

Please pray for:

Marta Perez, Laura Nowak, Timothy Nicpon, Baby Quinn Beaton, Betty Kennedy, Rachael Baldwin, Larry Threat, Nicky Letina, Mary Lou Rivas, Angelina, 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, Joy Muzzy, Ramona Draffin, Ana Morales, Larry Helinski

Food Pantry Please place donations in the baskets in the vestibule. We will acknowledge the donations during the announcements. Thank you !!!!

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.

OCIA: 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 Paula Hunt 716-348-0154 before making any arrangements.

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/call Deacon Jerry. Interested in becoming a priest or entering religious life? Call Fr. Bob 716-833-0301

STAFF DIRECTORY

Pastoral Associates:

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Sunday 11:00 Linda Appleby

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Sacristans:

4 p.m.-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 Methuselah himself, gay, filthy rich or poor as dirt, no habla ingles or Black and proud, Zen meditators or screaming babies, tourists of the generation Buffalonians, 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!

April 27, 2025

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis.

Saturday, April 26, 2025
4:00 p.m. +James Zoltek by Susan & Children
Sunday, April 27, 2025 Bilingual Mass
10:00 a.m. +Maria Matos-Martinez- +Juan B. Irizarry, +Carmeline Gearin by Luz Morales

Saturday, May 3, 2025
4:00 p.m. +Pope Francis
Sunday, May 4, 2025 Bilingual Mass
9:00 a.m. +Zoraida River-Cruz by Sylvia Rivera
11:00 a.m. +Lorraine (Slisz) Ludwig by Family 21

Offertory amounts The amounts for weekend 4/20/2025 were Regular \$1,783.33. Easter Flowers \$200.00. Restricted/Special Donations \$138.00. *Let us know if we can help you with any critical needs through our HOPE fund. Please pray daily for our parish.*

Our next Baptism class for parents of children under 7 has been scheduled for May 4 at 12:30 PM in the school building at Blessed Trinity. Register in advance at your parish office. This will be our last class until fall. You do not need to wait until your baby is born to come to the class.

Gerard Place has announced that May 20th as the next Respite Care date. Please contact Eric to register your loved ones at 716-897-9948 extension 117.

Please join us for pre-mulch weeding on Saturday May 3rd 9-10:30a, then mulching May 10th 9-10:30a. We've ordered less mulch this year so with enough people the job should go quickly. Please bring any favorite shovels or wheelbarrows on the 10th

Food Pantry: We would like to thank everyone who has donated so generously. We can still use cereal, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter and jelly. Again Thank You!

Chicken Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, June 1st, 2025. The dinners are \$18.00 pre-sale, and \$20.00 at the door. Tickets are now available.

50/50 Raffles The next raffle will take place on the 2nd Sunday in May, with a goal of reaching enough money to purchase a Floor Scrubber/Buffer for the church, to keep our floors clean and shiny.

Our study of the Prophets returns at 6:30 PM on May 12 at Blessed Trinity, in-person. Bibles are available to those who do not have them. We are studying the prophet Amos.

WHAT IS THE JUBILEE YEAR All are welcome to a presentation by Fr. Sean Paul Fleming (Secretary to the Bishop) Wed. May 7th at 6:30 in St. Columba Hall, with light refreshments. Please sign up, we want to make sure we have enough refreshments!

Ss. Columba-Brigid has signed up to be on the 2025 East Side Garden Walk (happening July 19th and 20th). How about you too? It's free, easy, and quick; go to <https://www.gardensbuffaloniagara.com/esgw>

Happy Birthday to you! Barbara Booze, Tony DeJames, Cliff Emminger, Saron Oqbaslassie Ghebremaron, Karen Helinski, Robert Klinko, Thomas Leed, Anthony Liriano, Pedro Liriano, Yarim Perales-Ayala, Silvia Rivera, Judy Staszczuk, Arsema Teklzghi, Minia Berhe Teklzghi, Sharon Wojtulski, Ethan Yohannes. May your special day be filled with many blessings.

Easter is in the Air - Alleluia!
Without a doubt in my mind, Easter is happening! I was so uplifted, even amid the exhaustion of our Holiest Days, by the prayerful and deep worship of so many. Resurrection life seems to have seized hold as it now launches us into a whole season of Alleluias! Our parishes, coming together as Family, give true witness to how much we treasure our faith that, indeed, Jesus is risen from the tomb and lives among us still. I can't be thankful enough for the labors and ministry of dozens of our fellow pilgrims on the journey, walking in the footsteps of the One who bore the cross for us.... Liturgy Pillar members, Liturgy Committees, proclaimers of Word, altar servers, ministers of the Table & Towel, sacristans, thurifers, water-bearers, decorators, ushers, greeters, music-makers, cross-bearers, fire-builders, "reception"-aficionados, staff, clergy-presiders! The numbers of people who put their humble hands and hearts into celebrating the Paschal Mystery gives me much needed hope! Thank you to all who let our GREAT STORY bring Easter into them. ~ Fr. Bob

A Good Shepherd! With the passing of the Shepherd of the Universal Church, maybe Pope Francis' greatest legacy is that he truly embodied his words of challenge.... that all who are shepherds in the church should have the "smell of the sheep". His deep encouragement to really know one another with empathy, openness, understanding, love, and forgiveness makes the commands of Jesus life and ministry real in him. As we mourn Pope Francis' loss, let us pray for the repose of his soul and in thanksgiving for his life of Gospel simplicity and witness of true care for the People of God. And, let us pray that the Holy Spirit will raise up a successor who will be, in our challenging times, as genuine in the ways of justice, peace and love.... and as willing to lay down his life for the sheep

The Best Kept Secrets of the Catholic Church. Our next topic will be on May 5 with Monica Saltarelli "Living Simply, Simply Living." Come with your questions and hear just what the Church actually teaches. Blessed Trinity, 6:30 PM. Dessert and coffee served. Free-Will offerings benefit our Faith Formation programs.

A monthly Children's Liturgy of the Word is being planned. We'd like to start the second weekend of May. Due to our overlapping Mass schedules, we need facilitators at each parish. All instructions and materials will be provided for you. We need at least two from each parish. The facilitators must be compliant with Protecting God's Children. (This can all be done online now.) Please contact your parish office.

Our next Family Faith Formation will be held Saturday, May 10 from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM at Blessed Trinity. All the children of the Family 21 are invited to attend with a parent.

Family Needs: a family of 10 are looking for a couch, kitchen or dining room chairs, and a double bed. Please call Paula if you might be able to help. 716-348-0154.

Meat Raffle on Friday, May 9 at Holy Cross Church (cafeteria), corner of Niagara & Maryland Sts., Buffalo. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the raffle begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$15. Bring your own snacks; no alcohol. Pop and water will be provided. Meats by Pellicanos. For tickets, call the rectory office between 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (Mon., Tues., Thurs. or Fri.) at 716-847-6930.