

**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



**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 24 & 25, 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  
**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 24 & 25, 2024

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

### 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

### Wednesday February 28, 2024

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

### Saturday March 2, 2024

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

### Sunday March 3, 2024

**9:00 a.m.** For peace and health. +deceased Saints by the Chien Do Family

**11:00 a.m.** +Fr. Joseph Gariolo Birthday Remembrance by Paula Hunt

**Thank You!** Last week's collection was \$2,112.13. *Hope/Outreach \$100.00, Capital Improvement \$288.00. Restricted or Special Donation \$687.06.* 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** \$213.13 for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and Catholic League for Assistance to Poland.

Thank you for your generosity. Our next special collection will be March 2-3 for Black & Native Missions.

### Catholic Women's Conference 2024

**"Be Still."** Saturday, April 27th, 8am-5pm St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, with Mass at 4pm. Speakers: Mary Lenaburg & Anne Marie Stroud. Continental Breakfast and Lunch; Tickets \$35.00 presale or \$40 at the door. For details go to [www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org](http://www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org)

## Upcoming Events

**Are you 15 years old or older and interested in being Confirmed in the Catholic Church?** Classes are starting soon! We will have four classes in the Spring and six classes in the Fall. Classes start Sunday, March 3rd at 12:30 pm in a classroom at Ss. Columba Brigid Church. Please call Deacon Jerry for more information.

**This week's Lenten Journey takes us to St. Martin de Porres** for Mass on February 26 at 7 PM, again to Ss. Columba-Brigid for Session Three of Life in the Eucharist on February 29 at 6 PM, and to St. Lawrence for a Soup Supper at 6 PM (soup to share is welcome) and Stations of the Cross at 7 PM on March 1. Please join us as we pray our way through Lent.

**It's not too late to join us for Life in the Eucharist's** remaining weeks at 6 PM on Thursday, March 7 at Ss. Columba-Brigid. 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. This week's theme is "God's Love as TRANSFORMATION in Christ."

**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.

### Happy Birthday!

May your special day be filled with much love.

Cindi Adams, Bob Beuler, Paula Hunt, Mekhi Hutchins, Timothy Jackson, Roxanne Kielaszek, Janic Klinko, Yaneliz Natareno, David Pawarski, Aaliyah Ribiero, Joan Valentin-Vega, Natalie Wojtulski

**Ushers** are needed. Please call Sandy Villa if you can 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>. The talk this week; "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](mailto:cmcdonald@bisonfund.com)

**There will be no 11 AM Mass at Blessed Trinity** on Mondays February 26, March 4, and 11. Join us on those days for the Lenten Journey Masses. There is no Adoration on March 1 at Ss. Columba-Brigid. Join us that day for Stations of the Cross at St. Lawrence.

**Please see the sign up sheet for rides to any of the Lenten Journey events.**

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

**Food Pantry** monthly request for March is **cereal, tuna and canned fruits.** Donations can be placed in the baskets in the vestibule to be brought up to the altar during the Offertory Song. Bags will be given out this Sunday after the 10am Mass for about 30 minutes.

**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.