

Please pray for:

Baby Quinn Beaton, Don, Betty Kennedy, Rachael Baldwin, Larry Threat, Nicky Letina, Mary Lou Rivas, Angelina, Lina, Judita Nakonoi Aloisio Sr. Donna Anthony, Joanie, Olga, Sarah, Jasmine Roger, Rick Zielinski, Don Thompson, Pauline Steward, Marie Nikel, Luz Morales, Domitien Bigirimana, Larry Hyman, Ronnie Dillard, Fr. Vincent Becker, Ruth Kennedy, Anthony Pedraza, Mikah Oligo, Chris Pinto, Aida Mercado, John Schroeder, Joy Muzzy, Ramona Draffin, Ana Morales, Ryan Danna.

Food Pantry Place donations in the baskets in the vestibule to be brought to the altar during the Offertory.

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 to make an appointment.

RCIA: Deacon Mike Dalessandro. 716-261-6727

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 the office before any arrangements are finalized.

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 Deacon Jerry. Interested in becoming a priest or entering religious life? Call Fr. Bob

STAFF DIRECTORY

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Sunday 11:00 Linda Appleby

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Sacristans:

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

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.

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

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



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
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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!

March 8 & 9, 2025

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in remembrance of Hector Rodriguez & Karima Isabel Smith by Betsy Tirado & Family.

Saturday, March 8, 2025

4:00 p.m. +Birthday Remembrance of Fr. Pino Gariolo CRSP by Ariyanna, Layla, Zoey & Bentley

Sunday, March 9, 2025

9:00 a.m. For parishioners of Family 21 & 23

11:00 a.m. Special intentions for Manuella's needs and healing by The Ndayishimiye Family

Saturday, March 15, 2025

4:00 p.m. +Hector Rodriguez & +Karima Isabel Smith by Betsy Tirado and Family

Sunday, March 16, 2025

9:00 a.m. +Lidia Rivera by Cecilia Ross

11:00 a.m. +Linda Valentin by Wence Valentin

Offertory amounts Last weekend regular collection \$3,055.75, Hope/Outreach \$225.00 Thank you for your generosity. *Let us know if we can help you with any critical needs through our HOPE fund. Please pray daily for our parish. This weeks special collection is for Black and Native Missions.*

Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by our youth on Friday, April 4 at 7 PM in the church at Ss. Columba-Brigid. Our First Communion class is featured, but we need another soldier, a Simon, some people for the crowd, friends of Jesus, Daughters of Jerusalem and some readers. Older siblings of our First Communion class and Confirmation candidates are encouraged to participate. Children over 3 are welcome. Parents can hold younger children so they can be part of the crowd. There are no lines to memorize for these parts. Readers will have everything printed out for them. Practice will be at 6 PM on April 4. Call Pat @ 716-256-2598 if interested.

Food Pantry: Is in need of cereal, canned fruits and veggies, soups, pasta & sauce. The shelves are very low.

Cancer Awareness Program: Saturday, March 15th 9am at Ss. Columba-Brigid. Breakfast is included. Please sign up so we know how much food should be prepared. Adam Sumlin and associates from Roswell will be here to talk on the cancers of breast, colon and prostate. This very informative session will ease your mind and help you to understand what exactly is involved with these illnesses.

Stations Of The Cross. All 7pm services are Bilingual at all locations. All noon services at Ss. Columba-Brigid are English.

Catholic Relief Services Update:

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the top recipient of funds from the U.S. Agency for International Development, known as USAID. Unfortunately, the Trump administration has continued to target USAID with a spending freeze, office closures and extensive staff cuts. These cuts to USAID will be devastating to CRS. Among the programs and services provided by CRS are water and sanitation, education, agriculture, health, microfinancing, climate change resilience, as well as justice and peace-building programs in addition to emergency and disaster assistance. Visit www.crs.org for more information, and please continue to advocate for programs that help the poor—interested in joining our local chapter? Contact Dcn. Jerry or Dcn. Don.

Lenten Journey:

Stations: March 14th Noon in English & 7pm Bilingual at Ss. Columba-Brigid.

Monday Mass: March 10th at St. Martin de-Porres Bilingual 7pm

Ss. Columba-Brigid Ministry Corner.

Gardenin' Angels: Parishioners maintain the garden areas. One of which is the St. Kateri Native Plant Garden. Native plants attract a variety of pollinators (including birds, butterflies and bees) Spring is on its way! Keep your eyes open for an announcement of when the gardening begins!

Ángeles de la jardinería

Los feligreses mantienen las áreas verdes. Una de ellas es el Jardín St. Kateri de plantas nativas. Las plantas nativas atraen una variedad de animales polinizadores (aves, mariposas, abejas son algunas de ellas). ¡La primavera se acerca!

Si esta usted interesado en este ministerio, por favor deje su información en la oficina

Family in need of a love seat/couch, living room chair, kitchen table with 2 chairs and another with 4 chairs, a double bed and a single bed and lamps. Please call Paula Hunt if you are able to help with any of these items. Thanking you in advance.

Wow! What a "Profit". Again Thank you to everyone involved with the Valentine's candy making. Profit was \$1,025.97.

A Huge Congratulations to Seim

Oqbaslassie who was **Awarded Altar Server of the Year** this past weekend. He was also asked to be a Lector for the Mass! (of all the churches in the Diocese!) We are so proud of you Seim, thank you for making your parish shine.

Baptism class for parents of children under 7 has been canceled due to a lack of registrations. Our next class will be announced soon.

TEENAGERS – YOU'RE INVITED . . .

Young people in grades 8-12 are invited to No Matter WHAT: A Day for Catholic Teens on Sunday, March 30th from 12-5:30 PM at Hilbert College in Hamburg! Gather with teenagers from across the Diocese of Buffalo for an interactive day with national speaker Paul J. Kim! The day concludes Mass with Bishop Michael Fisher. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch. For more information, you may contact Pat Dyer 716-256-2598. This will be an experience you won't want to miss! Our parishes will cover the fee. Please contact Paula Hunt, Lanette Jennings, or Pat Dyer to obtain the code to be used at check-out. Flyers are available.

Are you the caring person responsible for a family member or friend with dementia?

Would you like a couple of hours to run errands or have lunch with a friend without having to worry about your loved one's safety? The **East Side Community Partnership** in cooperation with the Alzheimer's Association of Western New York is now offering Respite Care at no charge. The first date is set for March 11 from 10 AM to 2 PM at Gerard Place 2015 Bailey Ave, building number 3. Trained individuals will provide socialization and care including lunch freeing you to do whatever you need to do. Call Eric at Gerard Place 716-897-9948 ext. 117 by March 7 to see if your loved one qualifies.

We are blessed and thankful to Notre Dame

who will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day party after the 11am Mass on March 16th.