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:
342 Iron Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815-1815
Phone: (570) 784-3932
Fax: (570) 387-1257

Bloomgurb 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.; Sunday: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

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

Bloomgurb University Catholic Campus Ministry:
Fr. Olusola Adewole, O.P. (Fr. Sola)
335 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.
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God reveals Himself in a gentle breeze, as He did with Elijah. He reveals himself in the midst of the storm, as He did with the disciples. As the Lord manifested Himself to Elijah and to the disciples, it was to renew their faith and trust in Him. God reveals Himself to us so that He might strengthen and encourage us in our faith journey. As long as Peter kept his eyes on Jesus, he was able to walk on water. When he took his eyes off Jesus, he began to sink. Learn from Peter!

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. 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/August 9, 2020
8:00 a.m.  Winnie Casey (Cathy Weinberg)
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

MONDAY/August 10, 2020
7:30 a.m.  Walter Heim (Mary & Tom Weir)

TUESDAY/August 11, 2020
7:30 a.m.  Gerald Snell (Dautrich Family)

WEDNESDAY/August 12, 2020
7:30 a.m.  Andrew Reisinger (Eileen Sylvester)

THURSDAY/August 13, 2020
7:30 a.m.  Intention of M/M Steve Konkolics (Family)

FRIDAY/August 14, 2020
7:30 a.m.  Joseph Guzior (Family)

SATURDAY/August 15, 2020
8:00 a.m.  People of the Parish
5:00 p.m.  Helen Wallace (Irena Davis)

NEXT SUNDAY/August 16, 2020
8:00 a.m.  People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.  Paul Levitski (Blosser Family)

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In Loving Memory of Thomas Moro (Family).

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLE: In Loving Memory of Thomas Moro (Family).

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT COLUMBA welcomes into its family through the Sacrament of Baptism the following individual:

MAVERICK SAMUEL SCHROYER, son of Brian M. and Kaitlin (Schiccatano) Schroyer.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: Saturday of this week, August 15, is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Assumption means that Mary, at the end of her life here on earth, was “assumed” (taken into heaven) lest her body undergo corruption. It is a promise of our being taken into heaven at the end of our lives. Our faith teaches us that the Lord will raise us up and take us into heaven where we will enjoy eternal life with our God and with all the saints and angels. (Whenever January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, it is not obligatory to attend Mass.)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP
August 2, 2020 - $11,949
August 4, 2019 - $10,885
This week’s Offering - Weekly
Next week’s Offering - Weekly
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BE PREPARED FOR THE WORD OF THE LORD
Readings for next Sunday, August 16, 2020
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Isaiah 56: 1, 6 - 7.
Psalm 67: 2 - 3, 5 - 6, 8.

FIRST COMMUNION: Congratulations to those who received their First Holy Communion during the last few months.

Please contact the office if your child is eligible to receive First Holy Communion so that we may schedule the event on any day of the week at one of the regularly-scheduled Masses.

SCHOOL BELLS ARE RINGING: Our prayers, thoughts, and best wishes are that all students, parents, faculty, support personal, and administration will have a wonderful and safe year in the midst of this pandemic.

We welcome back all the students, staff, and faculty who are returning and we welcome our new principal, Mr. Peter Morisco, and all new students and staff.

We pray in a special way for all parents and students who will be away from each other for the first time; e.g., pre-school, kindergarten, and college.

ST. COLUMBA SCHOOL starts on Thursday, August 20.

HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED
at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday for those who want to come to the church after Sunday Mass just for Communion.

DID YOU SEE THE LATEST EDITION OF THE CATHOLIC WITNESS? Sign-Up for the Digital Catholic Witness! The Catholic Witness transitioned to a weekly digital edition in May, reporting news and features that reach Catholics instantly. The digital format features a weekly e-newsletter with stories, photos and videos, as well as a designed PDF that can be printed and shared. It’s free to all subscribers. Sign up today at www.hbgdiocese.org/the-catholic-witness-newspaper/catholic-witness-signup/ and join us as we continue to share in the Church’s mission to tell the Good News of Jesus Christ in the context of today’s world.

REGISTRATION FOR CYE: It’s time for CYE Registration! There are two forms for Registration this year. These forms can be found on our Parish Webpage. You will find the link on the homepage under “Parish News.” Please be sure to fill out both of these forms and send/bring them back to us at your earliest convenience. The start date for CYE classes is September 13, and we will be following the same classroom model as our school, in terms of virtual/in-person learning. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the start date. As soon as we have more information, we will certainly share it with you!

ST. COLUMBA SCHOOL 2021 school year.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN: Have you made your commitment to the Diocesan Annual Campaign?

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN as of 8/3/20

PLEDGED % OF GOAL GIVERS
$67,810 69.2 % 168

$97,952 ASSESSMENT

ST. COLUMBA SCHOOL starts on Thursday, August 20.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA: re: Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg Case No. 1:20-bk-00599 (HWV) Claims Notice for Victims of Sexual Abuse and Others with Claims Against the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg: If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, a Roman Catholic parish or Roman Catholic school within the geographical area of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, or have any claim against the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, you must file a claim by November 13, 2020. For more Diocesan information, visit: https://www.hbgdiocese.org or https://dm.epiq11.com/RCDH and for U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania information, visit: http://www.pamb.uscourts.gov/

THE DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL is accepting nominations for the 2020 - 2021 school year. The council consists of youth who are called to discipleship through leadership and service to the community. The new DYC is expanding membership to include youth in grades 8 and 9, and will meet and offer retreats virtually. Youth interested may contact their parish office to obtain a copy of the nomination form or contact the Diocesan Youth Office via email at areifer@hbgdiocese.org.
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.

SCHOOL ROOF AND PARKING LOTS: The school roof has been replaced and has been paid in full in the 2019 - 2020 budget. The contractor is beginning to put a gravel parking lot on the E. Third Street properties which we had purchased over three years ago. This work should be completed in a few weeks. Lighting, sidewalks, and other improvements have been mandated by the Town. In addition, we need to add more handicapped parking spaces to the parking lot near the Rectory. A contribution to pay for this new parking lot was given a few years ago. That money is in the St. Columba Parish Capital Expenditure Fund.

An anonymous donor gave a substantial gift to put asphalt on the gravel parking lot behind the office building and near the Food Cupboard. That work will be done in the near future.


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 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.
LIFETEEN: 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. Due to covid, we are not meeting in person as of yet. 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.

AFTERSHOCK will resume in September using appropriate guidelines.

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.

VIRTUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE: The Diocese has planned a Virtual Youth Conference that will be live-streamed, no pre-recorded talks. Powerful presentations, holy hour and catching up with friends. Join us on Saturday, August 15, 2020, from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fee: Pay what you can. For more information, please contact Jackie Curran at jcurran@hbgdiocese.org If you are interested please register at https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/virtual-youth-conference/ Information on how to connect to the Virtual Youth Conference will be emailed with your registration confirmation.

PIEROGIES FOR SALE: Christ the King Church, Benton, will be selling homemade pierogies. The price is $7.00 a dozen or a bag of 3 dozen for $20.00. You can call the Parish Office at 570-925-6969. Pick up can be Monday, Thursday or Saturday mornings in August.

PLEAS HELP US KEEP THE CHURCH SAFE AND CLEAN: Helpers are needed after Mass to assist with spraying and wiping down the pews. Please stop by the cafeteria after Mass if you can take a few minutes to assist, so that the same people are not cleaning the church after each time. We also have signup sheets in the back of the church, please consider signing up for a future date if you cannot help that day.

We would like to thank the Sponsor of the Week STATE FARM: MARY ANN CAPUTO, AGENT For sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.