

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.

STAFF DIRECTORY

Parochial Vicar
 Fr. Aaron Richardson, ofm
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Pastoral Associates:

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 Paula Hunt 716-348-0154

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Karen Helinski 716-852-3331
 (hours Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 12-4)

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Coordinator of Faith Formation:

Deacon Jerry Hodson 716-852-3331

Business Manager:

Bill Marks 716-677-5656

Music Ministers:

Sat: Cory Gallagher 716-868-2047
 (Weddings & Funerals)
 Sunday 9:00: Pedro Rivera
 Sunday 11:00: Linda Appleby

Maintenance:

Joe Strusienski

Youth Group:

Please call the Parish Office, 716-852-3331 to leave a message.

Church Hall Rental: 716-852-3331

Communion Visitations:

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Fundraising Committee: Monica Zielinski
 mlzielinski@aol.com 716 553-1750

Sacristans:

4p.m. Evy Adams 716-481-0736,
 Carol Vance and Sandy Villa
 9 a.m. Carmen R. Rivera 716-847-1463,
 11 a.m. Sandy Villa 716-400-7282



March 9 & 10, 2024
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
75 Hickory St. (near Clinton)
Buffalo, NY 14204
sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com

716-852-3331

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)

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

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 Buffal-
 o-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!**

FACEBOOK: @sscolumbabrigidchurch **WEBSITE:** sscolumbabrigid.org
EMAIL: sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com **YOUTUBE:** @SsColumbaBrigidVideos

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PARISH COUNCIL: Meets the Third Tuesday of each month @7 pm All parish members are invited

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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March 9 & 10, 2024

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week for special birthday intentions of Fr. Gabe Scarfia, ofm by Paula Hunt.

Saturday March 9, 2024

4:00 p.m. For parishioners of Family 21

Sunday March 10, 2024

9:00 a.m. For peace and health. +deceased Saints by the Chien Do Family

11:00 a.m. Birthday blessings for Fr. Gabe Scarfia ofm by Paula Hunt

Wednesday March 13, 2024

9:00 a.m. +Dennis Hunt by Dennis & Kathleen Castillo

Saturday March 16, 2024

4:00 p.m. +Jean Hoagland by Sandy & Sara

Sunday March 17, 2024

9:00 a.m. +Andres Moreira by Cecilia Rose

11:00 a.m. +Luise Kubat by Ken & Rose Dolph

WE HAVE DATES AVAILABLE TO SCHEDULE MASSES.

Thank You! Last week's collection was \$2,577.00. *Hope/Outreach* \$235.00, *Capital Improvement* \$20.00. *Let us know if we can help you with any critical needs through our HOPE fund. Please pray daily for our parish.*

Last week's Special Collection : Thank you for your generosity \$210.75 for Black & Native Missions was donated. Our next special collection will be on Good Friday March 29th. This will be for the Holy Land.

Mission Trip

There are a limited number of Mission Trip slots available for the August 2024 trip to St. Francis Inn in Philadelphia. Fr. Aaron is planning to accompany us on this trip. Applicants must be at least age 14 before August 1. Applications will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis; however, preference will be given to the 2024 Confirmation candidates. Registration forms are now available.

Upcoming Events

Life In The Eucharist Thursday. March 14th at 6 p.m. This session will be a potluck meal. Please bring a dish to share.

Our next Baptism class for anyone in Family 21 will be Sunday, April 14 at 1 PM at Blessed Trinity in St. Charles Hall - the school building behind the church. Please contact your parish office to register.

Confirmation Session I - Day and Time Change!

All students in at least their first year of high school and adults may register for Session I of our **Confirmation Program**. This program is **required** for those who want to be admitted to Session II leading to Confirmation in November 2024. Candidates are encouraged to bring their sponsor/Godparent. All sessions begin at 12:30 PM on Sundays March 17, 24, and April 7, Join us and live your **Life on Purpose**. Ss. Columba-Brigid.

Living Stations of the Cross will be presented at Ss. Columba-Brigid on Friday, March 15 at 7 PM. We are looking for children, teens, and adults from all of our parishes to participate. Roles are simple and easy to learn. Some require no speaking parts at all. Sign up with your name and phone number. We already have some participants - make sure that your parish is represented.

Next week's social after the 11:00 a.m. Mass will be hosted my Notre Dame, please bring a dessert to share.

Start your ovens for our Baked Good Sale on Palm Sunday weekend March 23-24. Please help out with this easy and yummy Fun Raiser.

Ushers are needed. Please call Sandy Villa if you can help.

Collecting can tabs. The Holy Name Society of St. Martin de Porres are collecting the tabs from cans. Please place yours in the container on the table in vestibule. This charity supports families during health crises of their children.

Tuition Assistance for Private Grammar Schools Now Available. The BISON Children Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children in grades K-8. New families can now apply for scholarships for the 2024-25 school year. To start the process, families can complete a pre-application form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. If selected in the lottery drawing, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. Deadline to apply is March 15. For more information, contact Cindy at 716-854-0869, ext. 1 or cmcdonald@bisonfund.com

Ladies of Charity- Buffalo has \$800.00 scholarships available for a boy and a girl who are currently attending Catholic or public elementary schools, and who are interested in attending a Catholic High School in the Fall of 2024! Please go to LOC@ccwny.org and click on the St. Louise Incentive Award Scholarship to access the application.

Early voting will take place here beginning Saturday, April 20th through Sunday, April 28th. Times to be announced at a later date.

Food Pantry monthly request for March is **cereal, pasta, sauce and canned fruits**. Donations can be placed in the baskets in the vestibule to be brought up to the altar during the Offertory Song.

Palestinians in Gaza are facing mass starvation. **Catholic Relief Services** is joining Mercy Corps, Refugees International and many other organizations in stating that only an immediate cease fire will save them. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help! "Let us pray for peace in the Holy Land... Let us pray that the difficulties resolve themselves in dialogue and negotiation and not with a mountain of dead on each side... We must not forget that grave violations of international humanitarian law are war crimes, and that it is not sufficient to point them out, but also necessary to prevent them." ~ Pope Francis. For more information or to get involved contact Dcns. Jerry or Don.

Please pray for:

David Pombrio, Daniel Ohl, Linda Coleman, Knox Christie, Pat & Joanne Montemarano, Tim Skrok, Elaine Loos, Ronnie Dillard, Fr. Vincent Becker, Ruth Kennedy, Fr. James O'Connor, Anthony Pedraza, Mikah Oligo, Chris Pinto, Aida Mercado, Steve Polichette, Dick Baldwin, Pauline Steward, Ismael Ortiz, John Schroeder, Mollie Barajas (cousin of Fr. Aaron) Joy Muzzy, Sheila Ayala, Sr. Donna Anthony, and Ana Morales.

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