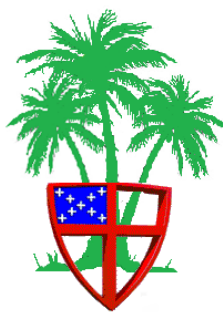


St. Columba News



St. Columba Episcopal Church

*Centered in Jesus Christ,
we Grow in faith,
Celebrate community and
Serve others with love as **The
Hands & Feet of Christ.***

#MySt.Columba

Dear Friends,

We are truly excited to welcome you to St. Columba Episcopal Church. As we continue to hear news about the evolution of COVID-19, more commonly known as Coronavirus, We want to assure you that the health and safety of our parish is our top priority.



Considering all the latest news and developments, including one of our own Episcopal priests being the first in the D.C. area to test positive for Coronavirus, we are instituting the following norms for our parish effective immediately:

1. We will not have holy water – for the time being – at the entrance of the church. The font can easily become a place to effectively pass on germs from fingers to face.
2. We will all take care of each other by not putting our hands in our mouths, nose or face, unless we use tissue – and preferably – in the restroom or outside. Staying home if you are already sick, and notifying the church, is also an important way to keep us all safe.
3. We will cover our cough with our arms (elbow) and not sneeze into our hands.

4. We will not offer the sign of peace with handshakes or hugs or any kind of hand contact – for the time being – but limit ourselves to a smile, wave, or bow... Please remain in your places during this time. Do not walk around for the sign of peace as is customary for us.

5. Holy Communion can be taken under one species – the bread – and be the fullness of Eucharist during these circumstances when there is so much fear of infection or transmission of germs.

I hope to see you all at church and I want everyone to understand these actions are motivated by love of our beloved parish family and all those who worship here.

May God bless our medical community and all our leaders involved in seeking a long-term solution to this crisis...

We know that information about the virus and recommendations change daily, and we will keep you informed if any changes come about.

Peace of the Lord

Debra

Prayer for People Critically Ill or Facing Great Uncertainty

God of the present moment,

God who in Jesus stills the storm

and soothes the frantic heart;

bring hope and courage to all

who wait or work in uncertainty.

Bring hope that you will make them the equal

of whatever lies ahead.

Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided,

for your will is health and wholeness;

you are God, and we need you.

-Adapted from New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 765

Important Links

Episcopal Relief & Development

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-we-do/us-disaster-program/faith-based-response-to-epidemics/>

Prevention and Treatment:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>

For regularly updated information from the CDC, please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>



Faith Conversations is our successful weekly meeting of individuals who share a delicious potluck dinner and meaningful conversation on various topics of faith.

Are you a spiritual seeker?

Join us at Faith Conversations.

Every Tuesday in Parish Hall

6-7:30 p

Bring your favorite dish to the potluck dinner.

Being part of a faith community of even a few other people who love God and worship Him in spirit and truth will give you strength and purpose and joy not found any other way.

Matthew 18:20~

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."



St. Columba Labyrinth

Please take a few moments to walk the St. Columba Labyrinth.

April 3rd we will utilize the Labyrinth during our Lenten Quiet Morning

"The path is always new, because, as a spiritual discipline, the labyrinth is a tool for contemplation, for reflection, for prayer. Underneath the surface, walking the labyrinth is a profound exercise in listening, in active silence, in finding movement and rhythm in the stillnesses underneath and in between every day's noise. Walking the labyrinth is an exercise in finding the voice speaking in whispers underneath the whirlwind of sound." With no end, but only a center, labyrinths become a physical symbol of

prayer and our journey with God." Travis Scholl



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Thank You!



The Nearly New Thrift Shop

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Please stop by
5800 Overseas Hwy in
Gulfside Village #35
10am-2pm Thurs, Fri, Sat

The St. Columba Nearly New Furniture Shop

12565 Overseas Highway

Thursday, Friday & Saturday
10am-3pm

**St. Columba
Episcopal Church Holy
Week Schedule**

**Palm Sunday Services
April 5th
9:00 & 11:00 am**

**Taize Service
April 8th**

7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday

April 9th

7:00 pm

Good Friday Service

April 10th

12:00 pm

Easter Vigil

April 11th

8:00 pm

Easter Services

April 12th 9:00 & 11:00 am

Easter Dinner 1:00 pm



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Join us every Sunday @

St. Columba Episcopal Church

If it's not about Love, it's not about God.

St. Columba is a fabulous place for people to worship, support each other,
and be engaged in the community.

9am~ Traditional Service followed by a delicious coffee hour

11am~Contemporary Service with our awesome band
followed by our yummy Sunday lunch!

The 2021 Florida Keys Celtic Festival



floridakeyscelticfestival.com
Marathon visitor information:
fla-keys.com/marathon or
1-800-262-7284

Thanks to the success
of The 2020 Florida Keys
Celtic Festival-

The Hammock House will be able to
provide free Spring Break camp this month
to kids in
The Middle Keys.



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don't forget to use

2021-Florida Keys Celtic Festival

Save the Date-
Jan 9th & 10th!

We will welcome the rocking
sounds of Scottish
band **Albannach**, Irish sisters
The Screaming Orphans, our
friends **West of Galway** our newest
favorites the all female **Blue Sky
Pipe & Drum band** and in 2021
we will welcome

The Byrne Brothers.

The Byrne Brothers are a family
band from Dublin and now live in
Orlando Florida.

They are all County Champions of
their Traditional Irish
Instruments, Duo and Trio
Champions and Ulster Champion
Irish Dancers. Even their Dad
Tommy was Dublin Champion on
Bagpipes back in the day and now
plays with them on
Guitar, Uilleann Pipes, Fiddle
Whistles and Bagpipes.
We can't wait!



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