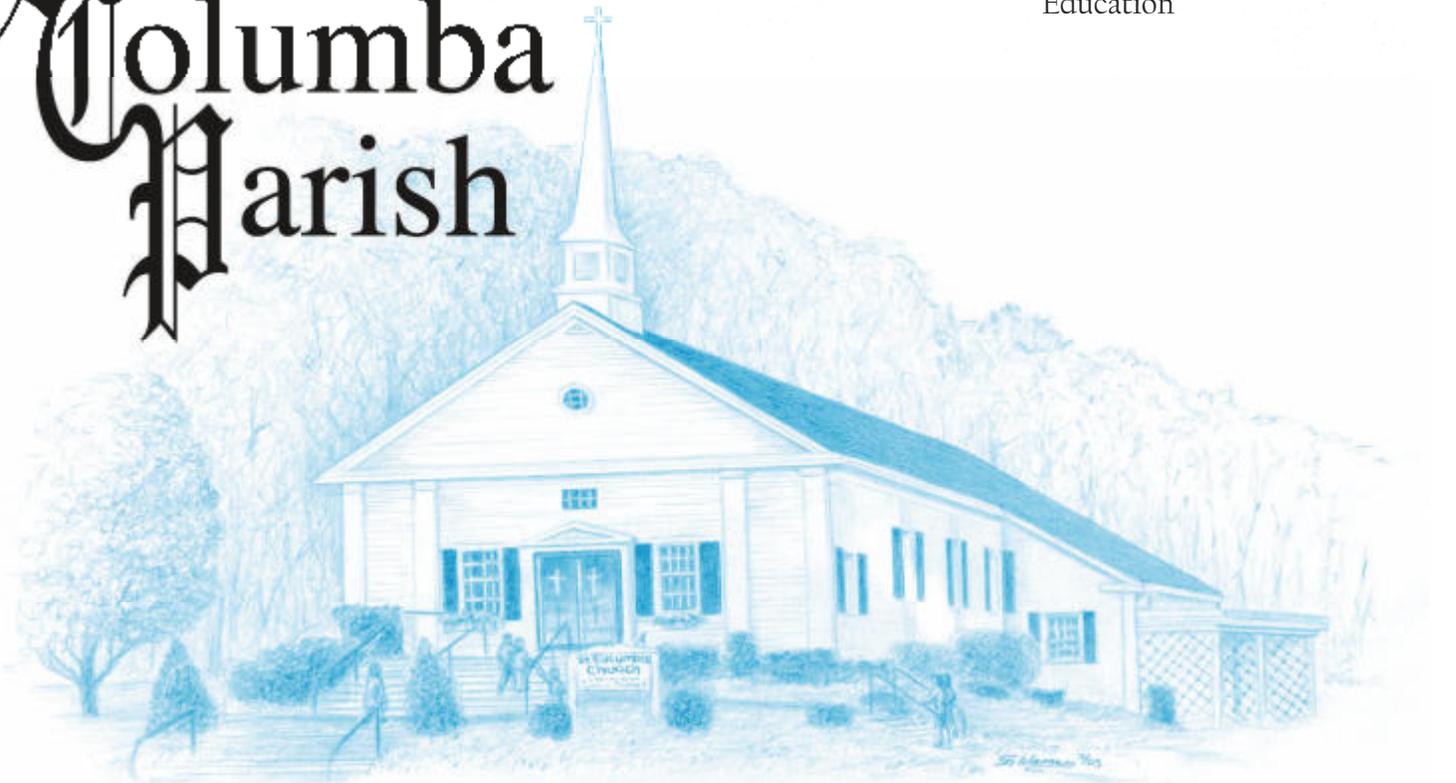


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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening 5:00PM, 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 4:15PM

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- MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

9:00a.m.-Rosary

5:00p.m. -Mass

In Memory of  
Louis & Josephine Zglobicki  
Requested by the Family

SUNDAY - MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

8:00a.m. -Mass

In Memory of  
Harold "Buzzy" Mullaney  
Requested by Beverly & Larry Broome

10:00a.m. -Mass

MONDAY - MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m.-Mass

TUESDAY-MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m.-Mass

WEDNESDAY - MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m.-Mass

THURSDAY - MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m.-Mass

FRIDAY - MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY - MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

9:00a.m. -Rosary

5:00p.m. -Mass

SUNDAY - MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m. -Mass

10:00a.m. -Mass

First Reading

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,  
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.  
(Acts 2:3)

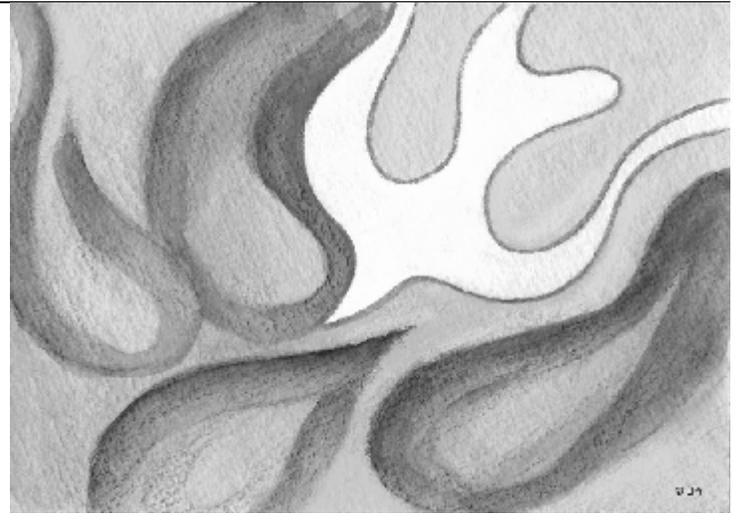
Psalm

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the  
earth. (Ps 104)

Second Reading

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, generosity,  
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control  
Against such there is no law. (Gal 5:22-23)

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"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me." - Jn 16:12-14a

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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, Patricia Jones, Elena & Paul Coffey,  
David Johnson, Theresa Mars, Emily Ellen Calamari  
Doris Urbanovitch, Ginny Bean, Aline Riedle,  
Charles Daigneault, Ramona Brodeur,  
for all those sick with the coronavirus

*The Mass can be watched on Paxton Cable  
Channel 192 on Sunday and Monday at  
4p.m., 6p.m. and 8p.m.*



We commend to your prayers Gail Hicks 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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

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Weekly Offertory Collection

Our parish budget requires \$4,000 weekly to meet our expenses. On the weekend of May 15<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup>, we received \$2477 through the Church Collection plus \$349 through Online Giving for a total of \$2826. 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](http://www.stcolumbapax.org).

*The Rosary* is recited every Saturday at 9a.m.  
All are welcome.

*Baptism, Marriage, Pastoral Care of the Sick -*

Please call Father Cotter at the rectory or email him at [dcotter01@gmail.com](mailto:dcotter01@gmail.com).

Mass Online - The 10a.m. Mass is being live-streamed every Sunday on St. Columba's website at <https://stcolumbapax.org/livestream> and on the St. Columba Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/SaintColumbaParish/>.

Hope for Housing Sale of Food Cards

The Hope for Housing sale of food cards will continue in June after all the masses on the first and third weekend of the month. The dates are June 5th and 6th and June 19th and 20th.

5/23/2021

### Partners In Charity Appeal

Partners in Charity 2021 has reached 70% of the diocesan goal of \$5,000,000. Bishop McManus has asked our help in reaching this year's goal and we are asking anyone who hasn't had a chance to contribute to consider a gift. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment envelope and mail to the diocese, place in the collection basket or visit [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net) to complete an online gift or pledge. There is a concerted effort to complete this years fundraising by June 30, 2021.

St Columba parishioners have currently contributed \$27,175 towards our goal of \$39,900 (68%). We ask your prayerful consideration in helping us reach our goal and support the very important programs administered through Partners in Charity. Thank you.

### Upcoming Ordinations

Please keep the following men in your prayers as they prepare for their upcoming ordination to the Priesthood or Diaconate.

**May 29 at 10 AM** - diaconate ordination of James Boulette, Thiago Ibiapina, and Derek Mobilio

**May 29 at 2 PM** - diaconate ordination of Cleber de Paula, Julio Granados, and Juan Parra

**June 19 at 10 AM**-priestly ordination of Deacons Laroche and LaRoche

*The Haitian Sewing Ministry* has been discontinued until further notice. If anyone would like a kit to sew at home, please contact Marianne Girouard by email at [mcgirouard@hotmail.com](mailto:mcgirouard@hotmail.com) or at (508) 798-8330. Thank you.

*For Middle and High School Students* –The Diocesan Youth Ministry Office will be offering several exciting opportunities this summer for middle and high school youth! Events include a trip to an aerial adventure course, whitewater rafting, summer worship nights, the Diocesan volleyball league, and the Diocesan Youth Discipleship Team. To get more information or to register a group for any of these opportunities go to the Diocesan Youth Ministry website at [www.neworchester.org](http://www.neworchester.org).

**5/23/2021**

**St. Thomas More Law School Scholarship**

Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of varying amounts, usually around \$3000 to a law student attending an accredited law school in the fall. Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester. Applicants may be in any year of law school studies. Applications may be obtained by visiting the diocesan website [www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomasmoresociety](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomasmoresociety), by mailing requests to: St. Thomas More Society, Chancery Office, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA. 01609 or calling Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. Applications are due on or before June 30, 2021. Should anyone wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, donations will be greatly appreciated and you can contact us at the above address or phone number.

**Diocesan Summer Young Adult Events**

All young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to join us for our Diocesan Young Adult Ministry events this summer! Events include weekly pick-up volleyball, hiking trips to Mt. Wachusett and Mt. Monadnock, an aerial adventure course, and whitewater rafting. Some events require registration in advance. To sign up or to get more information go to [www.neworchester.org/summer-young-adult-events](http://www.neworchester.org/summer-young-adult-events) or contact Tim Messenger -(508) 929-4360 or at [tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org).



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