

# Saint Columba Parish

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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 call or visit the rectory to register.

We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY – JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>

9:00a.m. -Rosary

4:00p.m. -Mass

In Memory of  
Joan Tomasino  
6th Anniversary

Requested by Her Husband, Larry

SUNDAY – JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m. -Mass

10:00a.m. -Mass

MONDAY – JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m. -Mass

TUESDAY - JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m. -Mass

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m. -Mass

THURSDAY – JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m. -Mass

FRIDAY – JANUARY 14<sup>ST</sup>

NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY – JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>

9:00a.m. –Rosary

4:00p.m. -Mass

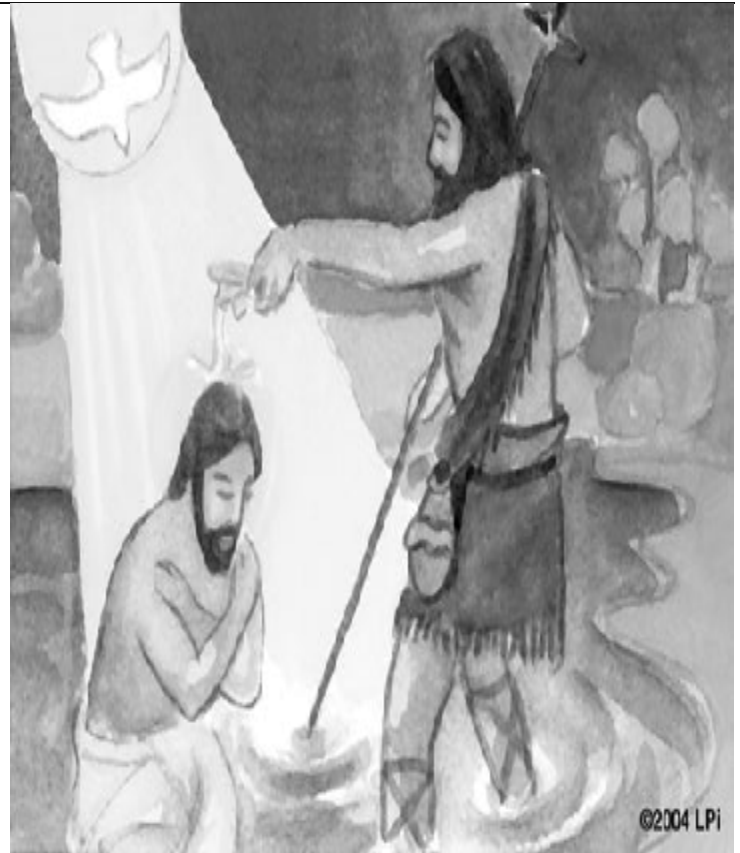
In Memory of  
Robert Girouard  
10th Anniversary

Requested by His Wife & Family

SUNDAY - JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a.m. -Mass

10:00a.m. -Mass



“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” - Lk 3:16bc  
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*The 10a.m. Sunday Mass can be watched on Paxton Cable Channel 192 on Sunday and Monday at 4p.m., 6p.m. and 8p.m.*

Delay or School Cancellation

When there is delay or no school in the Wachusett District, there will be no morning Mass.

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

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

Quote

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”  
—Pope Francis

First Reading

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed.  
and all people shall see it together;  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.  
(40:5)

Psalm

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

Second Reading

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

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

Muriel Walsh, Dan Daignault, Eric Henault,  
Mellissa Angiolillo, Gayla & Roger Bergman,  
Garry Power, Doris Metilly, Michelle Reidy  
Blake George Murawski, Barbara Englander,  
Patrick Remington, Jackie Cook, Jacob Rivera  
Robert Mertig, Patricia Jones, Elena & Paul Coffey,  
David Johnson, Theresa Mars, Emily Ellen Calamari,  
Doris Urbanovitch, Ginny Bean, Aline Riedle,  
Charles Daigneault, Ramona Brodeur, Pauline Miller,  
Zoey Murray, John Laverdi  
*To add or remove a name, please call or email the rectory.*

**Weekly Offertory Collection**

Our parish budget requires \$4,000 weekly to meet our expenses. We received on

**December 25th:**

Christmas Day Collection: \$2517.

Christmas Offering Collection: \$6634.

**December 26th:**

Sunday Collection: \$1639.

Thank you for your continued and generous support of our parish.

***Online Giving*** -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 Haitian Sewing Ministry**



The Haitian Sewing Ministry is meeting again on Wednesday mornings from 9a.m. until 12p.m. All are welcome. If anyone would prefer to sew at home there are many kits available to choose from, please contact Marianne Girouard by email at [m.c.girouard71@gmail.com](mailto:m.c.girouard71@gmail.com) or at (508) 798-8330. Thank you.

***The Rosary*** is said every Saturday at 9a.m. in the Church. All are welcome.



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

**Religious Education January Schedule**

January 9, 23, 30: Sunday Gr. 1 & 2:  
8:50a.m.-9:50a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00a.m.

January 9, 23, 30: Sunday Gr. 9 & 10: 10:00a.m. Mass  
followed by class at 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

January 10, 24, 31: Monday Gr. 3 & 4: 3:00-4:15p.m.

January 10, 24, 31: Monday Gr. 7 & 8: 7:00-8:00p.m.

January 11, 18, 25: Tuesday Gr. 5 & 6:  
3:00p.m.-4:15p.m.

Please note that there is a class for Gr. 5 & 6 on January 25th.

**Hope for Housing Food Card Sale**

Food cards to benefit the Hope for Housing Program sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition To Prevent Family Homelessness will be available the weekend of January 15th and 16th after all the Masses at the front entrance to the Church. Thank you to all who volunteer and support this program.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
Prayer Service**

You are invited to a Service of the Word at Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday, Jan. 16 at 2:00 pm. Join Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and Trinity and Concordia Lutheran Churches in prayer. We will also bless the efforts to resettle an Afghan family in Worcester...From the Gospel of John...."That we may be one."

Families requesting a Mass are welcome to bring up the gifts at the Offertory. Please let the Usher know.

**1/02/2022**

### **Pro-Life Morning of Reflection**

Please join us for A Morning for Life with Msgr. James P. Moroney on **Saturday, Jan. 15 from 10:00am-noon** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. The mini-retreat will include a talk on “How Precious Life Is”, quiet prayer time, and Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life. Pre-registration is preferred (though not required). Email intent to attend to [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org). Download the flyer with more details at: | [www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life).

### **Pro-Life Mass with Bishop McManus**

All are invited to attend the annual Mass for Life celebrated by Bishop McManus on **Thursday, Jan. 20 at 7:00 pm.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. Please join us on the eve of the March for Life as we remember the 49th tragic anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. All are welcome!

### **Thoughts on Living the Liturgy**

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredible humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That’s exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

### **Suggestions for Church Events**

Please email Mrs. Nummelin at [terrorynummelin@gmail.com](mailto:terrorynummelin@gmail.com) or text her at 774-239-0803 with any suggestions for Church events.

1/09/2022

**The Annual Worcester Diocesan  
Catholic Men's Conference**

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important in-person conference, scheduled for Assumption University on **Saturday, April 2, 2022**. Visit the conference website at [www.firstmensconf.org](http://www.firstmensconf.org) for information and to purchase tickets online. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin O'Brien, Tim Francis, Dan Egan, Father Anthony Hamaty and Dr. Pat Castle. For further information call Msgr. Tom Sullivan at 508-450-2556. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 21st; afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

**Upcoming Cursillo Weekends**

It's time. Time to learn more about your Faith. Cursillo weekends are a wonderful, fun way to give you a start on this journey. Two weekends are coming up for early 2022. A **Women's Weekend February 3-6**; and a **Men's Weekend March 17-20**. Visit [www.fourthday.org](http://www.fourthday.org) and download an application today or call Pam Hamilton at 774-239-8909 for more information. You will be so very glad you did!

**Vianney Dinner to Learn More  
About the Priesthood**

The next Vianney dinner is Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022 At the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies. These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. They are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as their schedule allows. 6:05p.m. Mass, 6:30p.m. dinner and 7p.m. social. An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful in getting an accurate count. Email to [director@worcestervocations.com](mailto:director@worcestervocations.com).

**Save the Date** for the Diocesan High School Youth Retreat at Anna Maria College on May 20-22. Details and registration information coming soon.

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