



Please pray for: Carol Duffie, Dorothy & Fran Beaman, Barbara Maund, Jerry Wszalek, Hilda Orellana, Mary Kazmark, Louise Solomon, Ken Mrozik, Vincent & Maryjane Messina, Fr. Gabe, Scarlett Schratz, Rene & Jay Plodzick, Betty Bryant, Andrew Hendel, Al Knight, Bob Meister, Karen Dake, Pauline Steward, The previous names are now in our Pray For book. Call the office at 852-3331 to add a name to this prayer list, or to have it read in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

Sacraments

Baptism: Please call Carmen Rivera at 847-1463. Before a child receives the sacrament, parents and godparents have to attend a pre-baptismal class. We baptize children at Mass, limited to one family per Mass.

Reconciliation: 1st Saturday of the month, 3:00-3:45, but call Fr. Jud 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 are required to attend a pre-nuptial instruction class.**

Funerals: Please have the funeral director contact Fr. Jud 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 to arrange. If your loved one is in a hospital, please tell the hospital to call their Catholic chaplain in case of emergency.

Rosary: Every Monday join our trilingual Rosary via Zoom at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to pray together. To join, let us know in the office and we will forward your e-mail to Pedro so he can send you the link. The Rosary is prayed partly in English, in Spanish, and in Igbo, and we have music in English and Spanish. It lasts about 45 minutes. Children are welcome to join as well!

STAFF DIRECTORY

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

Youth Group:

Please call the Parish Office, 716-852-3331

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716-852-3331

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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



February 5 & 6, 2022
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
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Buffalo, NY 14204
716-852-3331
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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (Spanish/Español)
11:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

Pastor: Fr. William "Jud" Weiksna, OFM

Deacon: Mr. Jerry Hodson

Fr. Gabe Scarfia, OFM

Br. Tim Dauenhauer, OFM

In Heaven: Sr. Karen Klimczak

With the decrease in Covid infection rates, we are resuming activities such as the Men's and Women's Groups, Bible Study and Family Faith Formation as long as masks are worn, people are distanced, and no food or beverages are served.

Reservations from outside groups to rent the parish hall, which usually involves food, are being taken but only if their event will be held May 1 or afterwards.

We recommend that all those attending Mass be fully vaccinated and boosted in order to protect yourself and others who are in the building. Masks are required. Thank you all for your patience and cooperation.

We will be updating our policies in consultation with the Parish Council, our staff, and the diocese as conditions change.

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OUR FACEBOOK GROUP IS: Ss. Columba-Brigid Parishioners and Friends

OUR WEBSITE IS: sscolumbabrigid.org

OUR EMAIL IS: 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 tithely.com. 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 5 & 6, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sanctuary Candle: Donation of \$5 will be lit for a week for in memory of or special intentions.

Saturday, February 5

4:00 p.m. +Ruth & Gilbert Ott by Mary Kazmark

Sunday, February 6

9:00 a.m. +Jim Walsh by Pat & Joanne Montemarano

11:00 a.m. +Lucy Missert by Fr. Jud

Saturday, February 12

4:00 p.m. +Deceased members of the Polichette Family by Steve & Carol

Sunday, February 13

9:00 a.m. +Souls that have no relatives by Teresa Tran & Family

11:00 a.m. +Ntandikiye Joseph by the Ndayishimiye Family

Tuition Assistance for Private Grammar

Schools: New families can now apply for scholarships for the 2022-23 school year. To start the process, families can complete a pre-application form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The BISON Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children in K-8th grade. If selected, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. The deadline to apply is February 28. The average scholarship is \$1,500 and the maximum award is \$2,500. For more information, call Cindy McDonald at 716-854-0869, ext. 1

Married Couples Retreat: Enjoy a weekend get-away with your spouse February 11-13. A time for prayer, inspirational talks, discussion and sharing. For more information or to register, contact Sr. Jacinta at olcparishevent@gmail.com or 716-692-0276.

Thank You for last weekend's collection of \$1,714. We understand if you can't give at this time due to financial hardship. Please advise us if we might be able to help you with any special needs through our HOPE fund. Also, please pray daily for our parish.

Last week's special collection: \$246 was collected for Catholic Relief Services (American BPS Overseas Relief), Thank you for your generosity.

This Week's Second Collection: This week's collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation and poverty outreach. The following second collection will be March 5-6 for the Black and Native Missions.

Bible Study: Bible Study will start up again on Sunday, Feb. 13th at 10am. It is always a blessed time, preparing us for 11 am Mass.

Streaming: We need volunteers to stream our 4:00 Saturday or Holy Day Masses on our website. If you have a tablet/device that can stream video and would like to help, please let Fr. Jud or Rick Zielinski know.

Prayer Partner Information from Sr.

Maureen: Praying in Jesus's name seems so important in our world today where there is so much chaos. This year instead of having a new prayer partner I invite us all to pray for the success of the Road to Renewal for the Diocese and our very own Family of Families grouping. Let us pray this in the preplanning days until we begin in October, 2022: "We pray that our Loving God will grant us the grace to be renewed in our Gospel living, to be forgiving, to love all people as Jesus did, and to be open to transformation in each of our lives. May the Holy Spirit guide us on the way. Amen" If you have any questions please call Sr. Maureen at 897-9948 x 103 or your parish secretary.

Parish Council: The next meeting is for Group A (Youth) at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 20th. It is not yet determined if it will be in person or via Zoom.

Buffalo Urban League Scholarship Program

All high school seniors or recent High School Equivalency (HSE) Diploma recipients (within the current year) who plan to attend college in the fall of 2022 are eligible to apply for the scholarship. To be eligible for scholarship consideration you must have an acceptance letter from the college you are planning on attending in the fall and must have applied for Federal Student Aid www.fafsa.ed.gov. Please contact the parish office for applications. The deadline to have this submitted is February 28, 2022.

Family of Family News:

We are in need of a small group from each parish to prepare or purchase a simple kid-friendly meal for our socially distanced (parent next to his/her child then 6 feet) sacramental preparation program. If we take turns, each parish will provide three meals over about four months. Classes are 5:30 PM on Thursdays beginning February 17 - our first class is already covered. Please contact Paula Hunt at Ss. Columba-Brigid 716-852-3331 to volunteer as she will be keeping the schedule. No classes immediately around Easter.

Black History Month: In February we will be celebrating Black History Month. You will see slides on our slideshow shown before Mass, as recommended in a discussion at our most recent Parish Council meeting. Our youth will also be reading poems or excerpts from other readings by prominent Black Americans. Please check for fliers on the back tables in church with information on Black-owned businesses in the local community.

Our Food Pantry: needs jelly. Please do not leave food outside the pantry. If donating food, please call the office ahead of time or bring the donations to Mass.

Events going on this week in our Family of Parishes

(BT=Blessed Trinity, STL=St. Lawrence, CB=Ss. Columba-Brigid, SMdP=St. Martin de Porres)

Monday, Feb. 7: 7 p.m. Trii-Lingual Rosary (Spanish/English/Igbo) via Zoom. Click the link on CB website.

Wednesday, Feb. 9: 12:30 p.m. Bingo STL Doors open 11 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 10: 9 a.m. – Noon Food Pantry-volunteers needed! Many different jobs available – some without client contact. Call 716-896-0047 STL. 4 – 6 p.m. Silent Vigil open for private reflection BT. Need a little peace, quiet, and restoration? You are invited to join us! 8 p.m. Bingo BT Doors open 6:30 p.m.

Our Movies will resume in the near future, but without snacks. Registration for First Reconciliation/First Communion has begun. Classes begin Feb. 17. Our Lenten Journey begins March 2. Join us for Masses on Monday evenings and Stations of the Cross on Fridays. Penance Service April 4. Support Catholic Relief Services through Rice Bowl. Complete schedule available soon. Zoom Scripture Study will be resuming next week. If you'd like to join us, call BT and leave a message as to your preference for Monday or Tuesdays and evening or daytime. 833-0301. Fundraisers: STL is collecting soft goods (cloths and household items like blankets) for its clothing ministry. Items that exceed our needs are used to raise money for our ministries. Contact Luke Dyer 909-0800.