

**Please pray for:**

Shawna L'Italien, Debi Smith, Jeff Witulski, Freddie Beavers, Grace Christie, Leo J. Baumgartner, Dan Kielaszek, Sister Mary Augusta Kaiser, Sister Donna Anthony, Donald Crain, Fr. Roy Herberger, Crystal Adams, Lynda Coleman, Dondi Marsh, Delia Serrano (Lydia), Teddy Nicpon, Alice Ohl, Delores Nicpon, Ann Cruz, Steven Nowak, Jean Miles, Roxane Bayisabe, Domitium Bigirimana, Jenny Ortiz-Topper, Aden Nicpon, Maria Hernandez, Tony DeJames, Jeanne D'Arc, Marta Perez, Laura Nowak, Rachael Baldwin, Larry Threat, Mary Lou Rivas, Angelina, Pauline Steward, Maria Nikel, Luz Morales, Anthony Pedraza, Joy Muzzy, Ramona Draffin, Ana Morales,

**Food Pantry** We can still use cereal, pancakes mix, syrup, soup, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables and canned fruits. Please place donations in the baskets in the vestibule. We will acknowledge the donations during the announcements. We also accept monetary donations to purchase perishable items periodically. **Thank you !!!!**

**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, First Communion, Confirmation:** Call Deacon Jerry Hodson 716-852-3331 to make an appointment.

**OCIA:** Please call church office.

**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 Paula Hunt 716-348-0154 before making any arrangements.

**Anointing:** Please call the office 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/call Deacon Jerry. Interested in becoming a priest or entering religious life? Call Fr. Bob 716-833-0301.

**STAFF DIRECTORY**

**Pastoral Associates:**

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

**Secretary:**

Roxanne Kielaszek 716-852-3331  
(hours Tues. & Thurs., 12-4)

**Email:** sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com

**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

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

**Sacristans:**

4 p.m.-Tracy Liriano  
9 a.m.-Carmen R. Rivera 716-847-1463  
11a.m.-Cindi Adams

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**Bible Study:** Study the Mass readings Sunday mornings 10:00-10:45 (except when we have 10:00 Mass). Call Betty Reiter at 716-207-4715 if you have any questions.

**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.

**Prayer Group:** After Mass the 1st Sunday of the month.

**Potluck Social** After Bilingual Mass the last Sunday of the month.

**Children's Liturgy:** Last Sunday of the month (Bilingual Sunday)

**Parish Council:** Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm



**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.:**

**Deacons:**

Fr. Bob Gebhard

Mr. Jerry Hodson

Mr. Don Weigel

Mr. Mike Dalessandro

**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, homebound or a part of the "jet set", doubters and seekers or those who are more Catholic than the Pope, workaholics or bleeding 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 @ 6:30 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!

**January 17 & 18 2026 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for Fr. Jason Damon ofm Birthday Wishes by Paula Hunt

**Saturday, January 17, 2026**

**4:00 p.m.** For Victims of Violence Everywhere

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

**9:00 a.m.** Fr. Jason Damon ofm, Birthday Celebration by Paula Hunt

**11:00 a.m.** +Clifford J. Emminger by Cliff and Donna Emminger

**Saturday, January 24, 2026**

**4:00 p.m.** +Mikila Richards by Paula Hunt

**Sunday, January 25, 2026 Bilingual**

**10:00 a.m.** Terrilisha, Birthday Celebration by The Family

**Offertory amounts** The amounts for the weekend 1/11/2026 were: Regular,\$5,302.12, Hope Outreach \$35.00. *Let us know if we can help you with any critical needs through our HOPE fund. Please pray daily for our parish.*

**Special Collection** There will be a second collection next weekend 1/24 & 25, For Catholic Relief Services (American BPS Overseas Relief). We “Thank You” in advance for your generosity.

**All Minister Leaders:** Must attend the first Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:30pm, to prepare for the rest of the year. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Parishioners:** That don’t use church envelopes, but put cash donations in the collection basket-we ask that you please take a envelope off the tables in the back of the church, put your donations in them and write you name on the envelope. We want to make sure that you are given the credit for your donations. Thank you!!

**This Sunday, St. Martin de Porres:** Hosts the annual diocesan Martin Luther King Remembrance Celebration. We are honored to have Bishop Michael Fisher as celebrant and Rev. Carl Gales, SVD, as guest homilist. We thank the diocesan Office of Cultural Diversity and the African American Commission for their efforts in planning this celebration that highlights our unity in diversity.

**Jesus is Here! Trials and Resurrection:** Fr. Gales was the keynote speaker at the ***Jesus is Here! Trials and Resurrection Conference***, sponsored by the Road to Renewal Office this weekend. To quote, Fr. Gales is “pastor of Our Lady of Africa Parish in Chicago. His parish was formed through the merging of five parishes, giving him a unique pastoral perspective on renewal, perseverance, and hope. He will share insights from his journey, with a special focus on how hope, trust in Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit sustain us through times of change and renewal. Fr. Gales is also a musical prodigy who in his youth, performed as a concert pianist at Carnegie Hall in New York City!” We are grateful for his willingness to share his insights, energy, and giftedness with our diocese.

**As we begin this New Year 2026:** Special thanks to the members of our Family of Parishes who continue the work of renewal with their commitment to the various Pillars (InReach/OutReach, Spirituality, Stewardship, Discipleship, Liturgy, Administration), especially to those who are currently chairing the Pillars. These Pillars welcome further members so **anyone who has an interest in becoming involved in the important work and ministry** that they undertake, on behalf of our Family and future church, please contact me (716-833-0301) or your parish office.

**Wanted:** Volunteer assistants (2) for First Reconciliation. This position requires five or six classes, a Penance Service, and one other activity. You will receive training and work with an experienced teacher. Classes begin in late February and will be on Thursday evenings at 6 PM at Blessed Trinity. Contact Lanette Jennings, Paula Hunt, Fr. Bob, or Pat Dyer if interested.

**Anyone That Handed In:** An application for the Eucharist Ministry, our class will be held at Ss. Columba-Brigid on Saturday January 31, 2026 at 9:30am in the church hall.

**Diocese’s Chapter 11:** With the request from the Court that it is published in all parish bulletins and posted on parish/Family websites. Notice of Opportunity to Present Nontestimonial Statements to the Bankruptcy Court. Please see the notice on the table in the vestibule and on the bulletin board, for more information.

**The Diocesan Vigil for Life Mass-es** Will be celebrated on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> in local parishes in each Vicariate. Our City of Buffalo Vicariate Vigil for Life Mass will take place at **6:30PM on January 22<sup>nd</sup>** hosted by Family 32 at **Our Lady of Czestochowa, 2158 Clinton Street, Cheektowaga, NY 14206.**

Fr. Ron Sajdak, Our Vicar Forane will preside. Make plans today to gather with us and pray for our growing conversion to a Culture of Life.

**Do You Love To:** Work with teens and young adults? Do you want to help them become Christian leaders? Can you combine fun with service learning? Do you have a few hours a week that you can volunteer? If you can answer “yes” to these questions, we want to talk to you about Youth Ministry. Training and mentors are available. Volunteers need to be Confirmed and members of our parishes are preferred.

**Young Adult Discussion:** We are trying to put together a young adult discussion group. Which will be lead by Estella Ade and company. This would be for the age group of 19-40 years old. Please call either the office 716-852-3331 or Estella 716-398-1910.

**Chocolate Candy Making:** We will be making Valentine candy on Saturday, Feb. 7th at 9:00am. Please see the sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Bring your crockpots and spoons. We will be selling the candy before and after the Masses on Feb. 7th and 8th and if there is any left, we will sell them on Feb. 14th and 15th.

**Next Sunday is Bilingual Mass:** 10:00am Mass with Social to follow, please bring a dish to pass. Thank you!

**The Beginning of Lent Will Be Here Soon:** Ash Wednesday will be the start of Lent on February 18, 2026. Let us begin to prepare ourselves.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS !**

- Thursday, January 22, 2026—Vigil for Life Mass 6:30pm, at Our Lady of Czestochowa
- Saturday, January 31, 2026—Eucharist Ministry Faith Formation Class 9:30am at Ss. Columba-Brigid
- Saturday, February 7, 2026—Valentine Candy making 9:00am at Ss. Columba-Brigid,
- Monday, February 9, 2026—Subs ‘N Suds, 5:30pm at Blessed Trinity
- Wednesday, February 18, 2026—Ash Wednesday
- Monday, March 9, 2026—Life in the Spirit , 6:30pm at Blessed Trinity
- Monday, March 16, 2026—Life in the Spirit, 6:30pm at Blessed Trinity
- Friday, March 20, 2026—Lent Stations of the Cross and Penance Service, 5:30pm soup supper, 6:30pm Stations Penance Service with confessions to follow at Blessed Trinity.
- Monday, March 23, 2026—Life in the Spirit, 6:30pm at Blessed Trinity

**Early Voting:** Right here at Ss. Columba-Brigid. For Special election in the 61st Senatorial District, will be held Saturday 1/24/26 to Sunday 2/1/26. Hours are as follows: weekdays from 11:30am-9:30pm and weekends 8:30am-5:30pm. Ss. Columba-Brigid.

**Sunday 9:00am Mass:** Parishioners need to sign up for confession ahead of time, because of our lack of Spanish Priests. Call Carmen to make your reservation 716-847-1463.

**We Are In Need:** Of metal tablespoons and soup spoons if anyone can help with those items, please bring them to church or the office. Thank you!

**After A Fire At An Apartment Building In Buffalo Displaced Dozens:** Catholic Charities Emergency Preparedness and Response team worked with the American Red Cross and Ladies of Charity to quickly gather and deliver clothing for 19 residents. Thanks to strong partnerships – and supporters like you – help arrived within hours. Support the Catholic Charities Appeal at [www.ccwny.org/donate](http://www.ccwny.org/donate).