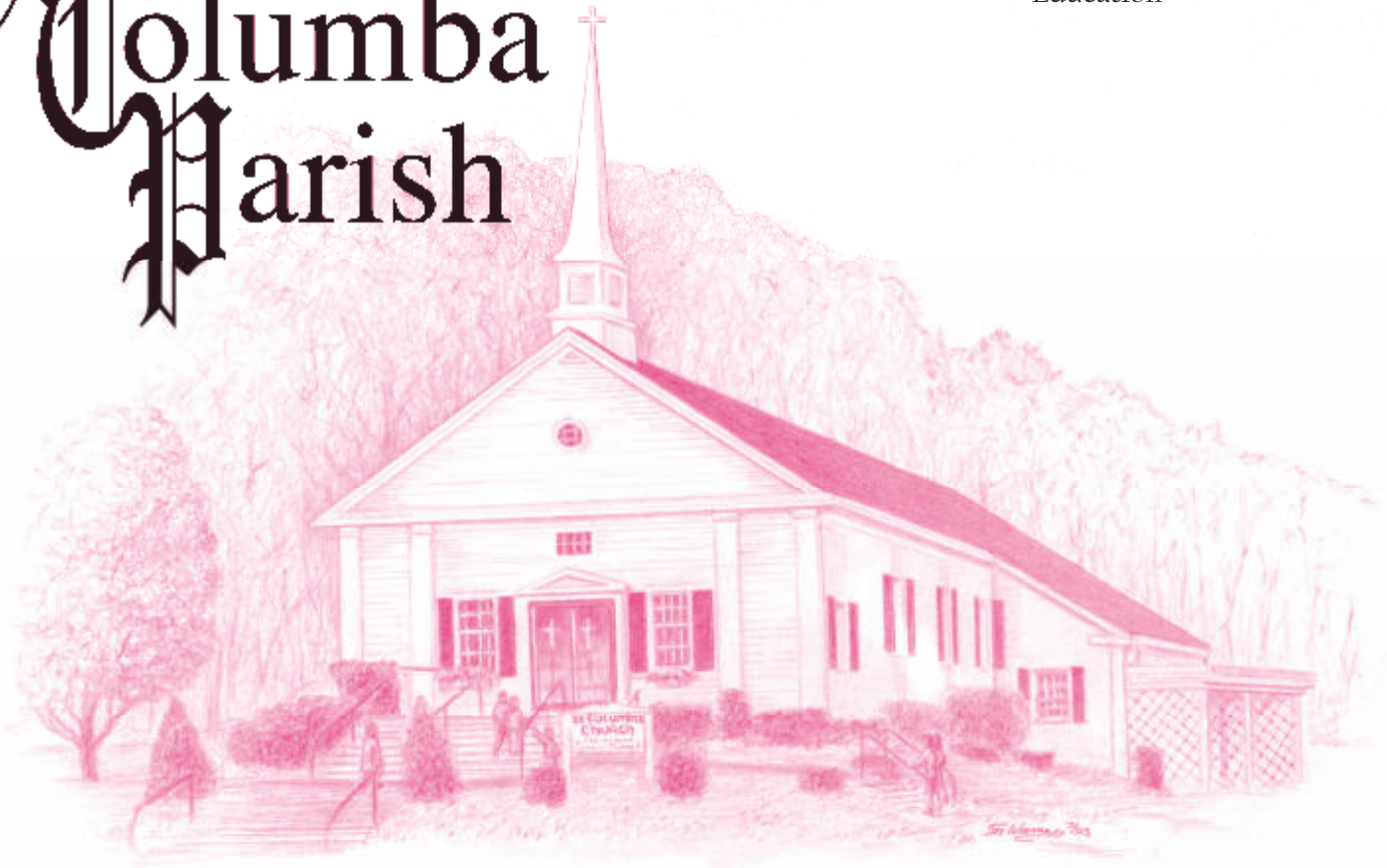


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#### SUNDAY MASSES

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

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

7:30AM (Tuesday—Friday)

#### 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

Monday 9:00 AM

#### 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 SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY- DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
 9:00a.m. -Rosary  
 4:00p.m. -Mass For the Asia Family

**SUNDAY - DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
 8:00a.m. -Mass For Kathy Bedard  
 9th Anniversary  
 Requested by the Bedard & Ryan Families  
 10:00a.m. -Mass For Francis Curran  
 Requested by the Family

**MONDAY - DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
*NO MORNING MASS*

**TUESDAY-DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
 7:30a.m.-Mass

**WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
 7:30a.m.-Mass

**THURSDAY - DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
 7:30a.m.-Mass

**FRIDAY - DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
 7:30a.m.-Mass

**SATURDAY - DECEMBER 22<sup>NF</sup>**  
 9:00a.m. -Rosary  
 4:00p.m. -Mass

**SUNDAY - DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
 8:00a.m. -Mass  
 10:00a.m. -Mass



John answered them all, saying, "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 3:16  
 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

ALTAR SERVERS

<u>12/15-12/16</u>	<u>12/22-12/23</u>
<u>4:00p.m.</u>	
Eamon McDonnell	Liam McDonnell
<u>8:00a.m.</u>	
Logan Domineck	Logan Domineck
<u>10:00a.m.</u>	
Liam Daly	Piotr Bielecki
Luke Putney	Caleb Rocha

THE ROSARY

*The Rosary is recited every Saturday at 9a.m. in the church.  
 All are invited and encouraged to attend.*

TV DAILY MASS

Daily mass can be seen on Charter TV channel 193 Monday through Friday at 9:00a.m.

LITURGICAL ROLES

<u>12/15-12/16</u>	<u>12/22-12/23</u>
<u>4:00p.m.</u>	
M. Power (L)	E. Zglobicki (L)
A. Stoica (E)	R. White (E)
D. Stoica (E)	L. Doyle (E)
<u>8:00a.m.</u>	
R. Bedard (L)	R. Bedard (L)
M. Ahearn (E)	M. Paladino (E)
J. Laracy (E)	P. Lock (E)
<u>10:00a.m.</u>	
P. Stephens (L)	M. Benoit (L)
K. Anderson (E)	P. Belsito (E)
MJ Anderson (E)	M. Reardon (E)
P. Belsito (E)	

TV MINISTRY SCHEDULE

12/16/2018	Pat Stephens
12/23/2018	Tim Murphy
12/30/2018	Liam McDonnell

The 10a.m. mass is recorded each week and shown on channel 192 at 4:00p.m., 6:00p.m. and 8:00p.m. on Sunday and Monday.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Bob Mattson, Dan Daignault  
Debbie Lyons, Doris Metilly  
Mellissa Angiolillo, Julie Dix,  
Jackie Cook, Blake George Murawski  
Barbara Englander, Ginny Bean  
Aline Riedle, Robert & Rita Mertig  
Patricia Jones, Jim Cavanaugh  
Alice Falcone

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Our parish budget requires \$4,000 weekly to meet our expenses. On the weekend of December 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> we received \$4538. Thank you for your continued and generous support of our parish.

**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 this weekend, of December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Your continued support of this project is appreciated. Sales will remain the first and third weekend of each month. We hope you consider this charity for your Holiday shopping and gift giving. Should you require large amounts, please talk to the sellers regarding your needs. Thanks to all who volunteer and support this project. **This is the last opportunity to support this charity before Christmas.** Future sales dates are: January 5 and 6 and 19 and 20, 2019



The Annual Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 10:00a.m. Mass. *St. Columba's Coffee Café* will be open immediately following the Mass with plenty of Christmas goodies!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE**

**AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

Sunday Gr. 1 & 2 8:50a.m.-9:50a.m. 12/16/18  
Sunday Gr. 9 & 10 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m. 12/16/18

Monday Gr. 3 & 4 3:00p.m.-4:15p.m. 12/17/18  
Monday Gr. 7 7:00p.m.-8:00p.m. 12/17/18

Tuesday Gr. 5 & 6 3:00p.m.-4:15p.m. 12/18/18  
Tuesday Gr. 8 7:00p.m.-8:00p.m. 12/18/18

Thursday Gr. 1,2,3,4 3:00p.m.-4:15p.m. 12/20/18  
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Thursday Gr. 9 & 10 6:30p.m.-8:00p.m. 12/20/18

Class Project – students are gathering to bake cookies for the Christmas Coffee Gathering being held after the Christmas Pageant on Sunday, 12/23

Sunday Gr. 1 & 2 8:50a.m.-9:50a.m. 12/23/18  
Christmas Pageant at the 10:00a.m. Mass

Sunday Gr. 9 & 10 NO CLASS on 12/23/18

*We invite all families to join us for the following events...*



Christmas Caroling to our homebound followed by a potluck dinner in the church hall.

Date: Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 4:00p.m. Mass.

12/16/2018

*Christmas &  
New Year's Mass Schedule*

*Christmas Eve  
4pm and 6pm*

*Christmas Day  
8am and 10am*

*New Year's Day  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY  
MOTHER OF GOD  
9am.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The forgotten wrong

In an affluent society, the sin rarely referred to is avarice. We redefine it as ambition, upward mobility, or simply "doing well." But the clutch of personal possessions is still the spiritual stranglehold it always was. The needle's eye isn't getting any bigger, and our modern camels still won't pass through. John the Baptist offers several key remedies. First, share what you have with those who don't have. Second, don't cheat, ever. Third, don't keep striving for more. Finally, be humble. These remedies for avarice are countercultural. They also prepare the way of the One who is coming.

TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18 (9). "The crowds asked John the Baptist: 'What should we do?'

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

Thank You

The 7th Grade students would like to **thank you** for your generous support of their Giving Tree Project. Over 250 gifts were distributed to the two organizations after the 10am mass. Thank you also to all who helped the students with the project.

12/16/2018

**Summary of the November Parish Council Meeting**

- Christmas Caroling will be held on Saturday, Dec. 22nd from 5-6:30pm. A potluck supper in the church hall will follow.
- New committee being formed for Marketing & Communications purposes for parish. Anyone interested in assisting with developing these services and social media presence is encouraged to contact the Parish Council
- Haitian Sewing ministry has concluded their meetings for the present. A luncheon event was held Nov. 28th to thank the many volunteers (about 40) for their participation.
- Hope for Housing sale of food cards has completed its fourth year at St. Columba. The total for food card purchases for 2018 (to date) is \$7250 with a four year total of purchases equaling \$149,240. Many thanks to all who support this program.
- The Outreach Ministry welcomed a new volunteer and three new recipients for visits. Anyone Wishing to join this service and /or knows someone that needs to be visited, please contact Dan Doyle.

**Christmas Concert**

Sunday, December 16th at 2:00 p.m.  
Mary Queen of the Rosary Church | 60 Maple Street |  
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The Anna Maria College Music Department proudly presents our Christmas Festival Concert which will feature the Bel Canto Chamber Choir, Wind Ensemble, and Concert Chorus. The concert program will include Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols, Alfred Burt's Christmas Carols as well as other holiday favorites. We welcome you and your family to get into the Christmas spirit in this free concert.

The first 2019 Cursillo weekend for Men will be March 21-24. The first 2019 Women's Cursillo weekend is May 2-5.

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