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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 22ND

9:00a.m. -Rosary

4:00p.m. -Mass In Memory of Gerry Bernier
Requested by the Family

SUNDAY - JANUARY 23RD

8:00a.m. -Mass

10:00a.m. -Mass In Memory of
Elton Schlegel
Requested by the Family

MONDAY - JANUARY 24TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

TUESDAY - JANUARY 25TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 26TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

THURSDAY - JANUARY 27TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

FRIDAY - JANUARY 28TH

NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY - JANUARY 29TH

9:00a.m. -Rosary

4:00p.m. -Mass In Memory of
Dennis Theroux
Requested by the Family

SUNDAY - JANUARY 30TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

10:00a.m. -Mass



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“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor...
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”
- Lk 4:18a, 19

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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.

Word of Life

“I believe that life is a sacred gift of God and should
be treated as such.”

Charlie Stenholm, U.S. Representative

First Reading

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law
of God,
Interpreting it so that all could
understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

Psalm

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into
one body,
whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons,
and we were all given to drink of one
Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

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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, Tammi Nelson
To add or remove a name, please call or email the rectory.

Religious Education January Schedule



January 23, 30: Sunday Gr. 1 & 2:
8:50a.m.-9:50a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00a.m.
January 23, 30: Sunday Gr. 9 & 10: 10:00a.m. Mass
followed by class at 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
January 24, 31: Monday Gr. 3 & 4: 3:00-4:15p.m.
January 24, 31: Monday Gr. 7 & 8: 7:00-8:00p.m.
January 25: Tuesday Gr. 5 & 6: 3:00p.m.-4:15p.m.

The Haitian Sewing Ministry



The Haitian Sewing Ministry has cancelled meeting on Wednesday mornings until further notice due to the continuing surge in covid cases. 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 or at (508) 798-8330. Thank you.

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

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

**Visitation House
Virtual Baby Bottle Drive**



Visitation House in Worcester has been taking care of women and their babies for sixteen years. The parish-based baby bottle drives have provided critical support over many years. Visitation House does not receive state or federal aid; this is a deliberate choice because sharing the Catholic faith is essential to its mission.

Visitation House was inspired by a lay catholic woman who lived in Worcester and saw the need for a home which provided a safe harbor to pregnant women.

Our parish is hosting a Virtual Baby Bottle Drive for Visitation House this weekend, January 22/23, 2022. Virtual means no baby bottles to fill and collect, no coins to process! A flyer will be made available to you this weekend with a descriptions of straightforward ways to give (online or check).

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 in February on the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month, February 5-6 and February 20-21 after all the Masses at the front entrance to the Church. Thank you to all who volunteer and support this program.

Offertory Contribution Statements

Statements of Offertory contributions made by parishioners during 2021 to St. Columba may be obtained by calling the parish office at 508-755-0408 and leaving a message for Barbara or Dick or email the office at stcolumba@charter.net.

The Parish Council Meeting for January has been cancelled due to the continuing surge in Covid cases. The next meeting will be February 16th.

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Gospel Meditation

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. ©LPi



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Weekly Offertory Collection

Our parish budget requires \$4,000 weekly to meet our expenses. On the weekend of January 15-16 we received \$2935. 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.

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 for information and to purchase tickets online. 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.

Rescheduled: Christian Unity Service

Blessed Sacrament Parish will host a Service of the Word on **Sunday, Jan. 23 at 2:00 pm**. They will be joined by Trinity and Concordia Lutheran congregations to pray for Christian unity and will also bless the efforts to resettle an Afghan family in Worcester

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Women's Weekend on February 3-6
Men's Weekend on March 17-20
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