

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

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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 716-852-3331

Fundraising Committee: Monica Zielinski
 mlzielinski@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 17 & 18, 2024
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
 75 Hickory St. (near Clinton)
 Buffalo, NY 14204
 sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com

716-852-3331

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

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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The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in remembrance of Br. Vianney Justin by Billy May

Saturday February 17, 2024

4:00 p.m. +Peter Villa Birthday Remembrance by Sandy Villa

Sunday February 18, 2024

9:00 a.m. For parishioners of Family 21
11:00 a.m. +Dennis Hunt by Johnnie Bingley

Wednesday February 21, 2024

9:00 a.m. +Dennis Hunt by Dennis & Kathleen Castillo

Saturday February 24, 2024

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

Sunday February 25, 2024 Bilingual Mass.

10:00 a.m. For parishioners of Family 21
Soul Food Potluck Social

Thank You! Last week's collection was \$3,923.25. *Hope/Outreach* \$463.00, *Capital Improvement* \$1443.00, *Fuel* \$750.00. *Restricted or Special Donation* \$373. *Let us know if we can help you with any critical needs through our HOPE fund. Please pray daily for our parish.*

This week's Special Collection is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and Catholic League for Assistance to Poland. Our next special collection will be March 2-3 for Black & Native Missions.

Prayer Partners! If you signed up for a Prayer Partner and did not receive a name please call the office.

Thank You to everyone who helped with the chocolate candy making. The results were so good! We really do appreciate you taking time from your personal lives to come together and support our family.

Upcoming Events

This week's Lenten Journey takes us to Ss. Columba-Brigid for Mass on February 19 at 7 PM, again at Ss. Columba-Brigid for Life in the Eucharist on February 22 at 6 PM, and to St. Martin de Porres for Stations of the Cross on February 23 at 7 PM. Please join us as we pray our way through Lent.

Life in the Eucharist began on February 15, but it's not too late to join us for the remaining weeks. This five-week Lenten Retreat takes place at Ss. Columba-Brigid @ 6 p.m. Take some time during Lent to reflect on the gift of God himself in the Eucharist. There will be plenty of time for table conversation and sharing. A simple meal is served every week. Supper is sponsored by Blessed Trinity on February 22.

FUN Raiser on Wednesday February 21st in the St. Lucy room in church. Let's plan a Columba Rumba!

Confirmation Session One begins at 6:00 PM on March 14 at Ss. Columba-Brigid for candidates who have been baptized and are in at least the ninth grade. Please complete the registration forms and return them to your parish office.

Living Stations of the Cross will be presented at Ss. Columba-Brigid on Friday, March 15 at 7 PM. We are actively looking for children, teens, and adults from all of our parishes to participate in the presentation. Roles are simple and easy to learn. Some require no speaking parts at all. Sign-up with your name and phone number

Ushers are needed. Please call Sandy Villa if you can help. Our church has been so full lately. YAY! It does help to have some organization as we prepare to receive the Eucharist. Parishioners of all ages are welcome to help.

Collecting can tabs. The Holy Name Society of St. Martin de Porres are collecting the tabs from cans. Please place yours in the container on the table in vestibule. This charity supports families during health crises of their children.

The Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor will host talks every Wednesday at 6pm in February at the Merriweather Library. For additional information and other events go to <https://www.michiganstreetbuffalo.org>. February 21 - The History of the Colored Musicians Club • February 28 - What Are You Reading Rev. Nash?

Tuition Assistance for Private Grammar Schools Now Available. The BISON Children Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children in grades K-8. New families can now apply for scholarships for the 2024-25 school year. To start the process, families can complete a pre-application form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. If selected in the lottery drawing, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. Deadline to apply is March 15. For more information, contact Cindy at 716-854-0869, ext. 1 or cmcdonald@bisonfund.com

Let Your Voice Be Heard: If you have an opinion about the proposal to create a tunnel by covering part of the Kensington Expressway along Humboldt Parkway, or would like to learn more about it, go to www.eastsideparkwayscoalition.com/ To get in touch with members of Family 21 who have taken an active role on this important issue for our East Side community, email sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com

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. Donations can be placed in the baskets in the vestibule to be brought up to the altar during the Offertory Song.

Catholic Health is looking for compassionate, active volunteers 18+ at all hospital sites and skilled nursing facilities. We need friendly visitors, greeters and much more! Catholic Health LIFE center is also seeking senior companions. For more information, contact Lisa Carey at 716-862-1106 or visit our website: <https://www.chsbuffalo.org/volunteer>.

Lenten Fish Fry every Friday during Lent (February 16 – March 22) from 4-7 pm at St. Greg's Ministry Center, Maple Rd. (next to Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital), Amherst. Featuring fried or baked fish, French fries, coleslaw and roll. Pizza also available. For more information, call 716-688-5678. Sponsored by St. Greg's Knights of Columbus.

Please pray for:

Matt Logue, Daniel Ohl,
Peter Maund, Knox Christie, Pat & Joanne Montemarano,
Ronnie Dillard,
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,
Sr. Donna Anthony,
and Ana Morales.