



**Please pray for:** Ken Mrozik, Kristin, Dennis Hunt, Elaine Damon, Ronnie Dillard, Dennis Adams, Kathy T., Fr. Vincent Becker, Samantha, Zoey Virella, Ruth Kennedy, Pat Montemarano, Anthony Pedraza, Mikah Oligo, Chris Pinto, Aida Mercado, Steve Polichette, Dick Baldwin, Pauline Steward, Dollie Seymour, and Ana Morales. Previous names are in our "pray for" book. Call the office to add a name, or to include it in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

**Bible Study: (On break until September)** Study the Mass readings Sunday mornings 10:00-10:45 (except when we have 10:00 Mass). Call Betty at 716-322-1185.

**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:** 1st Saturday of the month, 3:00-3:45, but call Fr. Jud or Fr. Aaron in case of special need.

**Confirmation/First Communion/RCIA:** Please contact Deacon Jerry.

**Weddings:** Appointment with the Pastor 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 contact Fr. Jud or Fr. Aaron before any arrangements are finalized.

**Illness, Hospital Stays, Homebound:** Parishioners, please notify our parish office immediately. Because of privacy regulations, institutions no longer notify us.

**Anointing:** please call Fr. Jud or Fr. Aaron to arrange. If your loved one is in a hospital, please tell the hospital to call their Catholic chaplain in case of emergency.

**Ordination:** Interested in becoming a deacon? See Deacon Jerry. Interested in becoming a priest or entering religious life? See Fr. Jud, Fr. Aaron or Br. Jason.

**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.

**STAFF DIRECTORY**

**Pastoral Associates:**

Carmen R.Rivera 716-847-1463  
Paula Hunt 716-348-0154

**Secretary:**

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

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**Coordinator of Faith Formation:**

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**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  
Avery Ray

**Youth Group:**

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

**Church Hall Rental:** 716-852-3331

**Communion Visitations:**

Dennis Hunt 716-400-8204

**Fundraising Committee:** Monica Zielinski  
[mzielinski@aol.com](mailto:mzielinski@aol.com) 716 553-1750

**Ministries Coordinators:**

**Saturday Mass:** 4 p.m. Evy Adams 716-481-0736, Carol Vance and Sandy Villa

**Sunday Mass:** 9 a.m. Carmen R. Rivera 716-847-1463, 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)

followed by pot luck social

**Holy Days:** 7 p.m. (Bilingual)

**August 5 & 6, 2023**  
**Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church**  
**75 Hickory St. (near Clinton)**  
**Buffalo, NY 14204**  
**716-852-3331**

**Pastor for Family 21:** Fr. Joe Rogliano  
**Parochial Vicars:** Fr. Bob Gebhard  
Fr. Jud Weiksner, ofm  
Fr. Aaron Richardson, ofm

**Deacon:** Mr. Jerry Hodson  
**Pastoral Associate:** Br. Jason Damon, ofm  
**In residence:** Br. Tim Dauenhauer, OFM  
**In Heaven:** Sr. Karen Klimczak

*Welcome to Ss. Columba-Brigid Church*  
*Sister Mary.*  
*May God Bless you and the Sister's of*  
*Arogymatha Congregation of Kadapa Diocese in South*  
*India.*

**WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP LIVESTREAM OUR WEEKEND MASSES. See Fr. Jud if you can help with this. All you need is an iPhone!** You can view our Masses, live or archived, on our webpage [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://sscolumbabrigid.org) near the bottom of the page.  
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**OUR FACEBOOK PAGE IS:** @sscolumbabrigidchurch  
**OUR FACEBOOK GROUP IS:** Ss. Columba-Brigid Parishioners and Friends  
**OUR WEBSITE IS:** [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://sscolumbabrigid.org)  
**OUR EMAIL IS:** [sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com](mailto:sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com)

**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](http://tithe.ly). Just go to [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://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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## August 5 & 6, 2023 The Transfiguration of the Lord

**The Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for +Ronnisea Dillard-Moore by the friars

### **Saturday, August 5, 2023**

**4:00 p.m.** +Joseph by the Ndayishimie Family

### **Sunday, August 6, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.** +Leticia and Blanca Bone by Celcia Ross

**11:00 a.m.** +Carol A. Smith by Donna & Cliff Emminger

### **Saturday, August 12, 2023**

**4:00 p.m.** +Jeff Caruso by Andrew & Anne Forrestel

### **Sunday, August 13, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.** For our Family of Parishes

**11:00 a.m.** Fr. Roy Herberger Birthday Prayers

**New Ushers:** We're seeking persons to make the lines of people receiving communion run smoothly, collect the offerings and pass out bulletins. Please call Sandy, 716-885-6706.

**Gardenin' Angels and Friends** will meet on Sat., Aug. 12 from 9-10:30 a.m. Thanks for all your help with the East Side Garden Walk!

**Come to Buffalo Day at the Chautauqua Institution!** A group of us are going to the Chautauqua Institution on Tuesday, Aug. 8 for the day. Chautauqua is a community of artists, educators, thinkers, faith leaders and friends dedicated to exploring the best in humanity. Whether it's your first time visiting or your fiftieth, Wisdom will be gleaned. Memories will be made, Life will be enriched, and Positive change is your charge. Admission is free for residents of zip codes 14201-14280 on this special day. Please bring about \$30 to cover lunch and dinner. We will leave Ss. Columba Brigid at 7:30 a.m. and return sometime in the evening. Please contact Deacon Jerry if you are interested in going. The day will include an ecumenical worship service, a lecture on Grand Canyon National Park, a picnic, walking around the grounds and more.

**Thank You!** Last week's collection was \$2,273, with \$150 for HOPE/Outreach. We also received \$7,168 in Restricted or Special Donations. Also, for the past several weeks we received \$1,356.87 through our webpage donation button, and \$4,734 through our Facebook donation button. *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 Collections:** Thank you for giving \$175.41 to last week's Retired Diocesan Priests' Medical Benefits collection. This week's second collection is for the Catechetical Sisters of Arogyamatha of Kadapa Diocese, India. The sisters take care of orphans, young girls and women in India. They do their ministries among the poorest of poor in India especially in the remote villages. Our next special collection will be Aug. 19-20 for Catholic University.

**Catholic Health is looking for volunteers for all of our hospital sites** – Kenmore Mercy, Sisters of Charity, Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, and Mt. St. Mary's. Volunteers are the heart of our community! For more information, call Lisa Carey, Supervisor of Volunteer Services, at 716-862-1106 or apply online at: <https://www.chsbuffalo.org/volunteer>.

**Come see The Chosen:** Come see another episode of "The Chosen" with us in the parish office at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10.

**A note from our Parish Secretary Karen:** If you or anyone you know is hospitalized at South Buffalo Mercy Hospital and would like a visit from me to receive communion or a prayer, please call me at the office. I realize chaplains are available, but I have had this thought in my mind for some time and I feel called to act on it. It would be my pleasure and I hope I can help with prayer for healing. Much Peace, Karen.

**Road to Renewal Updates:** The Administration pillar met on July 10 and discussed the monthly rent for Fr. Joe and agreed upon a recommendation to be forwarded to Fr. Joe. This would be an interim arrangement until they develop a plan to allocate all family expenses. Allocation of compensation of the priests was discussed. The matter was tabled pending additional information as to the actual costs of the priests. They discussed what a central office would look like. A subcommittee will work on a list of what duties and responsibilities would lie within the Central Office. Weekly attendance at St. Lawrence has risen by about 20% since Fr. Joe's arrival.

To see all the complete pillar notes go to [www.stlawrencevineyardministries.com/](http://www.stlawrencevineyardministries.com/) and look under "more" to find the pillars you want. The meeting dates are posted on the calendar so that if you have any concerns, you can bring them to your pillar representatives before the next meeting. Meetings **are not open to guests.**

### **Note from our Pastor:**

Greetings Family 21, August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation, The Feast of the Assumption of Mary. The Mass schedule for our Family is as follows:

Vigil Mass - 8/14/23 @ 4:00 p.m. - St. Lawrence

Holy Day - 8/15/23 @ 11:00 a.m. - Blessed Trinity

Holy Day - 8/15/23 @ 7:00 p.m. - Ss. Columba Brigid

Please know that I am anxious to begin the rotation of priests and Masses as soon as possible. There are a few major details that still need to be settled, and I promise you as soon as they are, we will begin!!

Thank you for your patience and prayers. Please be assured of mine.

In Christ's love, *Father Joe*

**Our Food Pantry** monthly request for July is **cereal and canned vegetables and fruits.** If donating food, please call the office ahead of time or bring your food donations to Mass.

**Family of Parishes Picnic Hosted by St. Martin de Porres Holy Name:** Sun., August 20, 2023 at Como Park gazebo from 1-7 p.m. St. Martin's will provide burgers, hot dogs and condiments. Each individual parish will provide its own side dishes, desserts, beverages, ice and coolers. Grills will be set up for anyone wanting to grill chicken or ribs. There will be a main table set up for anyone that would like to share a dish. **Please see the sign up sheet in the vestibule.**

**Family Faith Formation:** All ages and grade levels meet at Ss. Columba-Brigid. Enjoy a meal together with separate sessions for children and adults. We get back together for a family "project." Books for public school and preschool children will be distributed at a meeting Thurs., Sept. 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the hall. This meeting is open to all.

**Confirmation Session II:** All students who attended Session I in the spring or the make-up session over the summer are invited to our fall program leading to Confirmation this November. Candidates—bring your sponsor/Godparent. All sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26, Nov. 2 & 9 in our hall. The Retreat is Sat., Nov. 11, site **TBA.**

**Baptism:** Class for parents wishing to have a child under the age of 7 baptized will be held Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m. at Blessed Trinity in St. Charles Hall - the school building behind the church. Follow the signs. Registration for this class is preferred. Contact the parish office.

**Let Karen Know** if your birthday is in September, so we can recognize you at the end of this month.