

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 7 p.m. Contact livmarks@aol.com for the link.
First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, and Night Prayer 6:30-8 p.m.
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, 7 p.m.

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 before the 4:00 Mass on Saturday; 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 any of the friars.

STAFF DIRECTORY

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 (Weddings & Funerals)
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 Sunday 11:00: Linda Appleby

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Joe Strusienski

Youth Group:

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

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 Carol Vance and Sandy Villa
 9 a.m. Carmen R. Rivera 716-847-1463
 11 a.m. Sandy Villa 716-400-7282



April 27 & 28, 2024
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
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Buffalo, NY 14204
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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)

Temp Admin.: Fr. Bob Gebhard
Parochial Vicars: Fr. Aaron Richardson, ofm
 Fr. Jud Weiksnar
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!**

FACEBOOK: @sscolumbabrigidchurch **WEBSITE:** sscolumbabrigid.org
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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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 716-886-5363

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 4614 Main St.
 716-839-7100

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April 27 & 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Dennis Hunt by Catherine Detmers

Saturday, April 27, 2024

4:00 p.m. +James R. Zlotek by Susan Zlotek and children

Sunday, April 28

10:00 a.m. (Bilingual) +Linda Valentin by Melissa, Patrick and family

Wednesday, May 1

9:00 a.m. (Spanish) Special intentions for peace and strength for Barbara by Olive and family

Saturday, May 4

4:00 p.m. +David Wieczorek by Pat and Joanne Montemarano

Sunday, May 5

9:00 a.m. (Spanish) for peace, health and All Deceased Saints by the Chieu Do Family

11:00 a.m. +Theresa Dolph by Alice Ohl

Wednesday, May 8

9:00 a.m. Please call the office if you have an intention for this Mass.

Thursday, May 9

7 p.m. (Bilingual) Please call the office if you have an intention for this Mass.

Our special collection this weekend is for the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. The next special collection will be May 18-19 for the Church in Latin America and the Church in Africa.

Thank You! Last week's collection was \$2,222.31 with \$25 for Hope/Outreach, \$750 for fuel, and \$25 in Restricted or Special Donations. Let us know if we can help you with any critical needs through our HOPE fund. Please pray daily for our parish.

Catholic Charities: As of Thursday we're still at \$9,432.50 of our \$12,780.84 goal for 2024, which is 73.8%. Thank you to the current 21 donors. We aim for 47! We'd like to be just the 7th church in the diocese to make their goal! Please give what you can! Go to ccwny.org or pick up a flyer in the vestibule at church.

Upcoming Events

Columba-Rumba is our biggest parish fundraiser. Join us June 9 following the 11 a.m. Mass. Your \$25 ticket includes a BW BBQ dinner with 1/2 chicken and two sides, one non-alcoholic beverage, two cookies, popcorn, cotton candy & sno cones. Live music by Al Ferguson and Taken By Storm. We will also have a beer tent and games. We need volunteers for everything from advertising to taking out the garbage! Can you sell five tickets to family or friends? See the sign-up sheets in the vestibule to volunteer. The Columba-Rumba supervisors will meet on Monday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Eastside Partnership: This special event for Senior Citizens will take place at Gerard Place on Saturday, May 11 at 10 a.m. It will begin with Mass with Bishop Mike and then a breakfast/reception to kick off an exciting new venture that connects Family 21 with the community of Gerard Place. We will do health fairs, cooking demos, and day trips, with more in the works!

Congratulations to Br. Jason Damon, ofm who will be ordained to the priesthood on May 4 in Silver Spring, MD. Fr. Jason will celebrate his first Mass here on Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m., the Solemnity of the Ascension, with a reception afterwards.

The Parish Office will remain closed for regular business until Karen returns on May 1. We will be checking the messages daily.

A Memorial Mass for Dick Baldwin our beloved parishioner and friend will be celebrated here at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 11.

Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday, May 3 from 6:30 p.m.—8 p.m. (We will *not* have Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation in June.)

Message from Fr. Bob: One of the initial foundational parts of the renewal was the formation of "Pillar Groups" to plan for our Family 21 (Blessed Trinity, Ss. Columba-Brigid, St. Lawrence, St. Martin de Porres) future in 6 areas of Family/parish life: Administration, Spiritual Life, Forming Disciples, OutReach/InReach, Stewardship, Liturgy. "*These are the 6 key areas of the Church that require constant planning, monitoring and evaluation within each Family of Parishes to create a Family Action Plan.*" The work of our 6 Pillar Groups will be compiled into one Family Action Plan to be a roadmap for our Family in the years to come. We are blessed in the hard work and effort put forth by those who serve on these Pillars. **In the weeks to come, please watch for summary reports from each of our Pillar Groups.** Thank you to all who collaborated on this plan for the good of us all!

First Communion Session Two:

Thurs., May 2, 6 p.m. at Ss. Columba-Brigid. Candidates must have completed Session One with us or have already made First Reconciliation in the past. Anyone who needs help purchasing a First Communion outfit **must** attend this session as applications will be due the next week.

Eight Days of Hope (a Christian disaster-relief organization) has chosen Ellicott District this year to fix up people's porches and roofs for free. Applications are open through May 6 and you must be a homeowner to apply. For more info and the application if you know anyone who lives in this district who needs this, go to: <https://eightdaysofhope.com/event/eight-days-of-hope-buffalo-2024/>

Food Pantry request for May: cereal, pasta, sauce, and mac & cheese. Place donations in the baskets in the vestibule to be brought to the altar during the Offertory.

Are you a parent of young children and your financial situation has changed?

Women, Infants & Children (WIC) is a federal nutrition program. For information about WIC, including income eligibility, visit www.ccwny.org/wic or call 716-218-1484.

Please pray for: Fr. Gabe, Fr. David, Roland Autry, Jayne Nadler, Daniel Ohl, Knox Christie, Pat & Joanne Montemarano, Elaine Loos, Ronnie Dillard, Fr. Vincent Becker, Ruth Kennedy, Anthony Pedraza, Mikah Oligo, Chris Pinto, Aida Mercado, Steve Polichette, Pauline Steward, John Schroeder, Benjamin Barajas, Joy Muzzy, Sheila Ayala, Sr. Donna Anthony, Ana Morales, Amy Kielaszek and Leonard Smith. Call us to add a name to this list, or to have it read at the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

Happy Birthday in May/Feliz

Cumpleaños en mayo: Judy Staszczuk, Yairim Perales, Bentley Hunt, Anthony Liriano, Christian Sanchez, Robert Klinko, Pedro Liriano, Genesis Gonzalez, Kimberly Vega, Anthony DeJames, Senait Oqbaslassie, Silvia Rivera, Jerry Davis, Arsema Teklzghi, Bob Drajem, Joshua Lee, Paul Gonzalez, Karen Helinski, Sharon Wojtulski, Cliff Emminger and Minia Teklzghi. God bless you!

Congratulations! to the Alaku family. David and Munachi were chosen to represent our parish as Altar Servers of the Year at the special Mass with the bishop, and Favour will be Lector at that Mass.

Ride For Roswell: See Fr. Jud if you would like to donate; let him know if you would like him to pray for someone with cancer or affected by cancer.