

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
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 (Weddings & Funerals)
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 Sunday 11:00: Linda Appleby
Maintenance:
 Joe Strusienski
Youth Group:
 Please call the Parish Office, 716-852-3331 to leave a message.
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 Carol Vance and Sandy Villa
 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)
Holy Days: 7 p.m. (Bilingual)

December 16 & 17, 2023
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
75 Hickory St. (near Clinton)
Buffalo, NY 14204
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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
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,
 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
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PARISH COUNCIL: Meets the Third Tuesday of each month...All members are invited and encouraged to attend!

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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December 16 & 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in remembrance of Dennis Hunt by Marge, Kathy and Sally.

Daily Masses at Columba-Brigid during Advent Season 9 a.m. Monday to Friday, except Holy Days.

Saturday, December 16, 2023

4:00 p.m. +Josephine Villa by Sandy Villa

Sunday, December 17, 2023

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Family 21

11:00 a.m. +Gregg Fabianski by Ken & Rose Dolph

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

9:00 a.m. In celebration of 65 years in Priesthood to Fr. Gave Scarfia by Paula Hunt

Saturday, December 23, 2023

4:00 p.m. +Dennis Hunt by Sue Jagosh

Sunday, December 24, 2023

9:00 a.m. +Fr. Joseph Gariolo by Paula Hunt

11:00 a.m. +Gregg Fabianski by Ken & Rose Dolph

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Bilingual with Posadas

Special Intentions for the parishioners of Family 21

Monday, December 25, 2023 Christmas English

10:00 a.m. +Juan B. Irizarry, Leonard V.

Kruska, Encarnacion Irizarry-Cruz by Luz Morales

Thank You! Last week's collection was \$4,462.00 with \$395.00 for HOPE/Outreach, \$1,520 Capital Improvement. *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.*

Special Collection Thank you for your generosity. Last week \$929.75 was collected for the Religious Retirement Appeal.

Upcoming Events

Snow Mass will be on the first day of at least 6 in of snow at 6pm in the Sister Karen Garden. Let's welcome the winter season in prayer.

All hands on deck! Next Sunday after the 11am Mass we will need help decorating the Church for a huge Birthday Party! Any amount of time will be appreciated.

This holiday season Saturday December 23rd 7pm under the warm glow of candlelight--come be uplifted by **Tenor Vocalist Cory James Gallagher's** angelic singing, mingled with award winning writer **Amy Gallagher's** moving and poignant poetic reflections--while gentle harp music soothes your soul. Be transported on a journey through the magic and meaning of this Sacred Season. Open your treasure chest of golden memories and be warmed by the nostalgia of Christmases past. A Musical-Poetic Journey that will leave you inspired and filled with hope and the healing gifts of Christmas. **This concert is by donation. For information on how to dedicate a song to your loved one please contact Cory at 716-868-2047 Please bring friends and family.**

House Blessing Jan. 6th. Feast of Three Kings. Please see sign up sheet in the vestibule.

Tentative Date for Chili Cookoff is January 14th

Stamps. If you can help the office could us stamps. The cost of them are going up in January to .68 a stamp.

JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE ALL THE WAY.....

On Saturday, December 30th Ss Columba Brigid youth and their families have been invited to come and sing their favorite songs of the Christmas Season at High Pointe Medical Clinic located at 1031 Michigan Ave. Buffalo 14203 at 11am and Terrace View Long Term Care located at 462 Grider St. Buffalo 14215 at 2:30pm. Families will meet directly at the facilities. Christmas attire and hand-held instruments are most welcome!

Pizza, beverages and cookies will be provided at Ss Columba Brigid church in between our visits.

To sign up or for more information, contact Donna Emminger at (716)275-3005. Hope to see you there.

Wedding Anniversary Mass Sunday, February 11, 2024 @ 10:30 a.m. St. Joseph Cathedral 50 Franklin St. Buffalo, 14202. The Diocese of Buffalo & The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo wishes to honor couples who will observe their 25th, 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries with a special Mass where couples will renew their marriage vows. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

Our Food Pantry monthly request for December is **cereal and canned soups and fruits.** If donating food, please call the office ahead of time or bring your food donations to Mass.

Catholic Charities Kinship Caregiver Program is a resource for non-parents who may need support in stepping out of the relative role and into that of a parent. The program operates in Cattaraugus and Allegany counties and can help families locate resources in the community and offer personal assistance including case management, family counseling and parenting education. Catholic Charities also offers support groups for caregivers and for children, YMCA family memberships for those who participate in the group activities regularly, and youth groups/family fun nights. There is no cost to participate in the program. For more information and eligibility requirements, call 716-372-0101 or visit www.ccwny.org.

Please pray for:

Pat & Joanne Montemarano,
Ronnie Dillard, Dennis Adams,
Fr. Vincent Becker,
Ruth Kennedy, Fr. James O'Connor,
Anthony Pedraza, Mikah Oligo, Chris Pinto,
Aida Mercado, Steve Polichette,
Dick Baldwin, Pauline Steward,
Dollie Seymour, Ismael Ortiz,
John Schroeder, Mollie Barajas
(cousin of Fr. Aaron) Shayla, Joy Muzzy,
Robbie & Oscar, Sheila Ayala,
Linda Coleman, Sr. Donna Anthony,
Casey, Shawn, Lucas and Ana Morales.

Call the office to add a name, or to include it in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.