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.

Saint Columba Catholic Church
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

**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, age 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.

**Parish Staff:**
Pastor: Msgr. Robert E. Lawrence, Ext. 3
Director of Religious Education: Joseph Mullen, Ext. 4
Director of Liturgical Music/Bulletin/Office Support: Catherine Chayko, Ext. 5
Administrative Assistants: Bernadette Staniszewski, Ext. 0 & Ann Marie Cantore, Ext. 0
Business Manager/Office Support: Deanna McKinnon, Ext. 107
CYE Coordinator: Helen McMenamin, Ext. 4

**Parish Office:**
342 Iron Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815-1824
Phone: (570) 784-0801, Fax: (570) 387-2604
Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m - 4:00 p.m.
Email: stcolumbaparishbloomsburg@hbgdiocese.org

**Parish School:**
School Principal: Peter Morisco
40 East Third Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815 –1815
Phone: (570) 784-5932
Fax: (570) 387-1257

**Bloomsburg Food Cupboard:**
(sponsored by the Bloomsburg Ministerium)
Coordinator: Martha Sheehe
Location: 329 Center Street, Bloomsburg
Mailing Address: 342 Iron St., Bloomsburg, PA 17815
Phone: (570) 387-2607
Tuesday: 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.; Saturday: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

**Christ the King Mission, Benton:**
Pastor: Msgr. Robert E. Lawrence
Administrator: Fr. Olusola H. Adewole O.P. (Fr. Sola)
300 Mendenhall Lane, PO Box 297, Benton, PA 17814
Phone: (570) 925-6969

**Bloomsburg University Catholic Campus Ministry:**
Fr. Olusola Adewole, O.P. (Fr. Sola)
353 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815
Phone: (570) 784-3123

**Websites:**
Parish: www.saintcolumbachurch.org
Diocese of Harrisburg: www.hbgdiocese.org
School: www.saintcolumbaschool.org
Catholic Campus Ministry: www.bloomsburgccm.weebly.com

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

What is the treasure in our lives? What sacrifices are we willing to make to obtain that treasure? The kingdom of heaven should be such a wonderful treasure that we are willing to make any sacrifices to receive that special gift from God. As Solomon prayed, so should we pray. Our prayer, like Solomon’s, can be that we have an understanding heart to judge correctly and to distinguish right from wrong.

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. The Diocese has asked us to remind everyone that “except in the case of children under 2 years of age and persons with health issues, masks are to be worn as face covering the entire time parishioners attend Mass or any other liturgical event in a parish, including sacramental Confession. They are not permitted to be lowered at any time while in the church except to receive Holy Communion. It is not acceptable for parishioners to lower their face masks while sitting in the pew. Social distancing is to be strictly enforced. The measure of 6 feet between individuals and family groups is to be maintained while seated and moving. Groups are not to gather outside of our churches for social time. Face masks should be worn until a person has left the church property and distanced himself or herself from the other congregants. It should be underscored that this is an act of charity, above all, not an infringement upon a personal right.”

-Holy Communion will be distributed at the regular time during Mass. We recommend that Holy Communion be received on the hand.

-Confessions may resume at the Pastor’s discretion, pending social distancing and proper sanitation are followed.

-Proper sanitation will occur after every gathering.

MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY/July 26, 2020
8:00 a.m. Ann Marie Stanek (Nadine Kruczek)
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

MONDAY/July 27, 2020
7:30 a.m. Victor Kimsal (Carol Mosteller)

TUESDAY/July 28, 2020
7:30 a.m. Daniel J. Bauman (Stephanie Severn)

WEDNESDAY/July 29, 2020
7:30 a.m. Anna Guzior (Family)

THURSDAY/July 30, 2020
7:30 a.m. Eleanor Mullen (Tim & Karen Novatnak)

FRIDAY/July 31, 2020
7:30 a.m. Helen Wallace (Mary Rinehimer)

SATURDAY/August 1, 2020
8:00 a.m. Intention of Tim Staniszewski (Staniszewski Family)
5:00 p.m. Winnie Casey (Mary Payne & Family)

NEXT SUNDAY/August 2, 2020
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Matthew Zoppetti, Sr. (Family)

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: During this Covid 19 Pandemic, it is highly recommended that reception of Holy Communion be on the hand because of the concern of the transmission of the virus to others when received on the tongue. If you determine to receive on the tongue, please wait until the end of the Communion line. Thank you to everyone for your understanding.

CONGRATULATIONS to the young men and women who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last week at Saint Columba on July 18, also to those who received the sacrament prior to this date and to those who will receive in the near future. We realize that it has been a difficult year to make your confirmation, and we are very happy that those who could come were able to celebrate together.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

July 19, 2020 - $6,278
July 21, 2019 - $8,566
This week’s Offering - Weekly
Next week’s Offering - Weekly
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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. Masks are to be worn even during the week, even when you’re by yourself, or alone with your own group. 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.

Make Me an Instrument of Your Healing:
(Inspired by and adapted from the Prayer of Saint Francis)

Lord, make me an instrument of your healing:
where there is disappointment in a test or procedure,
make me into a comfort;
where there is confusion at a diagnosis or treatment,
make me into clarity;
where there is illness of any kind, make me into care
and comfort;
where there is anguish in death, make me into hope;
where there is joy in new life, let me be a multiplier of
that joy;

O Great Physician, grant that I may not so much seek
to be served as to serve
to be praised as to praise
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in healing that we are healed,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.
(Catholic Health Association of the United States).
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: Please only use “342 Iron St., Bloomsburg, PA 17815-1824” as the official mailing address of the church. Also the Food Cupboard uses 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: 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 is 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
LIFETEEN: We will do a Zoom meeting on July 26 at 6:00 p.m. You should be receiving a text or email with the Zoom link by Sunday morning, so please reach out if you haven't received the link! We would love to see you on the Zoom! 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.

ACROSS: THE FATHER TOLTON MOVIE:
Short film viewing about the boyhood of the first African American priest and his attempt to escape slavery in 1863. Film will be followed by historical presentation about Venerable Augustine Tolton and Q&A with Writer/Director Christopher Foley. Screening and presentation will be offered using the zoom platform on Friday, July 31, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. To receive the zoom link to access the presentation, contact Jackie Curran at jcurran@hbgdiocese.org. Thank you!

KEYS NEEDED: As you may be spending some extra time organizing around the house, please take note if you find any keys belonging to our parish, and bring them to the Parish Center at your soonest convenience. It is always important for us to keep extra sets of spare keys for the various doors and locks on hand, and often we have some difficulty with this. If we have loaned you keys, and you are not currently running a program that requires them, please bring them back to us, unless your program is simply awaiting resumption post-COVID. Thank you!!

CATHOLIC COUNSELING OPTIONS ARE NEARBY: Heart of Mercy Counseling Ministry (Sisters of the Good Shepherd), in the Danville area now has two licensed therapists available to serve adults: individual, couples, and families. Fee based on sliding scale. Please contact either one of them to schedule an appointment if you are seeking counseling based in Catholic teachings: Sr. Patricia Marie Barnette, Licensed Professional Counselor, 352-328-8145 OR: Sr. Mary Frances Altavilla, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, 410-245-0870.

COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Part Three: Life in Christ
CHAPTER ONE
The Dignity of the Human Person
MAN THE IMAGE OF GOD

MAN’S FREEDOM

369. Are there acts which are always illicit? There are some acts which, in and of themselves, are always illicit by reason of their object (for example, blasphemy, homicide, adultery). Choosing such acts entails a disorder of the will, that is, a moral evil which can never be justified by appealing to the good effects which could possibly result from them.

THE MORALITY OF THE PASSIONS

370. What are the passions? The passions are the feelings, the emotions or the movements of the sensible appetite - natural components of human psychology - which incline a person to act or not to act in view of what is perceived as good or evil. The principal passions are love and hatred, desire and fear, joy, sadness, and anger. The chief passion is love which is drawn by the attraction.

OUR LADY OF MERCY ANNUAL PICNIC
Friday, July 31, and Saturday, August 1, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Take-Out Food Sale, Baked Goods, Basket Auction and Raffle Tickets Pierogies are 3/$2, 6/$4 or a dozen for $7 Haluski (cabbage and noodles) $2.25 for a bowl Halupki (Pigeons) are $3.50 each Potato Cakes are $1.00 but ARE NOT available for pre-order. Pre-Orders are strongly suggested. When placing your order, please state your name, phone number, the day you wish to pick up your order, and the items you wish to order. Place your order by Friday, July 17, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church Facebook page, or by email at olompicnic@gmail.com, or call 570-336-4771. Social distancing and masks will be required. No congregating on church grounds. No outside containers.

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