benediction
6:30 pm St. Columba The Lights are On!

Thursday, March 20

8:30 am St. Edward † Josephine Wainio
12:10 pm St. Columba † First Catholic Slovak Union, Branch 731
5:45 pm Sts. Peter & Paul †

Friday, March 21

8:30 am St. Edward † Dr. John Cernica
9:00 am St. Edward Stations of the Cross
11:30 am St. Columba Stations of the Cross
12:10 pm St. Columba † Todd Zmary

Saturday, March 22

8:30am St. Edward † Armando Santos
4:00pm Vigil St. Columba † Marsha Schais
4:00pm Vigil St. Edward † Dorothy Welsh

Sunday, March 23

9:00am St. Edward † Joseph Marian Sr & Joseph Marian Jr
10:30 am St. Columba † Living & Deceased Member of St. Columba Parish
10:30 am Sts. Peter & Paul Stations of the Cross
11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † Edo Pacic, Irene Nemeth and Health & Blessings Daniel & Meghan Wegendt & Gabriel
4:00 pm St. Columba † Bishop Elect Fr. John Keehner

Pastor's Column

Sunday, March 16, 2025

As We Journey Together, May Christ Light Our Way.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Today is the Second Sunday of Lent. Please make this a time of prayer, penance and good works. Our Ecumenical cooperation with neighboring Churches will again be a time for prayer together and a commitment to Ecumenism. Our Ambassadors for Christ will meet each Wednesday of Lent. Please see the calendar for this prayer service and the many opportunities for prayer. Please plan on joining us on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings especially. Please know that the staff and I will be praying for you and your families each day!

This Wednesday, March 19, 2025, The Lights Are On at St. Columba! Confessions from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. We will have three priests hearing Confessions!! Please come and join us in quiet prayer and take time to go to Confession!

In your sacrifice this Lent, please support the parish, the Annual Appeal and our help to the poor. As you know, I am a strong supporter of the Annual Appeal both on the parish level and a personal level. I make the Annual Appeal one of my biggest charitable gifts each year because I know how it helps the mission of Catholic Charities and the ministry of the Diocese of Youngstown. Please be as generous as you can be.

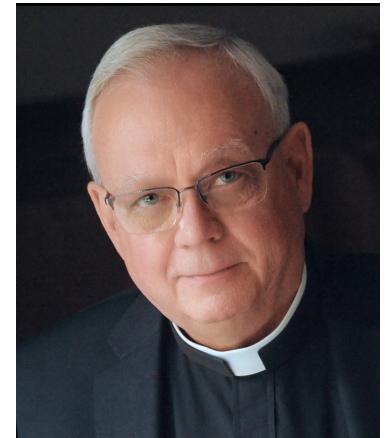
Please note that our mailing address will be 144 W. Wood St. Youngstown, Ohio 44503.

The parish office phone number will be 330-744-5233. The former office phone numbers will forward your calls to this number. 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. If you are contributing by check, please make your check payable to St. Columba Cathedral Parish. Also, we will be updating the ways that you can contribute electronically.

The staff is putting strong emphasis on ministry 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. Also, if you are interested in joining the volunteers who visit and bring Holy Communion, please contact Sr. Regina.

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

Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin



Reflection

The Second Sunday of Lent Have Faith

The story of the Transfiguration of Jesus in the Luke's Gospel this week is similar to the ones in Matthew and Mark. One difference I noticed in Luke's version is that Jesus does not tell the three disciples to keep it secret. It seems they decided on their own not to tell anyone.

One reason may be what they heard. While Matthew and Mark just say that Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah, Luke is more specific: They "spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (9:31). Jesus had just said that he would suffer, die, and be raised from the dead in Luke 9:22. They probably hoped he was just telling them the worst that could happen, not what really would happen. So hearing it from Moses and Elijah as well as from Jesus was too much for them.

This is where we come in. The apostles were afraid to face the coming passion and death of Jesus. I think we are like them in that we suffer more in anticipating what would hurt us than we do going through it. That is where faith can help. In faith, we hear Jesus tell us not to fear, as he often told his disciples. We know that Jesus suffered on the cross, so he knows what suffering is. And faith tells us that he is with us even when the suffering is the result of our own sins. After all, he himself suffered because of our sins. So have faith!

Saint Columba Parish

Mass Times	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeters & Ushers	Altar Server
St. Edward				
4:00 pm March 22	Mary Beth Loto Dan Machuzak	Jim Carstone/ Host Deacon Bill/ CP Sr. Regina Rogers/ CB	Angie Palumbo Ed Palumbo	Mike Lowry
9:00 am March 23	Kelly Sandy Jason Vinkler	Maggie Herberger/ Host Barb DeCarlo/ CP Tim Herberger/ CB	Janet Byrne Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Jennifer Vinkler
St. Columba				
4:00 pm March 22	Carol Michaels Barbara Walko	Gerald Filipski/Host Deacon Syl/Cup Chuck Zamy/ Cup	Rich Conway	Sr. Martha Reed
10:30 am March 23	Natalia Wells Marly Reichert	Rosa Tirado/Host Heather Bucholtz/Cup Vicki Kidd/ Cup	Randy Grohovsky Michael Kurilla Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	Andrew Brine Vincent Brine
4:00 pm March 23	Laura Elder Marge O'Malley	/Host /Cup /Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	Sr. Martha Reed Joell Stebelton Shelly Semko Greg Yuricek
Sts. Peter & Paul				
11:00 am March 23	Evie Byers	Diane Buser/Host Eric Cromwell/Cup	Nancy Gunyula Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin

Vocation View/ Second Sunday of Lent March 16, 2025

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him." (Luke 9:35)

In prayer, listen to the voice of Jesus calling you. Could He be inviting you to follow Him more closely in a vocation 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.

A Women's Retreat offered by the **Cursillo Movement of The Diocese of Youngstown** is scheduled for this upcoming Lent on March 20-23. During this retreat to be held at our nearby Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica, talks and discussions provide an opportunity for you to share your insights about the talk and hear how others received that same presentation.

Throughout the weekend the participants will pray together, attend daily mass and have an opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

By the end of the weekend, most candidates have a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and a better understanding of the power of the Holy Spirit. Candidates leave the weekend knowing that they have been called to spread the Word of God.

Our own Father Ed Brienz is the Diocesan Spiritual Director for the Cursillo Movement and he adds that although this March's Lenten retreat is for the Women, a parallel retreat will be offered in October for the men.

Stewardship Reflections

The 2nd Sunday of Lent

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." -Genesis 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?



Our Stewardship

Sunday Collections for: March 8/9
St. Columba Cathedral Parish
 \$ 6740.00
Ash Wednesday \$ 2257.50

Total Mass Attendance
St. Edward

Saturday, March 8	4:00 pm	106
Sunday, March 9	9:00 am	90

St. Columba

Saturday, March 8	4:00 pm	137
Sunday, March 9	10:30 am	100
Sunday, March 9	4:00 pm	212

Sts. Peter & Paul

Sunday, March 9	11:00 am	60
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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.

Sts. Peter & Paul offers a weekday mass on Thursdays @ 5:45 pm. following Centering Prayer at 5:00 pm. Please join us for worship. All are welcome and mass intentions are also available.

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

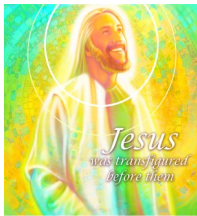
Any woman desiring to become affiliated with a religious order and any man desiring to become a priest, permanent deacon, or brother is welcome to discuss her/his vocation with Monsignor Siffrin.

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.



300 Club Winner Wk #18:

Sts. Peter and Paul

Leo Dinda Number 175

Wins \$50

Remembrance Flames @ St. Columba Cathedral for the week.

Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10

Sanctuary:

Blessed Mother:

St. Joseph:

Lady of Czestochowa: Friends of St. Stanislaus

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

Sanctuary: Dr. John Cernica

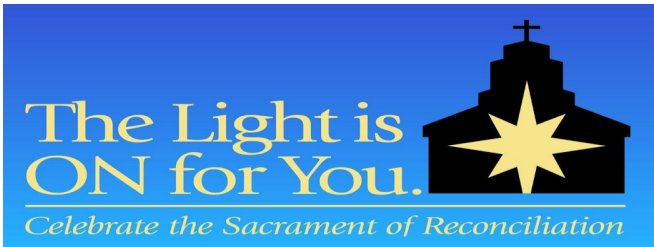
Host & Wine: Dr. John Cernica

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

Vladimir Sovec

Saint Columba Parish

St. Columba will be having Polish Prayers and Benediction On Wednesdays at 6:00 pm during The Lenten Season on March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd and 9th.

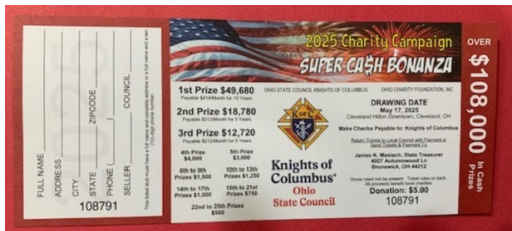


“The Light is ON for You” ~ An Evening of Reconciliation
Wednesday – March 19, 2025

“How good it feels to come back to Him whenever we are lost,” Pope Francis tell us. Please join us on Wednesday, March 19, 2025. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the Diocese. If you know of family members or friends who have been away from the Catholic Church, please invite them to come home this Lent —the light will be ON for them. St. Columba Cathedral 6:30pm-8:00pm.



Council 15959



The St. Edward Knights of Columbus will be selling their **Super Cash Bonanza** tickets at **St. Edward Church** after the weekend Masses:

March: 8 & 9; 15 & 16 ; 22 & 23 ; 29 & 30

Please consider supporting the Knights by purchasing a ticket. Proceeds go to the Diocese of Youngstown.

Ticket cost is \$5.00 for a chance of winning one of the 25 cash prizes. Thank you for your continued support of the Knights of Columbus!

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 16, 2025

- Sunday** **Second Sunday of Lent**
Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36
- Monday**
- Tuesday** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, and 13; Lk 6:36-38
Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday** **Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Thursday**
- Friday** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31
Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday** **Third Sunday of Lent**
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
Scrutiny Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Please join us.

THE DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. COLUMBA INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE

JUBILEE OF THE SICK & HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Praying for those who are sick and celebrating those in various healthcare ministries throughout the Diocese of Youngstown.

President: Bishop David J. Bonnar
Sunday, April 6, 2025
4:00 p.m.
154 W. Wood St. Youngstown, OH 44503

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE ST. COLUMBA PARISH HALL.

for additional information contact: (330)744-8451 ext. 245 or email: rmangan@youngstowndiocese.org

Inter-Faith Seder Dinner & Ceremony

Tuesday April 8th, 2025 Doors open 5:30 P.M.

(Please Join us for Mass at the Cathedral at 5:30 PM-this is part of the Parish Lenten Program)

Program Starts Promptly at 6:00 P.M.

Hosted By: St. Columba Cathedral Parish-In the Parish Hall

Master of Ceremonies:

Rabbi Joseph Schonberger & Rev. George Balasko, Co-Creator of the Youngstown Jewish/Christian Dialogue

Catered by: Kravitz Delicatessen

This is a full Seder Dinner, it will be narrated by Rabbi Schonberger, explaining the Jewish tradition and Rev. Balasko explaining what it means to the Christian Tradition.

Meal includes all items for Passover Seder, and a buffet of Stuffed Chicken, Potato Kugel, Tzimmas, Steamed Asparagus, Chocolate Brownies. Beverages included are coffee, iced tea, water and grape juice for the 4 cups of wine for the dinner. (BYOB wine) Cost per plate is \$25.00. Tickets available during normal weekday hours at St. Columba Cathedral Parish Office. Please call 330 744 5233 for questions.

Looking for Sponsors to help defer the cost.

- Speaker Sponsor \$500.00
- Dinner Sponsor \$500.00
- Desert Sponsor \$300.00
- Seder Sponsor \$100.00
- Patron Sponsor \$25.00

Approved for one hour, general, for Office of Religious Education Certification.



Scan the QR code to donate to the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal



DOY.org/Appeal

For questions or assistance, please call the Appeal Office at 330-744-8451 ext.324

Please consider donating Peanut Butter & Jelly and Soups for the Month of March.



CCD is Scheduled today after mass.

Saint of The Week

March 19 SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: "With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus" (Preface of Saint Joseph, *Sacramentary*). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive "Saint Joseph's Table," welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as "patron of a happy death." Descended from David's house, which God finished "building" through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature's rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth. —Peter Scagnelli

