Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the mission of Saint Columba Parish is to develop, support and maintain a strong family community by instilling a love of faith in all. We fully participate in the liturgy, celebrate the Word of God, receive the Sacraments and continue in faith formation. Our members share their gifts and talents to provide outreach through various ministries and to respond compassionately to the needs of others in our parish, our community, and the world.

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Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

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**Mass Schedule**

**Sunday, The Lord’s Day:**
5:00 p.m. (Saturday)
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Holy Days of Obligation (excluding Dec. 25 and Jan. 1):**
5:30 p.m. (vigil)
6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m & 7:00 p.m.

**Monday through Friday:** 7:30 a.m

**Saturday:** 8:00 a.m

**First Friday:** 7:30 a.m & 5:00 p.m.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**
First Friday: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Sacraments**

**Sacrament of Baptism:**
Please call the parish office for scheduling a baptism and for arranging a baptismal preparation class.

**Godparents for Baptism and Sponsors for Confirmation**

must be practicing Catholics, aged 16 or older, have already received the Sacraments of Initiation; viz., Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist and, either single or, if married, married in accord with Catholic Church Law.

**Sacrament of Penance:**
Saturday: 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. & 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Also by appointment

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:**
Contact the priest immediately in an emergency. In cases of illness or in anticipation of major surgery, please contact the priest to schedule the celebration of this Sacrament.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:**
Diocesan Common Policy requires nine to twelve months’ advance notification to the priest and participation in marriage preparation.

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Diocese of Harrisburg: www.hbgdiocese.org
School: www.saintcolumbaschool.org
Catholic Campus Ministry: www.bloomsburgcatholic.org

**Bulletin Submissions:** due by Friday at 4:00 p.m.
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Hospitality is a great virtue. It is extending welcome and kindness to another out of love for them and because of the Lord. Great blessings come to us when we show hospitality. The woman of Shunem was blessed because of her hospitality to Elisha. Jesus reminds us that when we receive another, we receive Him and the Father who sent Him. Even a cup of cold water to another has its reward. Summer is a good opportunity to welcome and show kindness to others.

Msgr. Bob Lawrence

FROM OUR DIOCESE: The Diocese strongly recommends that those who are sick, have a compromised immune system or are considered more vulnerable continue to remain home at this time.

- The dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is still in place. All Mass livestreams are strongly encouraged to continue.
- Public Masses may resume at the Pastor’s discretion, so long as social distancing and proper sanitation is observed. Sanitation must take place after every Mass.
- All parishioners attending Mass must wear a face mask. Masks may only be removed when receiving Holy Communion.
- Holy Communion will be distributed at the regular time during Mass. We recommend that Holy Communion be received on the hand.
- Parishes are to use tape or rope to indicate proper social distancing within the parish buildings, including the pews.
- Confessions may resume at the Pastor’s discretion, pending social distancing and proper sanitation are followed.
- Proper sanitation will occur after every gathering and at the close of every day.
- Holy Water fonts will remain empty. Bottled holy water may be available for parishioners to take home. All hymnals, missals, missalettes and Bibles will be removed.
- The Sign of Peace will continue to be omitted.

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY:
On Saturday of this week, we celebrate the anniversary of our independence. It is a day when we pray in a special way for our country that it may remain the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Have a great time with family, relatives, and friends on that day as we remember to pray for our country.

MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY/June 28, 2020
8:00 a.m.  People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Theodore Corcoran (Frey Family)

MONDAY/June 29, 2020
7:30 a.m.  Frank Scarpino (Lucille Lukas)

TUESDAY/June 30, 2020
7:30 a.m.  Fr. John Kemper

WEDNESDAY/July 1, 2020
7:30 a.m.  Anthony Gosdick (Karen Miller)

THURSDAY/July 2, 2020
7:30 a.m.  Dorothy Wydila (Dautrich Family)

FRIDAY/July 3, 2020
7:30 a.m.  Donald & Marilyn McAuvic (Tombasco Family)
5:00 p.m.  Fr. Dominick Mammarella

SATURDAY/July 4, 2020
8:00 a.m.  Fr. Clarence Olszewski
5:00 p.m.  Richard Marston (Ann Marie Cantore)

NEXT SUNDAY/July 5, 2020
8:00 a.m.  People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.  George Berger, Jr. (Family)

BLESSING MOTHER CANDLE: In Loving Memory of Katherine M. Billets (Karen Miller).

MAY HE REST IN THE PEACE OF THE LORD!
Please pray for the soul of Mr. Victor L. Kimsal who died on June 18, 2020. The parish community of Saint Columba Church extends its deepest sympathies to his family, relatives, and friends on their loss.

MAY SHE REST IN THE PEACE OF THE LORD!
Please pray for the soul of Mrs. Helen Wallace who died on June 23, 2020. The parish community of Saint Columba Church extends its deepest sympathies to her family, relatives, and friends on their loss.

FIRST FRIDAY occurs this Friday, July 3. Adoration will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Benediction will be given at 4:30 p.m. We will celebrate Mass at 5:00 p.m.

NO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS SUMMER: As may seem obvious, we are unable to hold VBS while social distancing. Thanks to the many volunteers who help us every year! Enjoy the summer.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

June 21, 2020 - $11,814
June 23, 2019 - $12,055
This week’s Offering - Weekly
Next week’s Offering - Weekly
Second Collection - Missionary Cooperative
REGARDING FACE MASKS: Covering one’s face during Mass, though it may seem an inconvenience, is a helpful measure, and an act of love, to decrease the probability of spreading infection. We want to take all the measures outlined by our Diocese to minimize the risks to all members of our gathered community. Please remember to keep the face mask on and over BOTH your mouth and your nose when you are talking to one another before and after Mass. Speaking, singing, sneezing and coughing are all events when numerous aerosol droplets are expelled, and these droplets can contain infectious germs. Remember: almost half of the transmissions of covid occur from people when they are pre-symptomatic.

FIRST COMMUNION: The second date on which a child may receive First Holy Communion with others from the class is Saturday, August 8, at 10:30 a.m. First Communicants may walk up the aisle with or without masks and sit in the pew with their families.

If this date does not suit, the child may receive on any day of the week at one of the regularly-scheduled Masses.

Please call the office and inform us of what your decision is.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Those who were scheduled to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 16, may receive it with the class on Saturday, July 18, at 10:00 a.m.

If this date does not suit, you may receive the Sacrament on any day of the week at one of the regularly-scheduled Masses. Just call the office to make arrangements.

PRAYER FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS:

Almighty God, whose beloved Son Jesus Christ, went about doing good, and healing all manner of illness and disease:

Continue, we beseech you, his gracious work among us, especially within our Parish Family and their loved ones.

Grant to physicians, nurses and all health care professionals wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; keep them safe and preserve them from all contagion.

Cheer, heal and sanctify the sick, and send down your blessing on all who care for them healer, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

+ J. Augustine DiNoia
Adjunct Secretary
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
PARISH MASS ON YOUTUBE: Our Mass videos and extra music videos are on our YouTube Channel called “Saint Columba Parish.” You can watch these at any time and we will be joined spiritually. The Sacred Liturgy is an action of the entire Church, the Body united to the Head. Even if a priest celebrates Mass completely alone during these days, although not the preferred option of the Church since the Roman Missal does not provide for such an option, the action is one that unites the entire Church in Heaven, in Purgatory, and on earth in a spiritual communion with Christ the Head.

OUR CHURCH ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB: Did you know that St. Columba Church has both an actively updated website and a Facebook page? On our parish website www.saintcolumbachurch.org you can find schedules for ministries, our pastor’s message, you can listen to last Sunday’s homily, and discover lots of information about the parish, including links to present and past bulletins. On the Facebook page, (“Saint Columba Catholic Church”) we regularly update events in the parish, special dates for Catholics, messages from the Pope, and other relevant information in addition to beautiful Catholic art. Stay updated and connected to the parish via the internet!

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT OUR MAILING ADDRESS: Some of you may be aware that we had a post office box, but we dropped the P.O. Box form of mail delivery at the end of April. Please only use “342 Iron St., Bloomsburg, PA 17815-1824” as the official mailing address of the church. Also the Food Cupboard will no longer use the P.O. Box, but the same address as the church.

FROM THE FOOD CUPBOARD: Thank you to the understanding and cooperative parishioners, especially those coming to the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass for navigating their way around the food cupboard lines in order to park for Mass.

The Food Cupboard encourages all gardeners to “plant a row for the hungry” in order to share your bountiful harvest with those in need. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Bloomsburg Food Cupboard!


MYPARISH APP: June often brings time to refresh, renew, and recharge spiritually. Whether you’re on vacation, at home, or waiting for an appointment, your myParish app gives you quick access to many aspects of your Catholic life every day. Receiving direct messages and updates from our parish are one benefit to the app. Each Sunday’s homilies from Msgr. Lawrence and Bishop Robert Barron are also on the app. The USCCB readings of the day are accessible, and you will find 49 prayers in the Prayer button. Catching up on the news is a snap by touching the News button. There are interesting articles from the Catholic News Agency. Have a moment for a quick read? Click the Inspire Daily light bulb and find daily blogs from Catholic writers based on the day’s readings. The reflections button provides interesting commentaries throughout the liturgical year from Scott Hahn. Trying to find a church while traveling this summer? Tap the 3 lines in the upper left hand corner while on the myParish app. Then type in the zip code of your destination where it says Find a Parish. In seconds you will see the closest 10 parishes to that location using the app. Don’t know the zip code? Touch the Discover Mass button and enter a city name and state. All these aspects of Catholic life and more can be found in your myParish app. May it allow you an experience of our faith, just a fingertip away. Text App to 88202 to download out app, then search for and select our parish. Call the office for help.
May 4, 2020

Reverend Robert F. Sharman  
Diocese of Harrisburg  
4800 Union Deposit Road  
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Dear Rev. Sharman,

I sincerely thank you for providing an opportunity to the Diocese of Lexington to submit the enclosed appeal letter as part of the Diocese of Harrisburg’s Mission Cooperative Program. While we are saddened that we are unable to join you in person this year, we understand the need to adjust due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We are most grateful to you and Bishop Ronald Gainer for allowing us to present our mission work to your parishes.

I am enclosing a statement from Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv. to read to the four parishes we have been assigned to. Please contact me if you require additional information.

Thank you for your kindness. May God bless you and the Diocese of Harrisburg during this time and as we move forward into the future.

Most Sincerely,

Bobbi Silver  
Director of Development
A letter from Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., of the Diocese of Lexington:

I sincerely thank Bishop Ronald Gainer and the Diocese of Harrisburg for the willingness to assist with the needs of mission dioceses like Lexington through this letter of appeal. I have served as Bishop in Lexington for the past five years, and I am blessed to be the immediate successor of your bishop who knows the needs of our diocese well. I enjoy every opportunity to share how our missions and parishes are building the Kingdom of God in the communities where we serve.

The Diocese of Lexington in Kentucky was established as a mission diocese in 1988, formed mostly from territory of the Diocese of Covington and some from the Archdiocese of Louisville. Our diocese spans fifty counties, forty of them are in the beautiful Appalachian Mountains in eastern Kentucky. While the natural beauty of the region is stunning, material poverty is prevalent and ten of these counties are designated amongst the poorest in the United States.

Catholics represent only 3% of the total population throughout these fifty counties. In the mountainous Appalachian region, the population is less than 1% Catholic and 60% of people are reportedly unchurched. Our Catholic presence in eastern Kentucky focuses on evangelization and offering service to everyone as we strive to be messengers of hope in the very challenging circumstances. Employment opportunities are limited and as a result, most households require the help of others to meet their basic needs for food, shelter, and medicine. In this region, the Catholic Church is a source of comfort as well as a direct provider of emergency assistance. Most of these parishes are small and unable to provide for their own operating expenses, yet people of all faiths or no faith who find themselves in need will turn to the local Catholic Church. Without financial support from outside the diocese, we would not be able to sustain our Catholic presence, ministries, or the direct help that is in great demand.

St. Stephen parish in Cumberland, Kentucky is a wonderful example of how our churches adapt to serve the local community. In this parish, with just 20 registered members and only one child amongst them, the church has established a food pantry that serves over 200 substantial boxes of food staples to the elderly each month and over 600 boxes of food to impoverished families. The ecumenical spirit thrives there as representatives from various denominations throughout the county have joined us with volunteers and contributing funds. The chronic unemployment of this region stemming from the decline of the coal industry will only be made worse by the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Many of the priests and religious serving our diocese, and especially in the Appalachian region, have been there for decades and have witnessed a gradual change from the once predominant anti-Catholic prejudice to a grateful recognition of our Christian service. Many of these priests and religious are aging, some serving well into their eighties! But we are drawing vocations from that population and will continue to promote vocations. At the same time we are blessed to have committed lay parish life directors serving this population.

I love sharing the stories of our life and ministry in Appalachia and in the Bluegrass portion of our diocese. We are also striving to serve the immigrant and refugee communities in our local Church. Thank you for your interest and willingness to be part of our mission through your donations. We are one Church as we share the mission of Christ. May God continue to bless the people of your diocese as you build up the Kingdom of God.
Hey high schoolers. I hope you have all been well and stayed busy during this COVID-19 pandemic. It has been a long time in quarantine. I know you have missed a lot of events, activities, and just hanging out with friends. We, the CORE, have missed all of that too.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all again and enjoying some fun summer activities. We are going to start slowly. We will be scheduling a Zoom meeting for all who are interested. It will be Sunday, July 12, at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to join, and I do not have your contact in my Life Teen groups, please contact me and I will include you. Otherwise, just sit and wait for the information. I will be sending out a text and an email on July 10 or 11 with the Zoom ID name and password.

We will do another Zoom meeting on July 26. Again, sending out info on July 24 or 25. We will start meeting face to face in August. Depending on where we are, pandemic-wise, we may have to meet outside.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me, Karen Konkolics, at kekonkolics@gmail.com or call me at 570-441-3459.

Life Teen is open to grades 9 through 12!! We usually meet every week from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Life Teen room in the St. Columba parish center.

361. What is the relationship between the beatitudes and our desire for happiness?

The beatitudes respond to the innate desire for happiness that God has placed in the human heart in order to draw us to himself. God alone can satisfy this desire.

362. What is eternal happiness?

It is the vision of God in eternal life in which we are fully “partakers of the divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4), of the glory of Christ and of the joy of the trinitarian life. This happiness surpasses human capabilities. It is a supernatural and gratuitous gift of God just as is the grace which leads to it. This promised happiness confronts us with decisive moral choices concerning earthly goods and urges us to love God above all things.

**THE FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL - JUNE 29:** Most of the apostles and lots of saints have their own feast day, but how about the two most famous saints of the early church? There is February 22nd in which the Church celebrates the “Chair of Peter,” the sign that Peter was the first among the apostles and the one designated to lead the early Church after Jesus’ Resurrection and Ascension. St. Paul, although not one of the Twelve, was an Apostle commissioned by Jesus. There is the January 25th celebration of “The Conversion of St. Paul” which commemorates the Damascus Road episode described in Acts of the Apostles: 9:1-31, 22:1-22, and 26:9-24. But there is no “Feast of St. Paul.” The two leading saints of the early Church are celebrated together in the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, (or the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul if celebrated on a Sunday). This celebration is a liturgical feast in honor of the martyrdom in Rome of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul, and is observed on June 29th. There is some speculation that the date selected may be the anniversary either of their death or of the translation of their relics.

We would like to thank the Sponsor of the Week THAT’S AMORE For sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.