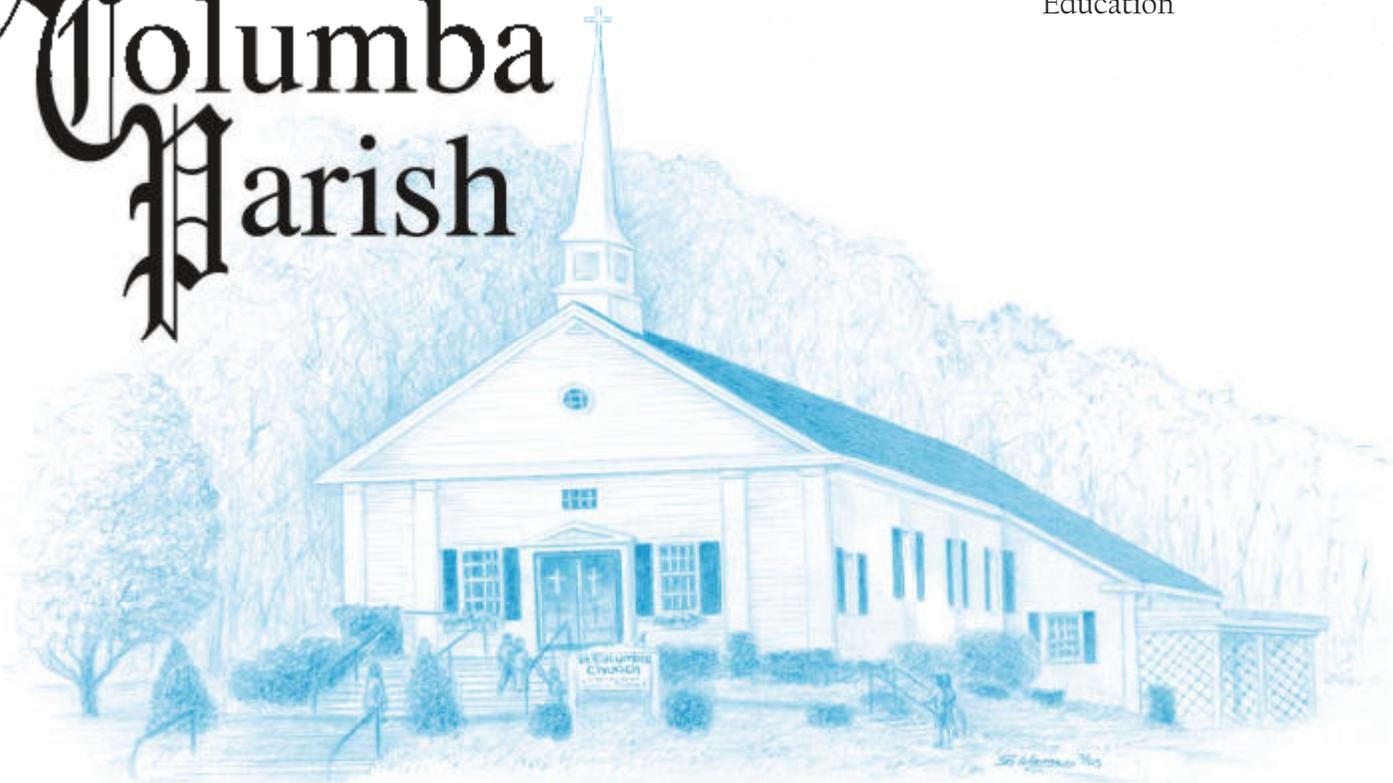


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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening 4:00PM, Sunday Morning 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:00AM (Monday—Thursday)

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call the office when you become engaged.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on Saturday at 3:15PM

Any other time is by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the office for instructions and a Baptismal date.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Friday 12:00 PM

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please introduce yourselves. We want to know and serve you.
We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

WORSHIP SCHEDULESATURDAY- APRIL 3RD EASTER VIGIL

9:00a.m.-Rosary

7:30p.m. -Mass

SUNDAY - APRIL 4TH EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:00a.m. -Mass

10:00a.m. -Mass

MONDAY - APRIL 5TH

8:00a.m.-Mass

TUESDAY-APRIL 6TH

8:00a.m.-Mass

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 7TH

8:00a.m.-Mass

THURSDAY - APRIL 8TH

8:00a.m.-Mass

FRIDAY - APRIL 9TH

NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY - APRIL 10TH

9:00a.m. -Rosary

4:00p.m. -Mass

SUNDAY - APRIL 11TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

10:00a.m. -Mass For Christina Marden
Requested by Her Sister, Barbara

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. - Jn 20:8-9

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PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK
AND IN A SPECIAL WAY FOR:

Muriel Walsh, Dan Daignault, Eric Henault,
Doris Metilly, Mellissa Angiolillo, Kay Johnson,
Garry Power, Jackie Cook, Ben St. George,
Blake George Murawski, Barbara Englander,
Cathy Mattison, Patrick Remington,,
Robert Mertig, Fr. Xavier Connolly, Patricia Jones,
Elena & Paul Coffey, David Johnson, Theresa Mars,
Doris Urbanovitch, Ginny Bean, Aline Riedle,
Charles Daignault, Ramona Brodeur, Gail Hicks,
for all those sick with the coronavirus



We commend to your prayers Kassidy Roberts. May the Angels lead her into Paradise. We also extend our condolences to the members of her family. We pray that God will give them strength and comfort during their time of loss.

Baptism, Marriage, Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please call Father Cotter or email him at
dcotter01@gmail.com.

Weekly Offertory Collection

Our parish budget requires \$4,000 weekly to meet our expenses. On March 20 to March 26, 2021 we received through the Church Collection \$2376 plus \$469 through Online Giving for a total of \$2845. Thank you for your continued and generous support of our parish.

If you wish to make a weekly direct deposit to the parish, please refer to the instructions on the parish website listed under the "DONATE" tab at www.stcolumbapax.org.

An Easter Message from Our Pastor



Happy Easter to all of you and to your families from me, Terry Numellin and the other members of the staff here at St. Columba.

Many years ago, when I was in seminary, the German Lutheran theologian Wolfhart Pannenberg (1928-2014) was considered quite the radical thinker because he believed that the Resurrection of Christ was an historical event. That is to say, he believed that it was a observable, physical event, something that occurred in time and space and not merely in the minds and hearts of Jesus' followers and that the tomb in which he had been laid was empty. Most academic theologians of the time, not in the Catholic universities but the big divinity schools and theological faculties of the world, thought that it was somehow only a spiritual event and that whether or not the tomb was empty was immaterial, and that, had we been present in the Holy Land of the Jesus' day, to be witnesses to His appearances, we likely would not have seen anything, although we might have felt something. To think otherwise, that we could walk into an empty tomb and that we could walk and talk with a physically resurrected Jesus was vaguely embarrassing, a superstitious relic of a more credulous age. But that is what we believe when we confess our faith in the resurrection of the body and what John Updike expresses so well in his poem "Seven Stanzas at Easter," which we include here. Once again, Happy Easter.

John Updike, "Seven Stanzas as Easter" (1960)

Make no mistake: if he rose at all
It was as His body;
If the cell's dissolution did not reverse, the molecules
reknit,
The amino acids rekindle,
The Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,
Each soft spring recurrent;
It was not as His Spirit in the mouths and fuddled
eyes of the
Eleven apostles;
It was as His flesh; ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes
The same valved heart
That—pierced—died, withered, paused, and then
regathered
Out of enduring Might
New strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor,
Analogy, sidestepping, transcendence,
Making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the
faded
Credulity of earlier ages:
Let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not papier-mache,
Not a stone in a story,
But the vast rock of materiality that in the slow
grinding of
Time will eclipse for each of us
The wide light of day.

And if we have an angel at the tomb,
Make it a real angel,
Weighty with Max Planck's quanta, vivid with hair,
opaque in
The dawn light, robed in real linen
Spun on a definite loom.

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,
For our own convenience, our own sense of beauty,
Lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we are
embarrassed
By the miracle,
And crushed by remonstrance.

Partners In Charity, 2021

As in previous years, our Partners in Charity annual campaign began during Lent. Many of you have received a letter from the diocese announcing the campaign kickoff and requesting your assistance. Unlike previous years there will be no "in pew" weekend due to COVID-19 concerns. Our parish goal remains at \$39,900. We encourage your prayerful consideration of a one time gift and/or a monthly pledge to help us reach our 2021 Partners in Charity goal. Thank you.

Emmanuel radio is halfway to our "Year of St. Joseph" 100 men goal. Accept the challenge to live like St. Joseph for 100 days in prayer and action. To join go to 1230radio.com or call (508) 767-1230.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

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Religious Education April Schedule

All classes will be held via Zoom & home-study for the winter session. Zoom Invitations will be sent through Flocknotes, on the Friday before the scheduled Zoom Class. If you do not receive the Zoom invitation please call Mrs. Nummelin: 774-239-0803 (cell) 508-755-0601 (office)

Grades 1& 2	April 4/11, 4/25
Grades 3 & 4	April 4/12, 4/26
Grade 5 & 6	April 4/13, 4/27
Grades 7 & 8	April 4/12, 4/26
Grades 9 & 10	April 4/11, 4/25

Hope for Housing

The Hope for Housing sale of food cards will continue in April.

We will not be offering cards on the first weekend in April which is Easter weekend.

The sale of food cards will continue on April 10th and 11th and April 24th and 25th.

Volunteers Needed

The painting of the Church will begin on Monday, April 12th. Many volunteers will be needed the week of April 4th to April 10th to help clear everything from the Church and bring it downstairs. Please call Father Cotter at 508-686-0394 if you can help during that week and to arrange a time to come. Your help is very much appreciated.

The Haitian Sewing Ministry

The Haitian Sewing Ministry has been discontinued until further notice. If anyone needs a kit to sew at home, please contact Marianne Girouard by email at mcgirouard@hotmail.com or at (508) 798-8330.

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