

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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 Please call the Parish Office, 716-852-3331 to leave a message.
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March 23 & 24, 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 proud, Zen meditators or screaming babies, tourists of the generation Buffal-o-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 23 & 24, 2024 Palm Sunday

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week for the residents of Buffalo House of Hope by Paula

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

Wednesday March 27, 2024

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

+Chuck Baker by Janet & Bryan Richardson

Saturday March 30, 2024 Holy Saturday at Blessed Trinity Church

8:15 p.m. +Helen J. Weiksnar by Family

Sunday March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday Bilingual

10:00 a.m +Dennis Hunt by Paula

Thank You! Last week's collection was \$3,879.23 Hope/Outreach \$576.00, Capital Improvement \$207.00, Restricted or Special Donations \$400.0 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

Rice Bowls - Thank you for your contribution to Catholic Relief Services this year! Please return your Rice Bowl either at our 10 am Easter Sunday Mass at Ss. Columba Brigid or the following weekend.

Holy Week

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, March 26
St. Joseph Cathedral ~ 7pm

Triduum Morning Prayer

Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Blessed Trinity Church ~ 9am

Holy Thursday

March 28
Friendship Supper ~ 5:30pm
Mass of the Lord's Last Supper ~ 7pm
St. Lawrence

Good Friday

St. Martin de Porres ~ 3pm
Ss. Columba-Brigid~12 noon Bilingual
Stations of the Cross
Ss. Columba-Brigid ~ 7pm Spanish

Holy Saturday Blessing of Baskets

March 30
Ss Columba-Brigid~10am
St. Lawrence~2pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

March 30
Blessed Trinity ~Gather at 8:15 pm
Light reception to follow

Easter Sunday

St. Martin De Porres ~8am & 9:30am
Blessed Trinity~ 10am
Ss. Columba-Brigid~ 10am Bilingual
St. Lawrence ~12 noon

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.

HOPE when you are troubled. Dominic was ready to give up. "I had lost my job, had no relationships with anyone, and was having money problems. I was mad, sad and didn't see a future for me," he said. However, when he came to Catholic Charities, he discovered hope. "For the first time I could remember, I felt like someone was really listening to me and wanted to help. If it hadn't been for them, I don't know where I'd be today." You gift to **Appeal 2024** helps ensure that people like Dominic get help when they need it most. Give today at www.ccwny.org/donate or by texting HOPE4WNY to 44321.

Free LIVE THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:

"She Did It All" Father Nelson Baker portrayed by Michael Sacilowski! See how Our Lady of Victory inspired Father Baker to do great things! Monday, April 15, 2024 at 7 PM, Our Lady of Pompeii Aud, 129 Laverack Ave, Lancaster, NY 14086, www.olpparish.com 716-683-6522. Refreshments follow. Free will offering accepted

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.

Gardenin' Angels please join us for weeding on Saturday April 6th 9-10:30a, and Friday April 26th 6:30-8pm. Then we need all hands on deck for mulching on Saturday April 27th 9-10:30a

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.