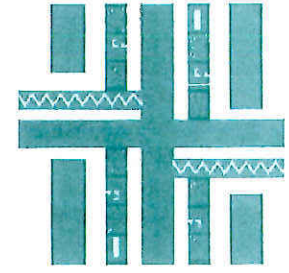


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Michelle Batista / Joan Morris

Office Manager

Maria Creer

Parish Financial Officer

Mary Ellen Morgan

Liturgy

Wednesday - Thursday : 8:00 AM (Mass)

Monday: 8:00 AM (Prayer Service)

Friday: 8:00 AM (Communion Service)

Rosary: Monday - Friday: 7:30 AM

Saturday Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses - 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)

Sacraments

Baptism - Contact Margaret Roncalli

Marriage - Contact pastor 6 months in advance

Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:00 Saturday

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

For communion/visits to the sick & homebound; mass intentions, prayer request & funerals

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President: Hollis Pierce-Jenkins

Principal: Dara Northcroft



Peace
&
Harmony

Mission & Vision

Through African American traditions, we are moved
by the Spirit to serve.

“Making Mercy Visible”

JESUS SAID TO THEM,
“COME
AFTER ME,
AND I WILL
MAKE YOU
FISHERS
OF MEN.”
MATTHEW 4:19

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Pastors New Years Letter 2017

Dear Parish Family,

Happy New Year to you and your family. May God continue to bless you and keep you safe! This New Year begins with a peaceful transition of power from the first African American President, Barack H. Obama to a new Presidential administration. In these times we ask for God's guidance and grace to help us move forward together as a nation and as a state. We ask for the presence of mind to challenge the new administration in the light of the Gospel of Love and our U. S. Constitution.

St. Columba continues to flourish with forty seven ministries, (see our newly published parish directory). We are debt free, and joyfully, in the spirit of the Gospel of Love, promoting social justice, taking risks and living out our parish vocation as the "People of God" in this particular church/parish family. Our Mission statement is "Through African American Spirituality, we are called by the Spirit to serve." In this multi-cultural environment we strive for excellence in all things and recognize that, as Fr. Kwame reminds us, our difference is our strength and that it is not about biology or skin tone but about our similarity and our being created in the image and likeness of our God. We are all sisters and brothers in Christ. However we acknowledge the very real challenges, of racism, mass incarceration, lack of proper education funding and lack of equality under the law. We work with OCO and PICO towards a more perfect society that addresses these issues and so much more.

We are faced with many challenges. Our parish council has directed us to look at the issue of race and difference in our parish family, in our church and in the world. In order to do that we need to secure the necessary tools from an organization such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, peace project in order to address this issue. If we at St. Columba cannot take on this task who can? We can be a model for our diocese and the world.

On 1/20/2017 Bishop M. Barber, S.J. announced the closure of five Oakland schools and the consolidation of many more into a consortium. St. Martin De Pores is due to be closed by the end of this academic year. Dr. Hollis Jenkins, the school board and staff along with myself have fought very hard to keep our school open. SMDP represents five other schools that closed in the past including our very own St. Columba. This decision was