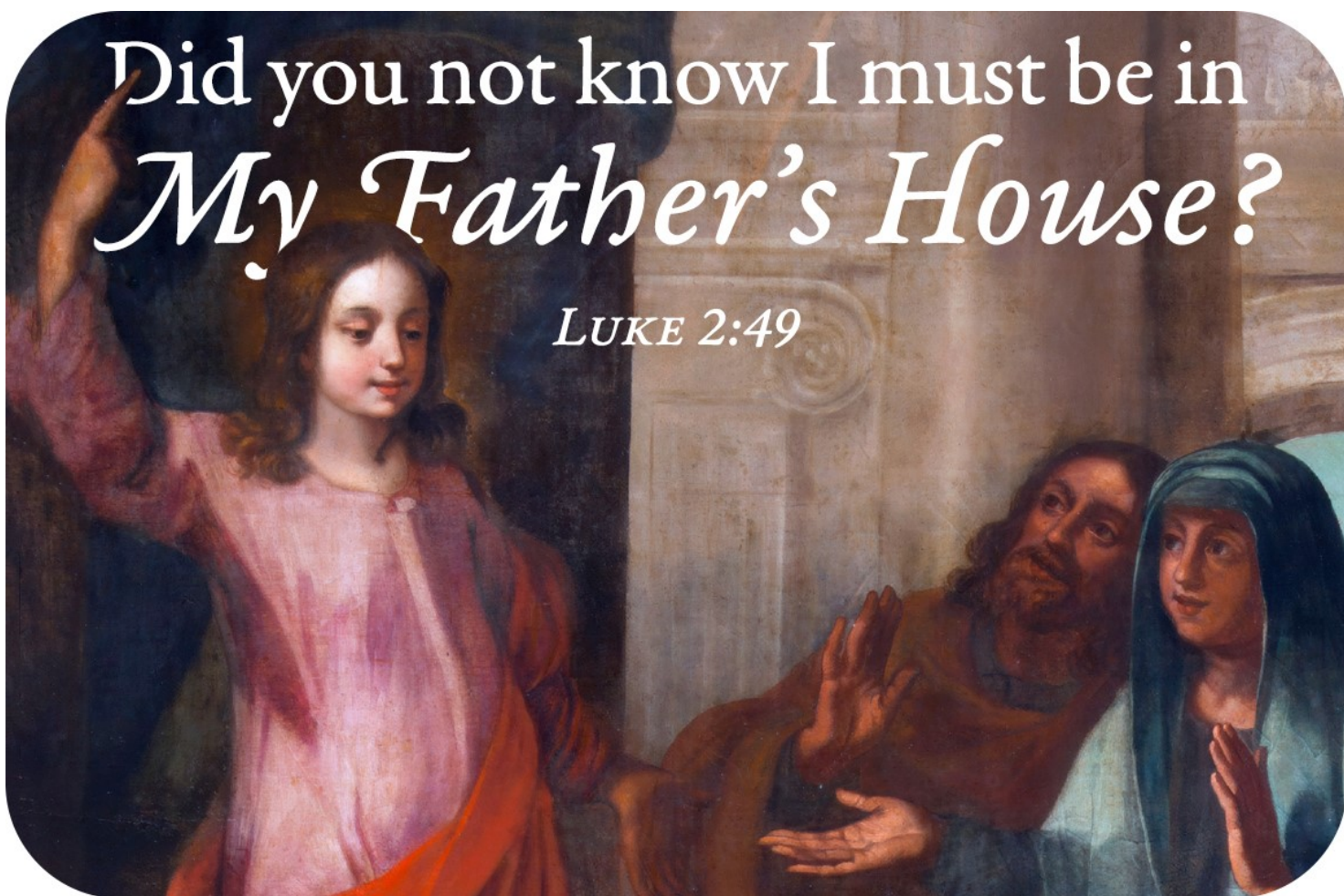




St. Columba Parish

Did you not know I must be in
My Father's House?

LUKE 2:49



Saint Edward

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Youngstown, Ohio 44504

Saint Columba

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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, Josephi 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.



Mass Schedule Change

New Year's Eve: All churches will have mass at 4:00 pm.

New Year's Day: **St. Edward Church at 9:00 am**

St. Columba Cathedral at 10:30 am

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 29

- 9:00 am **St. Edward** † **Adeline Marian, Joanne & Lee Seiple**
10:30 am St. Columba † Mary Lou Wise
11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † **Ken & dgt. Diane Foster, Sonny Tollas, James Jazyn, Derrick Stratton and Edo Pacic**
4:00 pm St. Columba † Opening of the Jubilee Year
Living & Deceased Parishioners

Monday, December 30

- 8:30am **St. Edward** † **David Kovach**
12:10 pm St. Columba † Donna Houser

New Years Eve

Tuesday, December 31

- 8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Larry Kobus**
4:00 pm **St. Edward** † **Parishioners of St. Edward**
4:00 pm St. Columba † Special Intention
4:00 pm **Sts. Peter & Paul** † **Terry Logorda & Andy Rauzan Jr.**

New Years Day

Wednesday, January 1

- 9:00 am **St. Edward** † **Parishioners of St. Edward**
10:30 am St. Columba † Living & Deceased Parishioners

Thursday, January 2

- 8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Sonia Niro**
12:10 pm St. Columba † Michael Repetski
5:00 pm St. Columba † Holy Hour
5:45 pm **Sts. Peter & Paul** †

Friday, January 3

- 8:30am **St. Edward** † **Margaret Jenkins**
12:10 pm St. Columba † Frances Zmary Timko

Saturday, January 4

- 8:30am **St. Edward** † **The Batyski & Kobus Families**
4:00pm Vigil St. Columba † Bill, Sue and Kenny Gause
4:00pm Vigil St. Edward † **Tim Wilster**

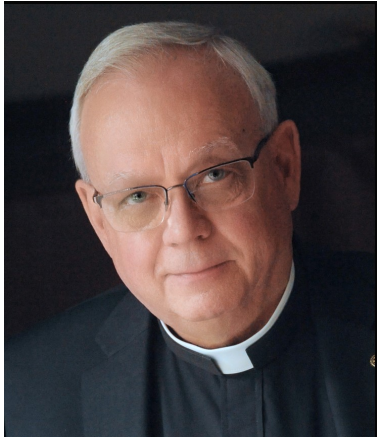
Sunday, January 5

- 9:00am **St. Edward** † **Paul Hartwig**
10:30 am St. Columba † Marianne E. Pekarcik
11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † **Joseph & Angela Gierchak, Derrick Stratton and Helene Gombas**
4:00 pm St. Columba † Friends of the Cathedral

Pastor's Column

Sunday, December 29, 2024

The Lord be with you.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May this Christmas season be filled with the Lord's abundant gifts of peace and joy. A special thank you to everyone who has been so helpful in our journey toward being a new parish. Please know that all our families are in prayer and Mass daily.

This Holy Season of Christmas as the Lord continues to give himself to us, may we generously and thankfully share the Lord's gifts with others through our prayer for them, sharing with the poor, inviting people to Church or back to Church and generously supporting the work of the Church through ministerial involvement and financial support.

As we become one parish, please help us with your prayers and renewed involvement. We will have one office soon, one bulletin, calendar and web site. If you have not received your new envelopes, please call the parish office.

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

"But they did not understand what he said to them."

Mary and Joseph have just experienced every parent's worst nightmare: their son was missing for THREE DAYS, as they searched and asked and retraced the steps of their journey. Imagine their relief when they returned to the Temple and saw him at last. Surely they ran to him with joy and exasperation, only to hear his answer, "Why were you looking for me?" Why? WHY?!

Of course they did not understand what he said to them. Their hearts had gone through the wringer of fear and anxiety, their imaginations had probably thought of worse case scenarios, their minds could not understand why he would separate himself from the ones who loved him and had supplied his every need in every moment of his life up until then. And he seems to give a dismissive answer, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Like a sword to the hearts of Joseph and Mary, his response does not seem to take their anxieties into account.

This is hard to understand, so hard that Mary must store it away to ponder later, as we are told she "kept all these things in her heart." But he returns to their home in Nazareth, and is obedient to them.

This Holy Family did not have a schedule given to them from Heaven. Yes, they were holy; yes, Jesus was the Incarnate Son of God; yes, Mary was sinless; yes, Joseph was a just man. They were good Jews, subject to the Jewish Law and open to the will of the Father. But they did not know where the will of the Father would take them. It took them to Bethlehem when they should have been preparing at home for the birth of Jesus. It took them to Egypt for several years to flee the murderous rage of Herod when they wanted to return home with their infant. It took them back to Nazareth at last, where they raised a child they knew to be the Messiah. And it took them over a painful journey of three days to find him in the Temple.

What did this require of them? The same thing that it requires of us: loving trust. They are the model for us of a life of love and trust, obedience and patience, great faith and hope and humility, knowing the will of the Father is always for our good, even when it is difficult.

Let us pray for the grace to continue to submit ourselves to the will of the Father, especially when it is hard to understand, when it seems something else would be better, when it costs us. It is then that our trust is deepened and our love grows.

By Kathryn Mulderink

Saint Columba Parish

Mass Times	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeters And Ushers	Altar Server
Jan. 4/5 St. Edward				
4:00pm Jan. 4	Kathy Lewis Jason Vinkler	Jim Carsone/ Host Sr. Regina Rogers/ CP Linda Puryear CB	Mae Kohn	Jennifer Vinkler
9:00 am Jan.5	Amber Farrell Rowland Fam.	Rowland Fam/ Host Linda Molinaro/ CP Rowland Fam/ CB	Janet Byrne	Mark Dietz
Jan. 4/5 St. Columba				
4:00pm Jan. 4	Bill Wainio Carol Michaels	Chuck Zamarly/ Host Paul Gause/ Wine Kathy Gause/ Wine		
10:30 am Jan. 5	Lisa Devlin Barbara Walko	Rossa Tirado/Host Guy Young/ Cup Lisa Young/ Cup		Vincent Brine Andrew Brine
4:00 pm Jan. 5	Margaret Bourne Joell Stebelton	JoAnn Oaks/Host Deacon Bill/Cup David Oaks/Cup		
Jan. 5 Sts. Peter & Paul				
11:00am Jan. 5	Kathy Vogrin	Nancy Gunyula/Host Deacon Syl/ Cup Ed Habuda/Cup	Nancy Gunyula John Vogrin Ray Kovach Bill Sikora Pat Purton	John Vogrin

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.



Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope – Opening Mass

All are invited to celebrate the Opening Mass of the
2025 Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope
Sunday, December 29, 2024

Saint Columba Cathedral at 4:00 p.m.

Join us for this Diocesan Celebration as a Pilgrim of Hope!



Our Stewardship

Sunday Collections and Mass attendance will be posted at a later date due to the deadline for the Holiday Bulletins.

Total Mass Attendance

St. Edward

Saturday, Dec 14 4:00 pm

Sunday, Dec 15 9:00 am

St. Columba

Saturday, Dec 14 4:00 pm

Sunday, Dec 15 10:30 am

Sunday, Dec 15 4:00 pm

Sts. Peter & Paul

Sunday, Dec 15 11:00 am



Vocation View/ Feast of the Holy Family

“Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” (Luke 2:49)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph serves as a model of love, faith and obedience. Just as Jesus was guided by His Father’s will, so too can we be guided in our marriages by God’s Love. Reflect on how your family life mirrors the faith and devotion of the Holy Family. Strengthen your commitment to each other by nurturing a deeper relationship with God. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org

Stewardship Reflections

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 John 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received— being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

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.

Remembrance Flames @ St. Columba Cathedral for the week.

Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10

Sanctuary: Neil Sr., Marie and Kenneth Depascal

Blessed Mother:

St. Joseph:

Lady of Czestochowa: Former members of St. Stanislaus Parish

Sanctuary Candle/ Host & Wine @ St. Edward December 2024

Sanctuary: Bob Herberger & Mary Beth Reynolds

Host & Wine: For Good Health of all the Parishioners and a Happy & Prosperous New Year.

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

Ken & Diane Foster



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

WEDDING BANNS

Please remember all couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. We pray that God will bless them with a lifetime of good health and happiness.

**Please Pray For:
All the sick and homebound of our
parish.**



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For the Week of December 29, 2024

- Sunday** **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52
- Monday** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
- Tuesday** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
- Wednesday** **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**
Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5,6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Thursday** **Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Friday** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34
- Saturday** **Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42
- Sunday** **The Epiphany of the Lord**
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12





The Nativity of the Lord

Great Expectations

Christmas can be disappointing. We remember the Christmases from our childhood, all the joy, the excitement, and the fun we had. When we grow up, we have to shop for gifts, write and mail the cards, put up the decorations, and do all the preparations that seem

to stress us out. We may be sad that the day did not meet our expectations. Now that most of that is done, (unless you are reading this on a break from cleaning house before the grandkids arrive) we can reflect on how the first Christmas upset all expectations.

I'm sure Joseph never expected to have a child so soon. Or to have the baby born in a stable miles from their home in Nazareth. The shepherds never expected to be awakened by angels. And those Jews

who looked forward to the coming of a Messiah never expected him to come as a baby. Yet God had reasons for coming in this way. The nativity scene looks so peaceful and beautiful, but the reality was not so romantic. The messiah came not to the sound of war horns, but the cry of a helpless infant. He was born in a stable because no one had room for him. The first to see him were the shepherds, the migrant workers of the time. The political leaders (Herod and friends) wanted to kill him.

Jesus was born in this way to show that he came not for the important and wealthy, but for the poor and outcast. As an adult, he would continue to surprise: he ate with sinners and tax collectors; he challenged the religious leaders of Israel. He was executed as a criminal.

So today he continues to come to us in the homeless, the illegal alien, the sick, those in prison, the unborn infant, that we might find him where we least expect. Can we learn to see him in the unexpected, in our trials and difficulties, our own weaknesses? When we do, we will celebrate what Christmas is truly about.

Supporting our local community:

St. Maron Annual Wine Taste Havana Nights

Join us for a night of wine, live music feat. Vino Tinto band, dancing & delicious cuisine at a Tropical themed event

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