

Bible Study: Study the Mass readings Sunday mornings 10:00-10:45 (except when we have 10:00 Mass).
Rosary: Join our English/Spanish/Igbo Rosary Mondays via Zoom from 7-7:45 p.m. To join, check our Facebook page, see Pedro, or call the office.
Fr. Gabe's Bible Study Thursdays 7pm.
 Contact livmarks@aol.com for the link.
First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, and Night Prayer 6:30-8pm
Men's & Women's Group 2nd Tuesday of the month in the parish hall (changed to Thursday for November)
Prayer Group After Mass the 1st Sunday of the month
Potluck Social After Mass the last Sunday of the month
Parish Council 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7pm

Sacraments

Baptism: Call Carmen at 716-847-1463. Parents and godparents must attend a pre-baptismal class. We baptize children at Mass to welcome them to our community!
Reconciliation: During 1st Friday Adoration, or 1st Saturday of the month, 3:00-3:45: or call the office to make an appointment.
Confirmation/First Communion/RCIA: Please contact Deacon Jerry.
Weddings: Appointment with a priest/deacon should be made at least six months before desired date. *Engaged couples must attend a pre-nuptial instruction class.*
Funerals: Please have the funeral director call Fr. Aaron before any arrangements are finalized.
Anointing: please call Fr. Aaron to arrange. In case of emergency, please tell the hospital to call their Catholic chaplain. Because of privacy regulations, institutions no longer notify us when a parishioner is in the hospital, so call the office to arrange sick calls or to be added to our prayer list.
Ordination: Interested in becoming a deacon? See Deacon Jerry. Interested in becoming a priest or entering religious life? See Br. Jason.

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 11 a.m. Sandy Villa 716-885-6706



Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 4 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. (Spanish/Español)
 11 a.m.
Last Sunday of Month: 10 a.m. (bilingual)
Holy Days: 7 p.m. (Bilingual)

November 18 & 19, 2023
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
75 Hickory St. (near Clinton)
Buffalo, NY 14204
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Pastor of Family 21: Fr. Joe Rogliano
Parochial Vicars: Fr. Bob Gebhard
 Fr. Jud Weiksnar, ofm
 Fr. Aaron Richardson, ofm
Deacons: Mr. Jerry Hodson
 Br. Jason Damon, ofm
In residence: Br. Tim Dauenhauer, ofm
In Heaven: Sr. Karen Klimczak

NEW BEGINNINGS. A TIME TO FIND A HOME. A TIME TO COME BACK.

Ss. Columba-Brigid Church extends a welcome to:
 Families of 15 or those who are single and alone, under 30 or as old as Methu-
 selah himself, gay, filthy rich or poor as dirt, no habla Ingles or Black and
 proud, Zen meditators or screaming babies, tourists of the generation Buffalo-
 nians, liberated females or macho men, computer geniuses or bad spellers,
 home bound or a part of the "jet set" doubters and seekers or those who are
 more Catholic than the Pope, workaholics or bleedings hearts—**OH AND YOU!**

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PARISH COUNCIL: Meets the Third Tuesday of each month...All members are invited and encouraged to attend!

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

We the church of Ss. Columba-Brigid are a welcoming, inclusive, multicultural Catholic community inspired by the Holy Spirit to celebrate the Risen Christ in how we worship, love our neighbors, care for God's creation and work for justice in our daily lives.

Nosotros, la iglesia de San Columba-Santa Brígida, somos una comunidad católica acogedora, inclusiva y multicultural inspirada por el Espíritu Santo para celebrar a Cristo Resucitado en la forma en que adoramos, amamos a nuestro prójimo, cuidamos de la creación de Dios y trabajamos por la justicia en nuestra vida diaria.

Electronic Giving: You can donate electronically at our website through tithe.ly. Just go to sscolumbabrigid.org and click on the "donate" button. Or go to our Facebook page and click on the "donate" button. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our church!

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November 18 & 19, 2023 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in a Birthday Remembrance of Michael Kielaszek by Dan & Roxanne Kielaszek

Saturday, November 18, 2023

4:00 p.m. +Birthday remembrance for Michael Kielaszek by Dan & Roxanne Kielaszek

Sunday, November 19, 2023

9:00 a.m. +Dennis Hunt by Cliff & Donna Emminger

11:00 a.m. +Albert Zwirlein by Donna & Cliff Emminger

Saturday, November 25, 2023

4:00 p.m. +Virginia Pinkard by Cherlyn & Bill Davis

Sunday, November 26, 2023 Bilingual

10:00 a.m. Juan B. Irizarry & Encarnacion Irizarry-Cruz by Luz Morales

Bilingual Social is next weekend. Let's share our *cultural food*! Please bring one of your family favorites.

Thank You! Last week's collection was \$3,258.50 with \$215.00 for HOPE/Outreach. \$95.00 for Restricted or Special Donations. *We understand if you can't give at this time due to financial hardship. Let us know if we can help you with any critical needs through our HOPE fund. Please pray daily for our parish.*

Special Collection This week's special collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Daily Masses at Columba-Brigid during Advent Season starting December 4, 2023 at 9am. Monday to Friday, except Holy Days

Snow Mass will be on the first day of at least 6 in of snow at 6pm in the Sister Karen Garden. Lets welcome the winter season in prayer.

Upcoming Events

Parish Council All parish members are invited, and **encouraged**, to attend and participate in future meetings as we work together to grow our parish, re-connect with lost members, and advance the mission of the Church. We'd like to have members from *every ministry* within the parish present at the Council. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your voice at the next gathering, November 21 @7 pm.

Thanksgiving Day Masses Will be celebrated at two locations within our Family of Parishes. The first will be the evening before Thanksgiving, Nov. 22, 6:30 at St. Martin de Porres. Bring a canned food item donation for Mass on Thanksgiving eve, in support of Little Portion Friary. On Thursday, Mass is at 10am at Blessed Trinity, please bring a canned food item to this Mass as well. If you plan to go to the Mass on Thanksgiving day, please sign up in the vestibule. Donations of canned items on Thanksgiving Day will be shared with our food pantries in Family 21.

The Sacrament of Confirmation for candidates in our Family of Parishes will take place at 7pm at St. Lawrence on Monday Nov. 27. **The decorating committee for Confirmation** would like your support by signing your name on one of the doves, you'll find in the vestibule. This is for each candidate to take home to remind them of the support offered by their families, friends, and parish families.

Celebrate with the Friars Wednesday, Nov. 29th, @ 7pm in the church hall, as Friars across the world commemorate the **800th Anniversary** of the approval of our Rule. Learn more about what it means to be "Franciscan," and enjoy a game of trivia and light refreshments!

Advent Day of Reflection; On December 2nd at Columba Brigid from 10:30am-3pm. The day will include short talks, from Deacons Jason and Jerry, with time for prayer and confessions to enter into the season of Advent. Lunch will be provided; free will donations accepted to cover food costs

Introduction to Centering Prayer:

Saturday, December 2, 2023 Blessed Trinity Church, 10am-3pm. RSVP by contacting either Kathleen at kmren48@yahoo.com or Mary Ellen at mesmackay@gmail.com

Our next Family Faith Formation is

Thursday, December 7 at 5:30 PM. We start with supper. Join us at **Ss. Columba-Brigid** as we create a Jesse Tree and tell the story of the Family Tree of Jesus. The finished tree will be shared with all of our parishes. We need to make 27 ornaments and discuss 27 different references! Everyone is needed. Perhaps St. Nicholas will have a surprise, too!

Martin Luther King Scholarship AND The Albert Lenhard, St. Matthews, St. Martin de Porres Scholarship Fund!

Please see the applications in back of the Church. Don't Delay! Each application is due November 28th. One is geared to high school students who wish to attend a Catholic High School. The other is for a student attending an undergraduate or graduate program in the Fall of 2024.

Our Food Pantry monthly request for November is **cereal and canned soups and fruits**. If donating food, please call the office ahead of time or bring your food donations to Mass. **Bags will be given out next Sunday after bilingual Mass.**

Buffalo Bills Ticket Raffle for the Dec. 17th game @ 4:25 pm Bills vs Cowboys. Two Winners each win two tickets. First winner will be in section 138 row 34 seats 9 & 10, Second winner will be in the same section 138 with seats 11 & 12. Raffle ticket cost is \$20. Available after masses and in the office. Drawing will take place after Mass on Dec. 10th.

Please be sure to check the bulletin board in the vestibule for Family 21 news.

November is Black Catholic History

Month. Learn more about Six African American Catholics on the path to becoming canonized saints on the poster in front of the Church. Also check out the podcast on Black Catholic History on soundcloud.com/buffalodiocese to hear local perspectives on the Black Catholic Experience

Please pray for:

Ken Mrozik, Kristin, Pat Montemarano, Ronnie Dillard, Dennis Adams, Kathy T., Fr. Vincent Becker, Samantha, Ruth Kennedy, Fr. James O'Connor, Anthony Pedraza, Mikah Oligo, Chris Pinto, Aida Mercado, Steve Polichette, Dick Baldwin, Pauline Steward, Dollie Seymour, Ismael Ortiz, John Schroeder, Mollie Barajas (cousin of Fr. Aaron) Shayla, Rick Stang and Ana Morales.

Call the office to add a name, or to include it in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.