

November 27, 2016

# St. Columbanus Parish

122 Oregon Road  
Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567  
St. Columbanus Church and Rectory

## MASSES

**SATURDAYS:** 6:00 p.m.

*(This satisfies Sunday obligation.)*

**SUNDAYS:** 8:00, 10:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon and  
3:00 p.m. Traditional Latin Mass

**WEEKDAYS:** 7:30 & 9:00 a.m.

**SATURDAYS:** 8:30 a.m.

**EVE OF HOLY DAY:** 6:00 p.m.

**HOLY DAYS:** 7:30 a.m.,  
12:05p.m. & 7:00 p.m. \***Handicapped Accessibility**\*



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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY ~ NOVEMBER 28**

7:30 a.m. Holy Souls  
9:00 a.m. Frank Fitzgerald

**TUESDAY ~ NOVEMBER 29**

7:30 a.m. Eddy McGinnis  
9:00 a.m. Dorothy Aurisy

**WEDNESDAY ~ NOVEMBER 30**

*St. Andrew, Apostle*

7:30 a.m. Holy Souls  
9:00 a.m. Marie S. Foy

**THURSDAY ~ DECEMBER 1**

7:30 a.m. Maurice and Catherine Dube  
9:00 a.m. John McNally

**FRIDAY ~ DECEMBER 2**

7:30 a.m. George and Patricia Quinn  
9:00 a.m. Ronald Powe

**SATURDAY ~ DECEMBER 3**

*St. Francis Xavier, Priest*

8:30 a.m. Susan & Patrick Keenan,  
Patricia Green,  
Suzanne Ricottilli, & Mary Leek  
6:00 p.m. Pulkowski & Usiak Families

**NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS**

5:00 p.m. John Obidzinski, Family  
& Friends

**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

*The First Sunday of Advent*



- 1st Reading: *The Lord will gather all nations into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God.*  
(Isaiah 2:1-5)
- Psalm: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*  
(Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9)
- 2nd Reading: *Our salvation is nearer.*  
(Romans 13:11-14)
- Alleluia: *Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.*
- Gospel: *Stay awake, that you may be prepared!*  
(Matthew 24:37-44)

**MARRIAGE BANNs**

Please notify the rectory six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

**STEWARDSHIP—A WAY OF LIFE**

*Tithing: God's Plan for Giving*

The amounts for last weekend's collection will be announced in next weekend's bulletin.

**WINE, HOST, AND TABERNACLE CANDLE**



A donation of \$25.00 will provide for the weeklong burning of the tabernacle candle in memory of loved ones. A like donation for the hosts and wine offered at Mass may be given as a memorial as well. Please call or stop by the rectory if you would like to honor your loved ones in this holy manner.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**



- Michael Browne~Joseph Candarelli  
Deacon John Coppola~Annemarie DeScisciolo  
Justin Fedele~Frank Fitzgerald~Sheila Fleitz  
Abina Furnari~Alena Radke Gabriel  
Frank & Edie Gaglione  
John Grogan~Alex Hetsko~Marvin Keeler  
Christine Keenan~Daniel Keenan  
Kerry Kennedy~Arlene Kolosky~Joseph Marshall  
Robert McLoughlin~Roselea Megna~John Michael  
Vivian Pabon~Rich Pettersen~Margaret Regan  
Doreen Robinson~Fr. Francis Samoylo  
John & Cathy Samoylo~Patrick Scelza  
Robert Schaivo~Evan Shiels  
Kathleen Lippert Smeriglio  
Rosemary Soboleski~Paula Stasfiero  
Arlene Stetzner~Tony Tanner

**FOOD+REFRESHMENTS+BINGO=FUN**

Join us every Friday in Dillon Hall at 7:20 p.m.

\*Try your luck at our "Quickie" games

\*Come for the \$250 *Early Bird Special*

\*Play the "\$700 Jackpot" each week

\*Bring a new player & get a FREE admission ticket for that night!

**December 2nd is Team #3**

B. Halecki

Kitchen: L. Avelar & A. Granados

No one under 18 is allowed in Dillon Hall while Bingo is in session.

**FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT &  
BENEDICTION**

The Blessed Sacrament will be placed on the altar in the monstrance after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 2nd, where it will be on the altar for adoration until 12:00 p.m., at which time there will be Benediction. We ask parishioners to stop by and spend time before the Body of Our Lord to demonstrate our devotion to Him.

**FIRST FRIDAY HOMEBOUND CALLS**

The priests and deacon of our parish are pleased to take the sacrament of Holy Communion to those unable to attend Mass. If you know of someone who would like to be added to this list, please contact the rectory at (914) 737-4705.

**FIRST SATURDAY**

Come pray the Rosary this Saturday, December 3rd in St. Columbanus Church. We begin at 8:00 a.m. with an explanation of the mysteries. Mass begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by novena prayers. All are welcome to join us in beginning the weekend in this prayerful, peaceful way.

**FORMED.ORG**

If you haven't signed on yet, please give it a shot. You will definitely enrich your understanding of the Catholic faith. Beautifully done travel logs and visits in the Bible you've heard of, but haven't seen. Even if you have gone to Israel, you will see behind-the-scenes footage. There is so much more! Books, movies, CDs and a multitude of programs. Enjoy the programming and evangelize by spreading the word about formed.org. Our Parish code is TBN82M. For more information contact Donna at 914-739-1730.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL CORNER**  
Considering a Catholic Elementary School  
for your child?

Come and visit and see the difference a Catholic school education provides. We are blessed to have an excellent school right here in our parish. **St. Columbanus School** serves children in grades PK through 8. Plan a visit on **TOURING TUESDAYS**. **TOURING TUESDAYS** are universal open houses held at Catholic elementary schools throughout the Archdiocese of New York. Reservations are required. To R.S.V.P. please call 646-794-2885.

**HEALING MASS**

A special Healing Mass, with a free flow of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Laying on of Hands, will be held Tuesday December 6, 2016 at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1925 Rte. 82, LaGrangeville, NY 12540. Guest Celebrants will be Fr. Vincent Druding of Assumption parish in Peekskill and Fr. James Sheridan of St. Columba in Hopewell Junction. Praise and Worship begins at 7:00 p.m.; Mass at 7:30 p.m. Attendees are welcome to bring water, salt, and oil for blessing. The laying on of hands for prayer will take place after Mass. All are welcome. The event is sponsored by Spirit Wind Prayer Group of St. Kateri parish. For more information, please contact: Pat or Joe 845-440-3519.



Thanks to all who gave to the Cardinal's Appeal. We reached our goal.

I hope everyone had a peaceful and joyful Thanksgiving. I am writing this before Thanksgiving and I am hoping to go to my brother's house in Rockland for Thanksgiving Day.

Cardinal Dolan called to ask how I was doing and also gave me permission to say Mass in my room, which I do every day. So my Mass on Sunday and Thanksgiving will be for all of you.

I finished my 4<sup>th</sup> round of chemotherapy with two regular rounds to go at the doctor's office in Peekskill before I go for intense chemo and stem cell transplant at Mt. Sinai Hospital in NYC.

Thank you for your prayers. I know many people want to buy or do things for me—I really appreciate the thought and love behind it—but I need your continued prayers that have been so instrumental in the improvement I've enjoyed so far. If you want to give me a gift I would ask you to find a good examination of conscience (there are copies in the confessionals at St. Columbanus and the Martyrs) and make a good Confession for Advent which begins today.

St. Augustine says that we should not resist the first coming (or advent) of Jesus so we will not dread His second coming at the end of our lives.

Just a few thoughts on Confession (Reconciliation/Penance) that I read in an article by Don Fier in a Catholic weekly, *The Wanderer*, that someone gave me about this much too underused sacrament given to us by Jesus:

St. Margret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) was asked by our Lord to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart and asked that she should ask Fr. Claude de la Colombière (now a saint), to be her spiritual director. He, being skeptical that our Lord had appeared to her since he did not know her, asked that she should go back and ask Jesus what was the last mortal sin Fr. de la Colombière had confessed. She did this. Returning to Fr. Colombière, she told him that when asked that question, "Jesus looked at me and said, 'I don't remember.'"

The article continues: When He gazed upon the soul of Fr. Claude, the sin was gone—no trace of it was left behind. After hearing her report Father agreed to become her spiritual director.

The author continues: This unfathomable sacramental effect really and truly takes place within the soul of each one of us when we make a good Confession. The Old Testament prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah seem to point to this aspect of the Sacrament of Confession: "I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I *will not remember your sins*" (*Isaiah 43:25*) and "I will forgive their iniquity, and I will *remember their sins no more*" (*Jer. 31-34*)

Quoting St. John Paul II, the article goes on, "The forgiveness obtained in the sacrament of penance consists in reconciliation with God...[which] leads, as it were, to other reconciliations which repair the breaches caused by sin. The forgiven penitent is reconciled with himself in his inmost being, where he regains his own true identity. He is reconciled with his brethren whom he has in some way attacked and wounded. He is reconciled with the church. He is reconciled with all creation" (*Reconciliatio et Pénitentia*, n. 31, 5.)

Do we have problems in our family—with children and spouses—or with bosses or co-workers, with other parents in school, and our own lives? Seek God's grace first by thoroughly and honestly examining our own consciences and then making a full and complete confession to any priest who will absolve all your sins in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who truly will forgive and forget.

Finally, I just learned we will be losing Father Anthony, who will go to New York City to work full-time at the Marriage Tribunal. Father Paul Gatla will be coming in his place. Both will start this Monday.

Have a blessed Advent!

In Jesus and Mary,  
Fr. Frank Samoylo

**MASS FOR THOSE WITH  
SPECIAL NEEDS**

The Church of the Assumption, First St., Peekskill, NY will be celebrating a Mass for adults and children with special needs. The Mass will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 12:00 Noon. All are welcome to attend, along with disabled adults, children, and their families and friends. Light refreshments will be served after Mass in the Annex Hall. For further information, contact Michael Miner at 845-206-1977 or [minervideo@optonline.net](mailto:minervideo@optonline.net)

**HEALING AFTER ABORTION**

Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 888-575-0075 or e-mail: [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org). For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or e-mail: [Lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:Lumina@postabortionhelp.org).

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

- Rosary Recitation ~ Mon.-Sat., 8:00 a.m.
- Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.
- Bible Study ~ Monday, 9:45 a.m.
- Adoration ~ Monday, 7:00 p.m.
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- Legion of Mary ~ Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
- Bible Study ~ Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal ~ Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
- RCIA ~ Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
- Playgroup ~ Friday, 10:00 a.m.
- Exposition & Benediction ~ Friday, 9:00 a.m.
- Divine Mercy ~ Friday, 3:00 p.m.
- Bingo ~ Friday, 7:30 p.m.
- Religious Ed. ~ Sat./Sun., 9:00 a.m.