



**Please pray for:** Pat Montemarano, Linda Coleman, Brianna Westbrook, Mike Hilczmayer, Mike Neumeister, Stephanie Gladden, Chris Ferrucci, Carol Duffie, Louise Solomon, Ken Mrozik, Chris Pinto, Aida Mercado, Roland Autry, Steve Polichette, and Dick Baldwin. Previous names are in our "pray for" book. Call the office to add a name, or to include it in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

**Bible Study:** Study the Mass readings Sunday mornings 10:00-10:45 (except when we have 10:00 Mass). Call Betty at 716-322-1185 for more info.

**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:** 1st Saturday of the month, 3:00-3:45, but call Fr. Jud in case of special need.

**Confirmation/First Communion/RCIA:** Please contact Deacon Jerry.

**Weddings:** Appointment with the Pastor 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 contact Fr. Jud before any arrangements are finalized.

**Illness, Hospital Stays, Homebound:** Parishioners, please notify our parish office immediately. Because of privacy regulations, institutions no longer notify us.

**Anointing:** please call Fr. Jud to arrange. If your loved one is in a hospital, please tell the hospital to call their Catholic chaplain in case of emergency.

**Ordination:** Interested in becoming a deacon? See Deacon Jerry. Interested in becoming a priest or entering religious life? See Fr. Jud.

**Rosary:** Join our English/Spanish/Igbo Rosary Mondays via Zoom from 7-7:45 p.m. (except Feb. 27). To join, check our Facebook page, see Pedro, or call the office.

**STAFF DIRECTORY**

**Pastoral Associates:**

Carmen R. Rivera 716-847-1463  
Paula Hunt 716-348-0154

**Secretary:**

Karen Helinski 716-852-3331 (hours Tues., Thurs., Fri. 12-4)

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**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  
Avery Ray

**Youth Group:**

Please call the Parish Office, 716-852-3331 to leave a message for our leaders Tera McIlwaine and Chris Augustine.

**Church Hall Rental:** 716-852-3331

**Communion Visitations:**

Dennis Hunt 716-400-8204

**Fundraising Committee:** Monica Zielinski  
[mzielinski@aol.com](mailto:mzielinski@aol.com) 716 553-1750

**Ministries Coordinators:**

**Saturday Mass:** 4 p.m. Evy Adams 716-481-0736 & Carol Vance and Sandy Villa

**Sunday Mass:** 9 a.m. Carmen R. Rivera 716-847-1463, 11 a.m. Sandy Villa 716-885-6706



**Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday:** 4 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9 a.m. (Spanish/Español)  
11 a.m.

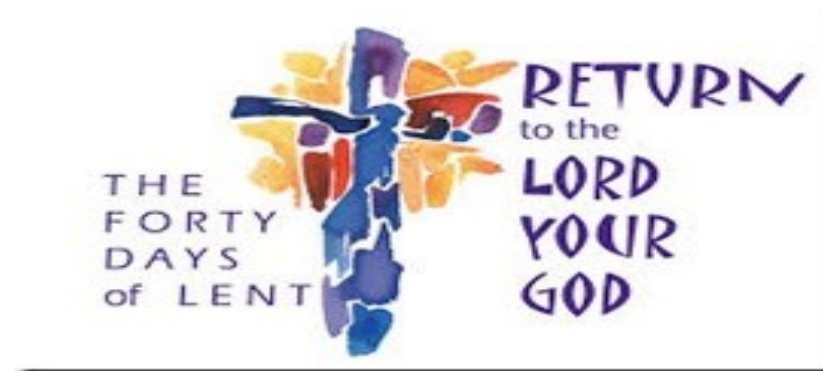
**Last Sunday of Month:** 10 a.m. (bilingual) followed by pot luck social

**Holy Days:** 7 p.m. (Bilingual)

**February 25 & 26, 2023**  
**Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church**  
**75 Hickory St. (near Clinton)**  
**Buffalo, NY 14204**  
**716-852-3331**  
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**Pastor for Family 21:** Fr. Joe Rogliano  
**Parochial Vicars:** Fr. Bob Gerhard  
Fr. Jud Weiksner, ofm

**Deacon:** Mr. Jerry Hodson  
Br. Tim Dauenhauer, OFM (in residence)  
**In Heaven:** Sr. Karen Klimczak



**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO LIVESTREAM OUR WEEKEND MASSES.** You can view them on our webpage [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://sscolumbabrigid.org) near the bottom of the page.

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**OUR FACEBOOK GROUP IS:** Ss. Columba-Brigid Parishioners and Friends

**OUR WEBSITE IS:** [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://sscolumbabrigid.org)

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**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](http://tithe.ly). Just go to [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://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 25-26, 2023 1st Sunday of Lent

**The Sanctuary Candle** can be lit for the week for your intentions for a \$5 donation. Contact the Parish Office.

### **Saturday, February 25, 2023**

**4:00 p.m.** +Mary Semski by her family

### **Sunday, February 26, 2023**

**10:00 a.m. (bilingual)** Peace and health for the families of Chieu Do and Tam Hien Vo

### **Saturday, March 4, 2023**

**4:00 p.m.** +Lucille Giardino by Fr. Jud

### **Sunday, March 5, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.** Peace and health for the families of Chieu Do and Tam Hien Vo  
**11:00 a.m.** +Fr. Joseph Gariolo (Birthday Remembrance) by Dennis & Paula Hunt

**Do you have a child over the age of 7 who has never been baptized?** RCIA for children begins Feb. 26 here at Ss. Columba-Brigid. Call Deacon Jerry for info at 716-863-4800.

**Our next religious ed group meeting** for youngsters Pre-K through grade 8 will be here at Ss. Columba-Brigid on Thurs., March 9 at 5:30 p.m. We begin with dinner. Please have the first 18 lessons completed. Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver for providing the meal.

**GIVEHOPE23** Each day Catholic Charities provides help and HOPE to those who come to them. The mother fleeing an unsafe situation for her and her children, the teenage seeking comfort and counseling, the newcomer looking for a fresh start. Your donations make this happen. Please give at [www.ccnw.org/donate](http://www.ccnw.org/donate).

**A Lenten Retreat** in English and Spanish will be held at the Holy Cross Church cafeteria, 345 7th Street in Buffalo, from 9 a.m.— 4 p.m. on Sat., March 11. Sessions will be held in English and Spanish. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

**Thank You!** Last week's collection was \$3,584.98, with \$820 for HOPE/Outreach, \$750 for Capital Improvement, \$85 in Restricted or Special donations and \$5,855 in Unrestricted donations. *We understand if you can't give at this time due to financial hardship. Let us know if we can help you with any critical needs through our HOPE fund. Please pray daily for our parish.*

**We received** \$341 in last week's second collection to support the Church In Central and Eastern Europe. Thank you for your generosity! Our next second collection will be March 4-5 for the Black and Native Missions.

**A Sweet Fundraiser!** Thanks to all who made our chocolates on Valentine's weekend, and for all who purchased them. We cleared over \$1,000. Sweet!

**Are you a 9th or 10th grade high school student interested in being confirmed?** We will have four Confirmation classes this spring beginning March 2 and six more in the fall. Confirmation will take place in November.

**The Spiritual Care Department** at Mercy Hospital of Buffalo has an ongoing need for new hand-crafted knitted, quilted or fleece blankets. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is asking for blankets about 40"x50". The blankets will be given to patients nearing death as a beautiful and warm reminder of the Church community's love and prayer. Please place blankets in the bin located in the vestibule. For more information call the Parish Office.

**Happy March Birthday** to Janice Klinko, Cindi Adams, Roxanne Kielaszek, Paula Hunt, Bob Beuler, Mekhi Hutchins, Timothy Jackson Jr., Keith Merriweather, Yaneliz Nataro, David Pawarski, Lidia Rivera, Louisiana Solomon, Joan Valentin-Vega and Natalie Wojtulski. May your special day be filled with many blessings. If your birthday will be in April, let our Parish Office know!

**Road to Renewal Updates:** Fr. Joe Rogliano has officially been appointed pastor of Family 21 (Ss. Columba-Brigid, Blessed Trinity, St. Lawrence and St. Martin de Porres). Fr. Bob Gebhard (who has been temporary administrator of Blessed Trinity) and Fr. Jud are the parochial vicars.

We can still use some parishioners to volunteer for our Pillar Groups. These groups will help plan, monitor and evaluate activities in our parish, and will coordinate with members of pillars from the other Family 23 parishes. The pillars are: Liturgy; Spiritual Life; Forming Disciples; OutReach/InReach; Stewardship; and Administration.

Please pray for the success of the Road to Renewal!

**Snow Mass 2023** will take place the first day that 6 inches of snow are on the ground at 6 p.m. in the Sister Karen Garden, with hot cocoa to follow. Check our parish Facebook page or call the office to make sure it is on!

**Our Chili Cook-Off** is Sun., March 26 after the 10:00 Mass in place of our usual social. There is no admission cost. Six tickets cost \$5, which allows you to sample six different chilis. Additional tickets are \$1. Sign up in church if you plan to bring a crock pot of chili. Those who bring one will get three free tastings, and will be eligible for prizes!

**Bakers start your ovens** for the bake sale we will be having after Masses the weekend of April 1 & 2. It's no joke!

**Turning Point** (eight lessons from the Gospel of John) will take place Tuesdays during Lent at Blessed Trinity. Call there for info.

**Our Bilingual Lenten Journey Mass** for Family 21 is here, Mon., Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.

**If You Missed Episode 1 of The Chosen** due to the ice storm we will watch it at 6:30 p.m. on Thurs., March 2 in the Parish Office. Episode 2 will follow at 7:30 p.m. We have popcorn!!!

**Our Food Pantry** monthly request for February is still **cereal**. Please do not leave food outside the pantry. If donating food, please call the office ahead of time or bring your food donations to Mass.

**Looking for something special to do this Lent?** Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms we have the power to make the world a better place for all. Rice Bowls will be available at the entrance to the church after Mass, in both Spanish and English. Any questions please see Deacon Jerry.

**The Diocese of Buffalo has scheduled a Protecting God's Children class** on April 29 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in St. Charles' Hall (school building behind the church) at Blessed Trinity. Now you can attend in a familiar setting with instructors and participants that you know. Anyone who would like to work with minors in our parishes MUST take this course. Parents who would like to go on outings with groups of our children as chaperones, those who would like to be mentors or teachers, and those groups who would like to add a youth component to their programs will all need to be certified. If you have not done so previously, sign-up now. The class is free, and refreshments will be provided. Registrations are taken on-line through the Diocese website, or contact Pat Dyer or Joyce Davis to register.

**It's not too early** to start thinking about chicken! Our Weidner BBQ dinner will be Sunday, June 4 along with a theme auction and special raffles. Pre-sale tickets are available for \$15. Baskets of value \$25 or more can be dropped off at church, or contact Monica Zielinski for pick up at 716-553-1750.