

Fourth Sunday in Advent | December 22nd, 2024



St. Columba Parish



Saint Edward

240 Tod Lane
Youngstown, Ohio 44504

Saint Columba

159 West Rayen Avenue
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 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.

Membership Forms Available

Membership forms are located in the literature rack in the back of the Cathedral. 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 Intentions

Sunday, December 22

- 9:00 am St. Edward † Margaret Jenkins
10:30 am St. Columba † Leo Tirado
11:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul † Mary Rohrbaugh, Edo Pacic, Terry Logorda and Donna Morgan
4:00 pm St. Columba † Living & Deceased Parishioners

Monday, December 23

- 8:30am St. Edward † Jean Lowry
12:10 pm St. Columba † Lena & James Fair

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

- 8:30 am St. Edward † Parishioners of St. Edward
4:00 pm St. Edward † Jim Mullen, Isabel Tarr and Lolita Rena
4:00 pm St. Columba † Special Intention
6:00 pm Sts. Peter & Paul † Deceased Members of Gunyula & Miller Families, Helene Gombas, Edo Pacic, Terry Logorda, John and Anne Terlecki
10:00 pm St. Columba † Living & Deceased Parishioners

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25

- 9:00 am St. Edward † Rosie Sferra
10:30 am St. Columba † Living & Deceased People of the Diocese of Youngstown

Thursday, December 26

- 8:30 am St. Edward † Dionisio Carolipio
12:10 pm St. Columba † Anthony Dascenzo
5:45 pm Sts. Peter & Paul †

Friday, December 27

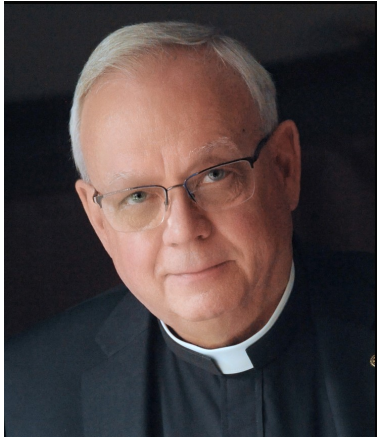
- 8:30am St. Edward † Dr. John Cernica, The Hartwig Family, and Charlie Peacock
12:10 pm St. Columba † Joanne Elaine Coughlin

Saturday, December 28

- 8:30am St. Edward † The Hartwig Family
4:00pm Vigil St. Columba † Mary Contonzarte
4:00pm Vigil St. Edward † Michael Lowry Jr.

Sunday, December 29

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



Pastor's Column

Sunday, December 22, 2024

The Lord be with you.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our days of waiting are quickly passing and Christmas is near. 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.

This 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.

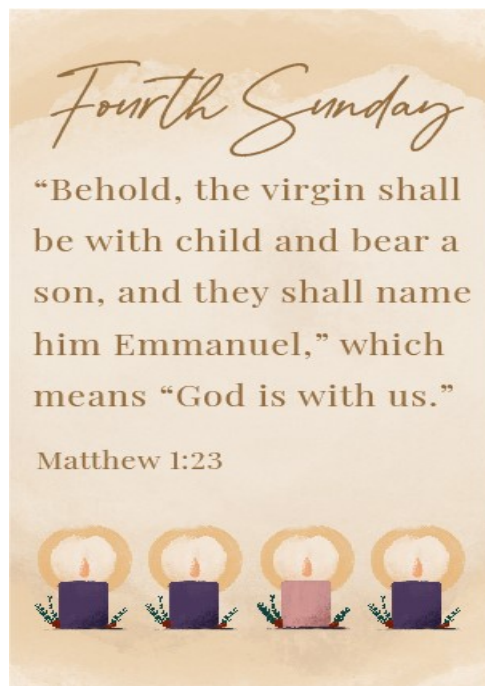
Special thanks to those who prepared our Churches for Christmas and everyone who supported our gifts for the poor.

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.

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

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin



Advent Reflection

There is a Christmas song that says of Bethlehem: "Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light." Though today it has many modern homes and buildings, you can still see that it is part of "the hill country...of Judah." (Lk 1:39) It is not too far from En Kerem, where John the Baptist was born, and apparently where today's Gospel takes place.

We see in the Gospel reading today how Elizabeth and her unborn child rejoiced at the news of Jesus' coming birth. The story implies that Mary went to see Elizabeth as soon as the angel told her about Jesus. I would think that talking about it made this miracle more real.

Jesus is the "everlasting Light" mentioned in the song. That light shines today, not just in Bethlehem, but everywhere that his followers bring it. When we console someone who is mourning, that light shines. When we forgive someone who hurt us, the light is burning. When we teach a child how to pray, it shines even brighter.

Our dark streets need the everlasting Light today as much as they did 2000 years ago. Today we remember how Mary and Elizabeth shared their faith in God. They did so much like we do today. Jesus, who seems to be invisible today, is seen in the shared faith of those who bring him into the world by their words and actions.

Tom Schmidt

Saint Columba Parish

Mass Times	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeters And Ushers	Altar Server
Dec. 24/25 & Dec. 28/29 St. Edward				
4:00pm Dec.24	Clara Mullen Jason Vinkler	Front: John Jablonski/Host Deacon Syl C/P Linda Puryear C/B Rear: Mary A. Marsco /Host Don Turnbull/ Host Carol McBride C/P <u>Mike McBride C/B</u>	Colleen Frazzini	Jennifer Vinkler Linda Alders Jim Carsone
9:00am Dec.25	Jim White Tom O' Donnell	Diane Guarnieri/ Host Deacon Syl C/P <u>Barb DeCarlo C/B</u>	Mary Ann Cashier	Mike Lowry Dan Rowland
4:00pm Dec. 28	Tom O'Donnell Dan Machuzak	Betzy Peacock/Host Carol McBride C/P <u>Mike McBride C/B</u>	JoAnne Thomas	Linda Puryear
9:00am Dec. 29	Molly McGuire Jim White	Andrea Padach/Host Deacon Bill C/P David Sweeney C/B	Liz Spencer Bob Cashier David Slifka	Mark Dietz
Dec. 24/25 & Dec. 28/29 St. Columba				
4:00pm Dec.24	Lisa Devlin Carol Michaels	Sandra Mansour/Host Chuck Zamarly/Host Bill Wainio/Cup Jean Wainio/Cup Joann Oaks/Cup <u>David Oaks/Cup</u>	Debbie C	Sr. Martha Maddie Devlin Anthony Bako Nick Bako
10:00pm Dec.24	Laura Elder Margaret Bourne	Gerry Filipski/Host Deacon Syl/ Cup Deacon Bill/ Cup Marilynn Butler <u>Marly Reichert</u>	Jack Reichert	Sr. Martha Kathrine Repetski Juliann McLennan Joell Stebelton
10:30am Dec.25	Ginger Kubala Tally Wells	Juliann McLennan/Host Tess Szenborn/Cup Len Schiavone/ Cup <u>Gina Schiavone/Cup</u>		Sr. Martha Anthony Evangelista <u>Ariana Camey</u>
4:00pm Dec. 28	Melissa Larsen Barbara Walko	Kathy Gause/Host Deacon Syl/Cup <u>Tess Szenborn/Cup</u>	Richard Conway	Bill Wainio
10:30am Dec. 29	Natalia Wells Marly Reichert	Rosa Tirado/Host Vicki Kidd/Cup <u>Juliann McLennan/Cup</u>	Randy Grohosky	Charlie Young Patrick Young
4:00pm Dec. 29	Ginger Kubala John Cisine	Leonard Schiavone/Host Kathleen Messe/Cup Gina Schiavone/Cup	Deborah Congonello	Tim Domer
Dec. 24 & Dec. 29 Sts. Peter & Paul				
6:00pm Dec.24 11:00am Dec. 29	Julie Tarantino	Diane Buser Branka Sovec-Ladd	Nancy Gunyula John Vogrin Ray Kovach Bill Sikora Pat Purton	John Vogrin



Our Stewardship

Sunday Collection/ St. Columba
 \$4851.30
 Sunday Collection/ St. Edward
\$4099.00
 Sunday Collection/ Holy Apostles
\$1864.00

Total Mass Attendance

St. Edward
 Saturday, Dec 14 & Sunday Dec. 15 188

St. Columba
 Saturday, Dec 14 4:00 pm 121
 Sunday, Dec 15 10:30 am 58
 Sunday, Dec 15 4:00 pm 150

Sts. Peter & Paul
 Sunday, Dec 15 11:00 am 75



Knights Corner



Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Thank you for supporting the many fund-raising activities of the past year. We hope that during this Blessed time of the year, you and your families experience the peace and joy of this Holy Season.

Supporting the Clergy of the parish is one of the most crucial things that the Knights do as Catholics. The Knights of Columbus have great ways that support our bishops, priests, deacons, and religious communities. To learn more and be a part of our Council, go to kofcoho.org and click on "Join Us". For more information, contact Grand Knight Joe Kenneally at 330-519-0339 or email: Jkenneally11@gmail.com

**Remembrance Flames @
 St. Columba Cathedral for the week.**

Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10

- Sanctuary:
- Blessed Mother:
- St. Joseph:
- Lady of Czestochowa: Former members of St. Stanislaus Parish

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

Donation \$35 each for the month.

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

Sanctuary: Bob Herberger & Mary Beth Reynolds

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

Donation \$10

Terry Logorda

Vocation View/ Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." (Luke 1:45)

Like Mary, you are called to trust in God's plan for your life. If you feel that God is asking you to serve as a priest or religious brother or sister, believe in His promise and follow with courage. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org

Stewardship Reflections

4th Sunday of Advent

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

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.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 22, 2024

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
Monday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4, 5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday	The Nativity of the Lord Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday	Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
Friday	Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Saturday	Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5 -2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
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



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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.

Please Pray For:

All the sick and homebound of our parish family.

WEDDING BANS

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.

Ryan Tiller & Carolyn Carney



St. Catherine of Siena

Medieval mystics had a strong sense of who they were. Catherine of Siena was a strong, formidable woman who knew who she was as a creature of God. She was of God, but not God.

If she was tempted to think that her visions made her someone special or better than others, she very soon learned that visions are not all sweetness and light. At one point in the three years of solitude in her cell, the sweet presence of Christ was replaced with demonic visions and voices, The buzzing in her ears, too, became so bad that she left her room and sought out churches where she could remain and pray without demonic oppression. But as soon as she returned home to her room, the demons would start assaulting and tempting her again. No doubling of her prayers and petitions helped. In the end, when she was about to succumb to complete exhaustion, she remembered that she was the one who was not alone, and she threw herself upon the mercy of God, trusting wholly in her beloved-the One who is. She then told the demons to do with her as they pleased; she found them merely amusing!

Supporting our local community:

JOIN US FOR A
New Year's Eve
GALA

DECEMBER **31** AT 6:00 PM

 *Hubbard St. Patrick Church*
CHURCH HALL
357 N. Main St. Hubbard, OH 44425

Entertainment by:
GUYS WITHOUT TIES BAND
\$75.00 per person

Includes appetizers, full buffet, desserts,
open bar, champagne & noise makers

For tickets or more information,
call the church office at 330-534-1928.
ALL ARE WELCOME.

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

Saturday, January 18th
6:00 - 11:00 PM
At the Maronite Center
1555 S. Meridian Road
\$85 per person
Reserve online at
tiny.cc/wine2025
QR Code 