

# News and Notices

■ Today we honor our graduating high school seniors: Michael Boulter, Grace Carr, Joshua Carr, Wish Carr, Veronica Carchedi, Cameron Davis, Emma Glass, Katie Hunter, Colin Losey, Kaitlin Payne, Malinda Reese and Will Tarkenton.

■ Broadshoulders are given in celebration of the birthday of our Dreamer Melissa.

■ Janet is away today at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., attending graduation, speaking at the seminary and hosting a lunch for parishioner Ray Suarez, who is receiving an honorary degree. Congratulations, Ray!

**Cookies and choir, May 23, 7–8 pm** ■ Boys and girls in grade 2 and up are invited to an open rehearsal with light refreshments. Learn some singing skills, enjoy music activities and eat cookies. Choir members are encouraged to bring a friend. Contact Diane Heath (dianeheath@verizon.net) with questions or to RSVP.

**Do you speak a second language fluently?** ■ If you are willing to take part in a multi-language reading from the Acts of the Apostles on Sun., May 27, please contact the Rev. Rob Boulter (rboulter@columba.org; 202-363-4119, ext. 245).

**Hands of Columba's first meeting** ■ Join Hands of Columba, a group being formed to tackle small repair and improvement projects around church. All are invited to an informational meeting on Sun., June 3, at 12:30 pm in Rm 212. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to be involved, please contact Alan Beal (buildingandgrounds@columba.org) or Paul Barkett (pbarkett@columba.org).

**Last call for summer pilgrimage** ■ Experience an unforgettable two weeks of service, worship and fellowship in the Eastern Cape of South Africa (Aug. 1–16). For details, visit Columba.org. The deadline to express interest is May 15. E-mail pilgrimage@columba.org.

**Sign up to teach Sunday School next year** ■ Please sign up now in the Common to teach a unit of Sunday School during the 2012–13 program year. You do not have to be a Bible scholar—training, curriculum, supplies and support are provided, and you teach in teams. Contact Pattie Ames (pames@columba.org; 202-363-4119, ext. 222) with any questions.

**Service starts with SPARK** ■ SPARK groups are small groups of parishioners who gather for collective service and intentional reflection on the meaning of that service. Stop by our table in the Common to learn about the groups that have already been formed and how you might get involved or start your own group.

**Donate items to "New to You"** ■ On May 17–19, St. Columba's will hold a combined yard, bake, book and plant sale. Make it a success by donating your new or gently used items. Donations will be accepted on Mon., May 14 (8:45–11:30 am and 5–7:30 pm); Tues., May 15 (8:45 am to 1 pm); and Wed., May 16, until 4 pm. Find details on the Upcoming Events page of Columba.org or e-mail newtoyou@columba.org.

**Volunteers urgently needed** ■ We still need lots of volunteers before, during and after the "New to You" sale. Register online at tinyurl.com/newtoyouale. Questions? Contact Courtney Hundley or Elizabeth Rankin (newtoyou@columba.org). There are many shifts and many tasks; pick what suits you best.

**In search of sweets** ■ During the "New to You" sale the J2A youth will be selling baked goods to raise money for their fall mini-pilgrimage. If you'd like to make a batch of cookies, brownies or other tasty treats to help these pilgrims, please contact Thorne Rankin (thornerankin@gmail.com; 202-421-5457). For other ways to help with "New to You," visit Columba.org.

**Help needed for St. Columba Day, Sun., June 10** ■ Come celebrate our namesake by lending a hand at the annual parish picnic, or by helping to lead games or other activities for our children. Please contact Lisa Whelan and Prentiss Lay (hospitalityleader@columba.org) to offer your help.

# Today

## THE LITURGY

8 am **Eucharist**, Church Nave. Presider & Preacher: Rob Boulter.

9 am **Eucharist**, Church Nave. Presider: Martin Smith.  
Preacher: Rob Boulter.

9:15 & 11:15 am **Eucharist for preschool children and their families**, Great Hall. Presider & Story: Margaret Guenther.

11:15 am **Eucharist**, Church Nave. Presider: Jason Cox.  
Preacher: Rob Boulter

5 pm **Eucharist**, Great Hall. Presider & Preacher: Nan Hildebrand.

## WORSHIP NOTES

We seek to live Easter through the words and actions of worship. The Paschal candle is a constant reminder of the Risen Christ in our midst. The baptismal font is prominently located to remind us that through our baptism we join in Christ's resurrection. Beautiful spring flowers and shining white and gold vestments signify the purity and promise of new life in Christ. As we sing joyful alleluias and break the bread of the Eucharist, we know that with every breath we take and every morsel we eat, God is present in us. The season of Easter culminates on the 50th day with the celebration of Pentecost on Sun., May 27. Let us not tire of singing together, "Alleluia, alleluia!"

## EDUCATION, MEETINGS, FELLOWSHIP

**Learn about the Needlepoint Project** ■ This group is stitching kneelers for the church nave. To sponsor a kneeler or to join the effort, stop by the Common or contact Sally Comiskey (needlepoint@columba.org).

**Join a SPARK group** ■ Be active in service! See News and Notices for details.

### 10:15-11:05 am Education opportunities for all ages

**Sunday Forum: Breathe. See. Nourish. Energize. A Pathway to Wholeness**, Great Hall. Certified holistic health coach Frances Murchison guides us in the daily practice of these four principles as a path to healing and wholeness.

**Sunday Adult Bible Study**, Game Rm, Friendship Terrace. Discuss the day's lessons with your fellow parishioners. Newcomers are always welcome.

**Sunday School**, 1st- & 2nd-floor classrooms. Eucharist.

**Rite 13** (grades 6 & 7), Rm 203 & 220. Faith and trust: Embracing the creed.

**J2A** (grades 8 & 9), Rm 212. Stump the clergy.

**YAC** (grades 10 & 11), Rm 202. Reflection and community.

**10:15 am Tour and Talk**, Common. Meet at the Welcome table for an informal building tour and a chance to learn more about St. Columba's.

**12:30 pm Gallery Choir**, Music Rm. For singers in grades 9–12.

**12:30 pm Graduating senior luncheon**, Courtyard (or Great Hall if it rains).

**2 pm Final "New to You" potting party**, Offsite. Help prepare seedlings for the "New to You" sale. We will meet at the greenhouse behind 4354 Warren St., NW. An RSVP is helpful but not required; contact Susan Beale (202-363-0976).

**6 pm Sacristans' award dinner**, Offsite. An annual dinner honoring St. Columba's youth for their years of service as acolytes and sacristans.

### ST. COLUMBA'S

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 13, 2012



St. Columba's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OPEN IN SPIRIT ■ DEEP IN FAITH  
RICH IN WORSHIP ■ ACTIVE IN SERVICE

"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." John 15:11

Easter is longer than Lent for a reason: God desires fullness of joy for us so that our "joy may be complete." In Lent, we fast for 40 days; our Easter feast—sometimes called the Great 50 Days of Easter—extends 10 days longer. Today, as we draw near the end of Easter and another program year at St. Columba's, we have much to celebrate. We honor mothers of all ages for the way they imitate the self-giving love God has for all of us. We rejoice with all those who were confirmed or received yesterday at Washington National Cathedral. At 11:15 am in the church nave, we will recognize youth who are graduating from high school, excited to begin new adventures.

Just as winter melts into spring and spring matures into summer, our joy ebbs and flows throughout the liturgical year. Now is the time for feasting, the time when our joy is nearly complete. We are an Easter people living our joy in the world, open in spirit, deep in faith, rich in worship, active in service. Thank you for being with us this morning.

**Supporting St. Columba's** ■ Why is it important for you to make a financial pledge to St. C's? Your generous giving keeps our doors open and our worship and programs strong. We really can't thrive without you. Many thanks for the financial pledges so many have made. Please keep us at the top of your giving priorities!



Wheelchair-accessible seating is available underneath the gallery and in the nave extension. Ushers would be happy to assist you.

**Listening enhancement devices and large-print worship materials available at morning services from ushers.**

# Welcome

## SUNDAYS AT ST. COLUMBA'S

**8 am** A quiet, simple Eucharist with sermon and without music.

**9 am** A lively Eucharist with children's and adult choirs.

**9:15 and 11:15 am** Eucharists in the Great Hall for preschool children and their families.

**10:15 am** Education hour: Sunday School, youth classes and Sunday Forum.

**11:15 am** Eucharist with St. Columba Singers, Ensemble and other musicians.

**5 pm** A smaller, informal evening Eucharist.

**Refreshments and fellowship** follow each service in the Common and second-floor living room. **To find your way around**, there are maps posted on every level of the building. **If you have questions**, look for a member of our Welcome team—anyone wearing a pink name button.

## GETTING INVOLVED

**Learn about life at St. Columba's.** An informal tour and talk about St. C's is held on the second Sunday of each month at 10:15 am (10 am in the summer), and a three-session orientation class is held several times a year, providing an introduction to the Christian faith, the Episcopal tradition and how both are lived out at St. C's.

**Baptisms are offered periodically through the year.** For information on baptismal preparation and registration, please contact the Rev. Rose Duncan (rduncan@columba.org; 202-363-4119, ext. 212) or Pattie Ames (pames@columba.org). A schedule of baptismal dates can be found on our website, Columba.org.

**We have many opportunities for you to get involved** in the life of the church. Visit our website to learn more about upcoming events, opportunities for education and formation, various parish life groups and the many ways that you can participate in worship, fellowship and service at St. C's.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Children are welcome at all services.** Families with young children may enjoy the 9:15 and 11:15 am services in the Great Hall. We also offer child care in Rm 236 on the second floor for infants and toddlers to age 3, Sundays 8:45 am to 12:30 pm.

**Children from age 3 and youth through 12th grade** are encouraged to attend Sunday classes that meet during the education hour, from 10:15 to 11:05 am. To find out more about our children's or youth programs, visit our website, Columba.org.

## PASTORAL CARE

**There are many ways to connect with St. Columba's** in times of joy and need. If you wish to request any of the following, please contact Rob Boulter (pastoral@columba.org; 202-363-4119, ext. 245). For emergencies outside of office hours, you may reach a member of the clergy through the pastoral on-call phone (202-669-4856).

**Sharing your news:** We encourage you to let us know when an illness, death, transition or joyful event occurs in your life. You may request that events be shared with various prayer lists and in the newsletter prayers.

**Ongoing pastoral care:** Stephen Ministry is our one-to-one caregiving ministry, consisting of lay parish members who meet with people who have experienced a loss, crisis or difficult life transition.

**Laying on of hands and prayers for healing:** Offered at 9 and 11:15 am Sunday services in St. Aidan's Chapel (use the door to the right of the pulpit) and at the crucifix near the 42nd Street entrance. All prayers will remain confidential.

**Home communion:** If you are unable to attend church services and wish to receive communion, Stephen Ministers and clergy are available to provide this service.

# This Week

## WEEKDAY LITURGY

**Morning Prayer** Monday through Friday, 8:45 am.

**The Eucharist** Wednesday, 7 am, Chapel, followed by breakfast.  
Thursday, 10 am, Chapel, with the healing rite.  
Thursday, 2:30 pm, Friendship Terrace, with a brief homily.

## EDUCATION, MEETINGS, FELLOWSHIP

*Selected events from the parish calendar. For a full listing, visit Columba.org.*

### MONDAY (MAY 14)

7 pm **Celtic Ringers**, Bell Rm. For intermediate or experienced ringers.

7 pm **Remembering Group**, Rm 202. Gather to share stories of those we love but see no longer and to pray for healing and hope. All are welcome to join, including those who did not attend last week's session. RSVP to the Rev. Rob Boulter (rboulter@columba.org; 202-363-4119, ext. 245).

### TUESDAY (MAY 15)

6:30 pm **Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina**, Rm 202. Deepening relationship with God through prayer. Begins with lectio divina (meditative Bible study).

7 pm **Stephen Ministry Supervision**, Rm 220.

### WEDNESDAY (MAY 16)

10 am **Mothers' Group**, Rm 203. Drink coffee and chat while helping to sort kids' items for the upcoming "New to You" yard, bake, book and plant sale that will take place May 17-19. Child care is available.

1:30 pm **St. Aidan Ringers**, Bell Rm. Adult handbell choir.

3:45 pm **Primary Choir**, Music Rm. For children in grades 1 and 2.

6:30 pm **Benedictine Cell**, Deming Library. Meets to pray, reflect and explore the Rule of St. Benedict. Newcomers are always welcome.

7 pm **Boy and Girl Choirs**, Music Rm. For children in grades 3-8.

8 pm **Genesis Ringers**, Bell Rm. Handbell choir for children in grade 3 and up.

8:15 pm **St. Columba Orchestra**, Music Rm.

### THURSDAY (MAY 17)

1 pm **Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina**, Rm 202. All are welcome.

6 pm **"New to You" preview.** Parishioners and nursery school families are invited to browse and buy before the sale's official opening. Ends at 8 pm.

7:30 pm **St. Columba Singers**, Music Rm. Adult choir. Experience is helpful.

9:30 pm **St. Columba Singers Ensemble**, Music Rm. Adult choir by audition.

### FRIDAY (MAY 18)

11 am **"New to You" yard, bake, book and plant sale.** Ends at 7 pm.

### SATURDAY (MAY 19)

8 am **"New to You" yard, bake, book and plant sale.** Ends at 2 pm.

11 am **Third Saturday Youth Outreach**, Offsite. An opportunity for youth to make a difference by partnering with local social service agencies. Parents are also invited to serve. Contact the Rev. Jason Cox (jcox@columba.org; 202-363-4119, ext. 206) for details.

# Next Sunday

**Join a SPARK group** ■ SPARK groups are small groups of parishioners who gather for collective service and intentional reflection on the meaning of that service. Stop by our table in the Common to learn about the groups that have already been formed and how you might get involved or start your own group.

**Get your St. Columba Day picnic tickets** ■ We will celebrate St. Columba Day on Sun., June 10, with Celtic style worship, a parish country picnic and our annual Bookfest. The Bookfest will take place all morning in the Common, where you will have the chance to donate a volume to the Craig Eder library in honor of, memory of or thanksgiving for someone special. For more details and to purchase tickets for the picnic, visit Columba.org.

### 10:15-11:05 am Education opportunities for all ages

**Sunday Forum: Chat about anything and everything**, Great Hall. Join the Rev. Janet Vincent for an open forum to talk about whatever is on your mind. We always have interesting things to talk about!

**Sunday Adult Bible Study**, Game Rm, Friendship Terrace. Discuss the day's lessons with your fellow parishioners. Newcomers are always welcome.

**Last day of Sunday School**, 1st- & 2nd-floor classrooms. All classes will talk about Ascension and Pentecost.

**Rite 13** (grades 6 & 7), Rm 203 & 220. Halftime.

**J2A** (grades 8 & 9), Rm 212. Year-end celebration.

**YAC** (grades 10 & 11), Rm 202. Reflection and community.

**6 pm End-of-Year Youth Celebration**, Courtyard. All youth and their families are invited to attend. RSVP by Tues., May 15, to Jason Cox (jcox@columba.org; 202-363-4119, ext. 206). Be sure to include in your RSVP the number of people attending, whether any are vegetarians and whether you are willing to serve as a parent volunteer, grilling hamburgers and hotdogs.

# Parish Leadership

**MINISTERS** All the people of St. Columba's.

**CLERGY** The Rev. Janet Vincent, Rector; the Rev. Martin Smith, Senior Associate Rector; the Rev. Rob Boulter, the Rev. Jason Cox, the Rev. Rose Duncan, the Rev. Margaret Guenther, Associate Rectors; the Rev. Nan Hildebrand, the Rev. Brooks Hundley, Assisting Clergy; Caleb Lee, Nick Roosevelt, Seminarians.

**WORSHIP** John Hurd, Director of Music and Organist; Diane Heath, Assistant Director of Music and Organist; A. Wayne Fowler, Verger; Mark Allen-Gifford, Mary Claire Bond, John Guenther, Assistant Vergers.

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Pattie Ames, Director of Children's Ministries; The Rev. Jason Cox, Associate Rector for Youth Ministries.

**PARISH STAFF** Paul Barkett, Chief Operating Officer; Katherine Ballard, Accountant; Kim Carlson, Accountant; Dustin Davis, Operations Manager; Marina Davis, Library Assistant; Anona Fowler, Pastoral Associate; Rachid Gana, Printer; Devin Greene, Communications Assistant; Joshua Hutcheson, Assistant Director of Communications and Rector's Assistant; Susan Laing, STEP Program Coordinator; Anne Stone, Director of Communications; Tim Welsh, Director of St. Columba's Day Camp.

**NURSERY SCHOOL** Julia Berry, Head of School; Kristen Maxson, Assistant Director and Inclusion Coordinator; Karen Smyers, Administrative Assistant.

**ADDITIONAL STAFF AND VESTRY LISTINGS** can be found at Columba.org.