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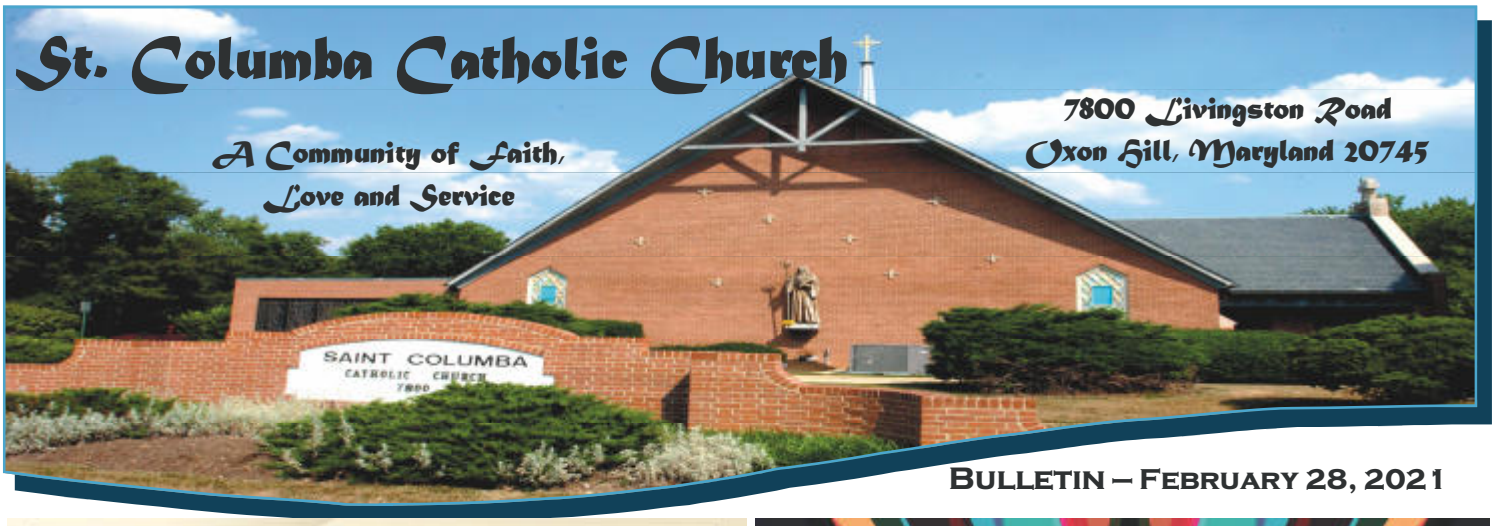

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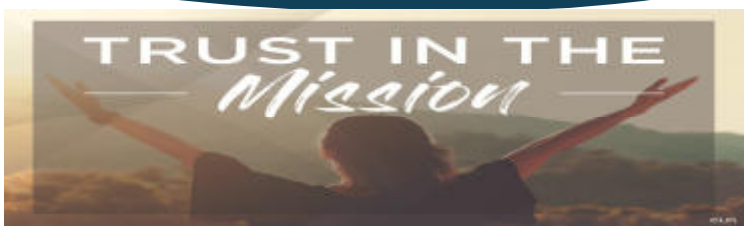

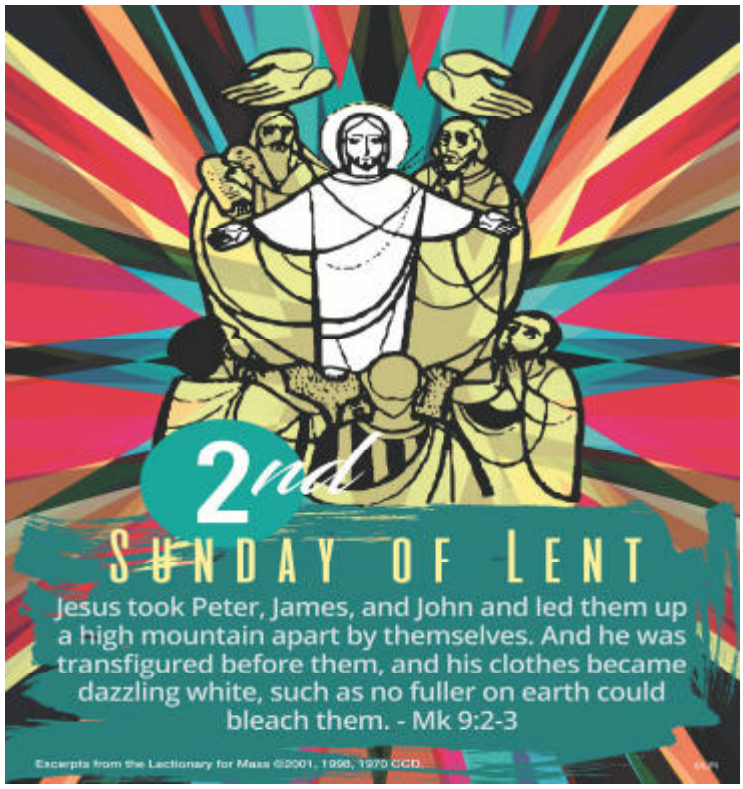

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil
4:00 p. m.
Sunday
8:00 & 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

First Saturday
Tagalog (Filipino)
7:00 p. m. (no Mass)

Weekdays
Monday—Friday
8:15 a.m.
Saturdays
9:00 a.m.

Mass and Novena
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.

First Friday
8:15 a.m.
7:00 p.m. (no Mass)

Adoration
Wednesdays
6:00—6:45 p.m.
First Friday
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Confessions
Saturdays
2:30—3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Rosary
Monday—Friday
7:25 a.m.

No Coffee Social at this time until further notice

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Rev. Gary T. Villanueva

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Deacon Robert Villanueva

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BAPTISMS

Please call the Parish Office for information and to schedule Baptism Preparation Class.

BAPTISM AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR OLDER CHILDREN
Please contact the Parish School of Religion, Sr. Luzviminda Domingo, MCST at 301-567-6113.

MATRIMONY
Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to a proposed wedding date to speak with a priest. Reservation of the church is required before other preparations such as receptions are made.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND
Please contact the Parish Office

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

REFLECTIONS
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/ Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/ Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/ Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/ Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/ Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/ Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/ Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Sick and Suffering

Especially Bernardino Flores (13Dec20). Rachel Fisher, Abe & Tess Samoy, Lamar Johnson, Ellamae Hulsey, Kobi King, Jeanne Pike, Cathy McGarrigan, Grace Macaranas, (10Jan21). Marian Flores, Gloria King, Eleanor Wachowski, Cynthia Flores (24Jan21). Benigno Ramos (14Feb21). Maria Evelyn Suacito (21Feb21).

Our Beloved Dead

Especially Diosie Retener, Arlane Samonte, Aurora Cruz, Ricardo Cunanan, Jr., Roland Escalante, Sr., Donna Bernales, Emilio Ramirez, Mary Montgomery, Katie Bryant.

Mass INTENTIONS

Monday, March 1
8:15 a.m. +George Jones (Special Intentions)

Tuesday, March 2
8:15 a.m. Fr. Patrick Agustin (Birthday)

Wednesday, March 3
8:15 a.m. No Morning Mass
7:00 p.m. +Catherine LoMedico

Thursday, March 4
8:15 a.m. +Carole Jordan

Friday, March 5
8:15 a.m. +Odessa Smith

Saturday, March 6
9:00 a.m. Basilio & Teresita Cachuela (Thanksgiving)
4:00 p.m. Rosebelle Cartin (Thanksgiving)

Sunday, March 7
8:00 a.m. St. Columba Parishioners
10:00 a.m. +Charles LoMedico
12:00 p.m. +Mariano & Anastacia Cabillas

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY INCLUDING:

Especially Tiffany Williams; Peter John Ifurung; PFC Mark J. Venancio; Andrew Alexander; Lt. Victor Barba; 1st Lt Peter Agboli; Krystol Dudly; Christian Samoy; Derrell Thomas Jahaira Best; Kevin Myers; Delange Monks, Marquette Young, Capt. Daryll Garcia.

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Also, we highly recommend any new family interested in sending their student(s) to St. Columba School to apply for financial aid from the Archdiocese of Washington prior to the deadline on February 19, 2021 (the link to apply can be found on web site -www.stccatholic.org)!

Peace and blessings,
Mrs. Christine Patton
Principal
St. Columba School

VOCATIONS CORNER

Please continue to pray for our fellow parishioner who is aspiring for Holy Orders.

Seminarian Chukwuma Collins Odigwe is currently studying Theology in Saint John Paul II Seminary, Washington, D. C.

Let us continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood, the permanent diaconate and the religious life. If you know of anyone who feels such a calling, please give them encouragement and advise them to speak with Father Gary or any of the MCST sisters.

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

The contribution statement for 2020 will be available starting February 1, 2021. Please call or email the parish office to obtain a copy of your statement. For the Parish Online giving users, to obtain a copy of your statement, log on to your account. Thank you!

COLLECTIONS

SUNDAY OFFERING
Month of January 2021
$28, 685.00

COMPARISON
Month of January 2020
$36,847.00

YEAR-TO-DATE
2020
$153,714.00
2019
$213,649.00

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PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

If you already pledged and opted for electronic bank or credit card withdrawals. Please set-up your account through Parish Giving. Go to www.stcolumbcatholic.net and click the Parish Giving link. If you need help, please call the parish office at 301-567-5506. Thank you for your support.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

Total Amount Goal:
$860,000.00

Amount collected
January 2021: $13,256.00

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING OR MAIL YOUR DONATION
Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

2021 Schedule of Lenten Activities

Stations of the Cross
Fridays of Lent: February 19 to March 26, 6:00 p.m. (Church)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
"The Light is On for You"
Wednesday of Lent, February 24 to March 24, 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.
Friday of Lent, February 26, March 5, 19 and 26 during Station of the Cross
Regular Schedule, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. (Saturdays)

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Saturday, March 27: Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 28, 2021: Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Adoration after Mass until 9:30 p.m. in Chapel

Good Friday, April 2, 2021
Confessions 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Good Friday of the Lord's Passion - 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021
Confessions 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Paschal Vigil with celebration of the Easter Sacraments - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 4, 2021
Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. at the Main Church

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