

*Saint Columbanus Parish
Cortlandt Manor, New York*



For unto
you is born
this day
in the city
of David
a Savior,
which is
Christ
the Lord
Luke 2:11

St. Columbanus Church
122 Oregon Road, Cortlandt Manor, New York

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 & 8:30 A.M.

SATURDAYS: 8:30 A.M.

EVE OF HOLY DAY: 6:00 P.M.

**HOLY DAYS: 7:30 A.M.,
12:05 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.**

**Church of the
North American Martyrs**
MISSION: Lake Peekskill, New York
55 OSCAWANA LAKE ROAD, PUTNAM VALLEY, NY

MASSES

SATURDAYS: 5:00 p.m.

(This Satisfies Sunday Obligation)

SUNDAYS: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS: 10:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY ~ DECEMBER 21****St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

7:30 a.m. Domenico Aversa

8:30 a.m. Conrad Vacirca

TUESDAY ~ DECEMBER 22

7:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Aquilio

8:30 a.m. Patrick O'Sullivan

WEDNESDAY ~ DECEMBER 23**St. John of Kanty, Priest**7:30 a.m. Preisel, Heffernan & Parker
Families

8:30 a.m. Jean C. Sherman

THURSDAY ~ DECEMBER 24

7:30 a.m. Paul & Anthony Gauci

8:30 a.m. Amade & Irene Perricelli and
Margaret & Sorgi Liotti**FRIDAY ~ DECEMBER 25****The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

Christmas Eve

St. Columbanus 5:00 p.m. & Midnight

North American Martyrs 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

St. Columbanus 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12 noon

North American Martyrs 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

No evening masses on Christmas Day.**SATURDAY ~ DECEMBER 26****St. Stephen, The First Martyr**

8:30 a.m. Davoren Fam. Living Members

6:00 p.m. Andrew & Christine O'Rahilly

NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS5:00 p.m. Frost & Miller Living & Dec.
Family Members**WINE & HOST MEMORIAM
TABERNACLE CANDLE**

The wine and hosts for this week's Masses are in loving memory of Robert Heb, donated by his wife, Kitty, on his 5th anniversary. Please keep Robert in your prayers.

SUNDAY'S READINGS***Third Sunday of Advent***

1st Reading: *From you shall come forth the ruler of Israel.*
(Micah 5:1-4a)

Psalm: *Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.*
(Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19)

2nd Reading: *Behold, I come to do your will.*
(Hebrews 10:5-10)

Alleluia: *Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.*

Gospel: *And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?*
(Luke 1:39-45)

STEWARDSHIP—A WAY OF LIFE*Tithing: God's Plan for Giving*

Please refer to next week's bulletin for last week's tithing amounts.

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

Michael Browne~Nicole Cattano~Linda Conner
John Coppola~Annemarie DeScisciolo
Natalie Fernandez~Daniel Fedele
John Flood~Abina Furnari~Alena Radtke
Gabriel~John Grogan~Alex Hetsko
Marvin Keeler~Christine Keenan~Kerry Kennedy
Michael Kler~Sally Kler~ Linda Liotti
Dan Marangiello~Robert McLoughlin
Roselea Megna~Patricia Meister
Richard Minichino~Vivian Pabon
Charles Papelian, Sr.~Charles Papelian, Jr.
Lawrence Paschetti~Rich Pettersen
Margaret Regan~Doreen Robinson
John & Cathy Samoylo
Paul Sarli~Patrick Scelza~Evan Shiels
Rosemary Soboleski~Paula Stasfiero
Joanne Tartaglione

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!

There will be no Bingo this Friday, 12/25, or next Friday, 1/1. We wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**St. Columbanus Church**

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. (Vigil) and 12:00 midnight (sung)

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; 12 noon

North American Martyrs

Christmas Eve

10:00 p.m. (sung)

Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

There will be no Evening Mass celebrated at either church on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

To make a monetary donation in memory of a loved one, please use the envelopes available in the vestibules of both churches; these donations will purchase Christmas flowers for both churches. You may bring or mail your envelopes to the Rectory with the name(s) of the deceased and donor(s). Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS**

We are now beginning to collect donations for our Christmas baskets. Produce, turkeys, along with canned/boxed items (veggies, stuffing, gravy, etc.) are welcome. Non-perishable items may be left in the **elevator vestibule (not the food bin)**. Please bring any items needing refrigeration to the rectory.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!**PARISH PAY (On-line Giving)**

We have 61 Active Parishoners giving through Parish Pay. The Parish Pay Contributions for the Month of November (Sunday Collections) was \$4,689.68. If you are not signed up for Parish Pay, you can go to our web site to sign up at "stcolumbanusparish.org". Parish Pay saved the parish mailing expenses. Please consider Parish Pay.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Please notify the rectory six (6) months prior to the proposed wedding date.

URGENT REQUEST FOR HELP

A mother and her 8 year old asthmatic daughter are in desperate need of a studio apartment. The apartment in which they currently live has to be renovated, and they have been notified they must vacate by the end of December. Their current rent is \$800/mo. Ideally Mom would like to keep her daughter in school at Oakside. Therefore, they would like to rent an apartment in the City of Peekskill. Mom and daughter are beside themselves with worry over the situation. If you have an apartment, or know of someone who could rent her an apartment, please contact Susan Goderre, Advocate for Those With a Need, 914-261-6842 for further information.



As we enter the final week of Advent with Christmas coming this Friday, I want to express my deepest thanks to all who have done so much for St. Columbanus Parish. Despite all the commercialization of Christmas, there is something very special in the air this time of year. We feel, I believe, a little bit of the joy and peace that Jesus wants us to have if only we would make room for Him in the inn of our hearts.

Our school has put us in the Christmas spirit by the Christmas Concert last week. The children were great and helped us to remember the innocent beauty and meaning of the season.

I dropped off several boxes of gifts for the children and moms at Good Counsel Homes in Rockland County thanks to the generosity of you and the hard work of our Angel Tree coordinator. Many children and families will have a nice Christmas because of the selfless love of those involved. We were created to seek happiness. This happiness cannot be found in any material wealth but only in Jesus. He came in the innocence of a child, and we can only find Him in the innocence and simplicity of a life lived for Him. Let us welcome Him into our hearts and homes not just this one day of the year, but every day. As we draw closer to the miracle and mystery of the God-made-Man, let us pause to be thankful for our blessings and to keep in our prayers those of our parish and others who may be in need of assistance. And let us continue to prepare for the Divine Infant's coming by turning away from sin, and by our prayers and good works.

We priests are given a special privilege to celebrate three Masses on Christmas. It will be a great joy for me to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for all of you and your loved ones this Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Frank Samoylo

COLUMBIETTE NEWS

The 50/50 raffle has grown to \$770. Tickets are only \$5.00 each. Why not put one in a loved one's Christmas stocking? Can you imagine a better gift if your loved one is the winning ticket drawn on 2/13/16 at our Valentine's Dance? The remaining monies earned will be donated to various needy organizations. Tickets can be found at the Church exits. Mailing instructions are on each. Won't you please help us in our charitable work? Thank you and God bless. If you have any questions, please call Pat Schneider at 914-420-6743.

COFFEE HOUR TODAY

Please join us in Dillon Hall after today's 10:00 a.m. Mass for some socializing and breakfast, courtesy of our parish's Altar Servers.

JAN PEEK SHELTER NEEDS HELP

For a number of years, St. Columbanus has provided a dinner for the Jan Peek Shelter on the first Saturday of each month. The same handful of parishioners has been participating, so we're hoping to get a few new volunteers willing to step up; namely, anyone able to cook dinner for approximately 20 people, **once a year**. If you cannot cook the entire meal, perhaps you could prepare one course. Please call Jeni Schutrick-Vitiello (914-930-8605) if you can lend a hand. Thank you for helping out in this small but meaningful way.

HEALING MASS

A healing mass will be celebrated at St. Columbanus on Tuesday, December 22 at 7:15pm. This is an opportunity to bring your spiritual & physical needs to the Lord. Fr. Anthony Omenihu will be the celebrant.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

www.st-columbanus.com
www.stcolumbanuspreschool.com

In the spirit of “it is better to give than to receive,” the students of St. Columbanus School have decorated the school Christmas tree in a special way. Rather than using ornaments, the tree is decorated with toys and gifts for the families served by Birthright and Friends of Karen. Each student placed his or her gift on or under the tree. This beautiful giving tree is displayed in the lobby during the Advent season.

Students in preschool through grade 3 celebrated the feast of St. Nicholas in the traditional manner. Each child left a paper “shoe” in the classroom. When the good saint secretly visited, he left gold coins, filled with chocolate, in the shoes. Many thanks to the dedicated parents of the Home School Association who helped St. Nicholas with this activity.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, January 31, 2016
Open House—St. Columbanus School

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

- Religious Ed. Gr. 1-6 ~ Sunday 9:00 a.m.
- Bible Study ~ Monday, 9:15 a.m.
- Adoration ~ Monday, 7:00 p.m.
- Religious Ed. Gr. 7-8 ~ Monday, 7:00 p.m.
- K of C meeting ~ Monday, 7:30 p.m.
- Legion of Mary ~ Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.
- Miraculous Medal Novena ~ Sat., 9:00 a.m.
- Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Mon.– Thurs., 9:00 a.m.
- Rosary Recitation ~ Mon.– Thurs. & Sat.,
8:00 a.m.