

**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 716-852-3331  
**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



**March 16 & 17, 2024**  
**Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church**  
**75 Hickory St. (near Clinton)**  
**Buffalo, NY 14204**  
**sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com**  
**716-852-3331**

**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)

**Temporary Administrator:** Fr. Bob Gebhard  
**Parochial Vicars:** Fr. Jud Weiksnar, ofm  
 Fr. Aaron Richardson, ofm  
**Deacons:** Mr. Jerry Hodson  
 Br. Jason Damon, 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  
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 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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## March 16 & 17, 2024

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week for peace, health and for all deceased Saints by the Chieu Do Family

### Saturday March 16, 2024

**4:00 p.m.** +Jean Hoagland by Sandy & Sara

### Sunday March 17, 2024

**9:00 a.m.** +Andres Moreira by Cecilia Rose

**11:00 a.m.** +Luise Kubat by Ken & Rose

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### Wednesday March 20, 2024

**9:00a.m.** Dennis Hunt by The Ndayishimiye Family

### Saturday March 23, 2024

**4:00 p.m.** +Judy Baer by Linda Coleman

### Sunday March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday

**9:00 a.m.** Parishioners of Family 21

**11:00 a.m.** For the residents of Buffalo House of Hope by Paula Hunt

**Thank You!** Last week's collection was \$4,014.01 *Hope/Outreach* \$120.00, *Capital Improvement* \$750.00, *Restricted or Special Donations* \$640.80 *Let us know if we can help you with any critical needs through our HOPE fund. Please pray daily for our parish.*

Our next special collection will be on Good Friday March 29th. This will be for the Holy Land.

### Mission Trip

There are a limited number of Mission Trip slots available for the August 2024 trip to St. Francis Inn in Philadelphia. Fr. Aaron is planning to accompany us on this trip. Applicants must be at least age 14 before August 1. Applications will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis; however, preference will be given to the 2024 Confirmation candidates. Registration forms are now available.

## Upcoming Events

**This week's Lenten Journey** takes us to St. Lawrence for our Penance Service on March 18 at 7 p.m.

**Fr. Bob Gebhard of Blessed Trinity Parish is pleased to announce a Tenebrae Service** to be held at Blessed Trinity Church at 317 Leroy Ave. Buffalo, on Friday, March 22, 2024 at 7 p.m. This traditional Lenten Service will be a collaboration of choirs from the Family of Parishes #21 in addition to that of Fourteen Holy Helpers in West Seneca. It's an extra-family collaboration!

**Our next Baptism class** for anyone in Family 21 will be Sunday, April 14 at 1 PM at Blessed Trinity in St. Charles Hall - the school building behind the church. Please contact your parish office to register.

### **Confirmation Session I - Day and Time Change!**

All students in at least their first year of high school and adults may register for Session I of our **Confirmation Program**. This program is **required** for those who want to be admitted to Session II leading to Confirmation in November 2024. Candidates are encouraged to bring their sponsor/Godparent. All sessions begin at 12:30 PM on Sundays March 24 and April 7, Join us and live your **Life on Purpose**. Ss. Columba-Brigid.

**Start your ovens** for our Baked Good Sale on Palm Sunday weekend March 23-24. Please help out with this easy and yummy Fun Raiser.

**Upcoming Concert:** Vocalis Chamber Choir March 24, 2023 @4:00 pm Saints Columba-Brigid Church Free Admission for Family #21 Parishes. **Just Bring Your Parish Bulletin!**

**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.

### **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](mailto:cmcdonald@bisonfund.com)

**Ladies of Charity-** Buffalo has \$800.00 scholarships available for a boy and a girl who are currently attending Catholic or public elementary schools, and who are interested in attending a Catholic High School in the Fall of 2024! Please go to [LOC@ccwny.org](mailto:LOC@ccwny.org) and click on the St. Louise Incentive Award Scholarship to access the application.

**Early voting** will take place here beginning Saturday, March 23rd through Sunday, March 30th from Noon to 9 on weekdays, and from 9am to 6pm on weekends.

**Food Pantry** monthly request for March is **cereal, pasta, sauce and canned fruits.** 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

**Palm Sunday Buffet Brunch** on March 24 from 10am-3pm at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, 1023 Swann Rd., Youngstown. There will be a large menu with an assortment of breakfast and lunch foods to choose from. Tickets available at the Shrine Office, 716-754-7489 and at the door. Limited amount of tickets available.

### **Please pray for:**

David Pombrio, Daniel Ohl, Linda Coleman, Knox Christie, Pat & Joanne Montemarano, Tim Skrok, Elaine Loos, Ronnie Dillard, Fr. Vincent Becker, Ruth Kennedy, Fr. James O'Connor, Anthony Pedraza, Mikah Oligo, Chris Pinto, Aida Mercado, Steve Polichette, Pauline Steward, Ismael Ortiz, John Schroeder, Benjamin Barajas, Joy Muzzy, Sheila Ayala, 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.