

**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  
 friar.aaron.richardson@gmail.com  
**Pastoral Associates:**  
 Carmen R. Rivera 716-847-1463  
 Paula Hunt 716-348-0154  
**Secretary:**  
 Karen Helinski 716-852-3331  
 (hours Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 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  
**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:**  
 call the office 716-823-3331  
**Fundraising Committee:** Monica Zielinski  
 mzielinski@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



**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)

**February 2 & 3, 2024**  
**Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church**  
**75 Hickory St. (near Clinton)**  
**Buffalo, NY 14204**  
**sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com**

**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!**

**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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## February 3 & 4, 2024

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in remembrance of Dorothy Heinz by Paula Hunt.

### Saturday February 3, 2024

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

### Sunday February 4, 2024

**9:00 a.m.** Special intentions for peace and health and in remembrance of all deceased Saints by Chieu Do and family.

**11:00 a.m.** +Dorothy Heinz by Paula Hunt

### Saturday February 10, 2024

**4:00 p.m.** +Walter Gourdin "Fonzie" by Don Thompson

### Sunday February 11, 2024

**9:00 a.m.** For parishioners of Family 21

**11:00 a.m.** +Carmeline & James Gearin by Luz Morales & Family

During Lent we will celebrate Mass on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Call the office if you would like to schedule a Mass.

**Thank You!** Last week's collection was \$1,513.00. *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** For Catholic Relief Services was \$204.64. Thank you for your generosity.

**Looking for something special to do this Lent?** Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Through **CRS Rice Bowl**, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. Rice Bowls are available at the entrance to the church after Mass. They are available in both Spanish and English. Any questions please see Deacon Jerry.

## Upcoming Events

Mission Trip Information Session February 4, 11:15 AM **SMdP**

Baptism Class parents of children under age 7 February 7 at 6:30 PM **SMdP**

Life in the Eucharist - A Five-week Lenten Retreat begins February 15 **CB** @ 6 p.m.

Confirmation Session 1 begins March 14 6 PM at **CB**

**2024- PRAYER PARTNERS** ~ Lent is just around the corner! February 14th is Ash Wednesday. That means it is sign-up time for prayer partners. We hope you will participate this year as we unite as a Family of Parishes. Signup sheets are available in each church. In these chaotic times we need more prayers and faith than ever! Praying for another in need is one of the spiritual works of mercy. If you haven't experienced being a prayer partner yet, we hope you will join this year. During the Lenten season you will be given a name of someone from within the participating parishes to pray for during Lent and the Easter season and that person will have your name. Phone numbers will be provided only if you wish to contact your prayer partner which would be a good thing to do. Also "Pope Francis asks us to pray for the start of a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Catholic Church's 2025 Jubilee Year. We can include this in our prayer together!

**Family 21 is going to the movies to celebrate Women's History Month** on March 10. Sign up to join us for *Cabrini*. This movie was filmed in Buffalo with scenes from inside Blessed Trinity. Tickets are limited so we are requesting a commitment now. This event is sponsored in part by the Fr. George Reger Faith Formation Fund.

**Fund Raiser: Valentine's Day Chocolate Sale.** We will be making chocolates on Saturday February 10, 2024 from 9:00am – 1:00pm and selling them before and after each Mass on Saturday 2/10 and Sunday 2/11. If you would like to volunteer to help make the chocolates, put the boxes together, weigh and box the chocolates, please **sign the signup sheet**. We will need crock pots and big spoons. If anyone would like to donate any of the supplies that will be needed-please contact Monica Zielinski (716-553-1750) or Roxanne Kielaszek (716-856-7298). Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

**Price list for chocolates' on sale next weekend. We don't want you to miss out!** \$15 - for 1/2 lb. Cashews, \$1 - for Pretzels, \$2-for Suckers, \$10-for 1/2 lb. for all other chocolate covered goodies.

**Did you know? Appeal 2024 is our 100th annual Appeal!** Following its inception in 1923, Catholic Charities held its first fundraising campaign in 1924, which carried a goal of \$262,116. That goal was met and exceeded with a total of \$325,808 raised! Today, our annual Appeal looks quite different, including a much larger goal. But the tradition of raising money to help those in need continues. Be part of our historic 100th Appeal, and give HOPE to those who need it. Give today at [ccwny.org/donate](http://ccwny.org/donate) or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

**Soul Food Sunday!** Last Sunday in February, our social theme is Soul Food.

**Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations."**  
—Dr. Mae Jemison, first African-American female astronaut

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

**Life in the Eucharist.** Join your Family of Parishes' team for a five-week Lenten retreat beginning Thursday, February 15 at 6 p.m. We will gather in our parish hall for talks on the Eucharist, prayers and discussion. A simple supper is planned for each evening. **Please sign up if you will be attending dinner.** If you have a child involved in religious education, First Communion or Confirmation classes, this is a perfect opportunity to share your faith with others.

**The Holy Name Men of St. Martin de Porres** are collecting pull tabs from soft drink cans for the Ronald McDonald House. This charity supports families during health crises of their children. Place the tabs in the collection box at the church entrance.

### Please pray for:

Daniel Ohl,  
Peter Maund, Knox Christie, Pat & Joanne Montemarano,  
Ronnie Dillard, Dennis Adams,  
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,  
Linda Coleman, 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.