

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.

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 Carol Vance and Sandy Villa
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 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)

January 13 & 14, 2024
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
75 Hickory St. (near Clinton)
Buffalo, NY 14204
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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:
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 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!**

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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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January 13 & 14, 2024

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week for the Birthday intentions of Br. Jason by Paula Hunt

Saturday January 13, 2024

4:00 p.m. +Raymond (Gig) Frank by the Susan Zlotek & Family

Sunday January 14, 2024

9:00 a.m. +Dominico Nguyen Cong by Dan-Chieu Do

11:00 a.m. Special Birthday intentions for Brother Jason by Paula Hunt

Saturday January 20, 2024

4:00 p.m. +Antoine & Liberate by the Nadayishimiye family

Sunday January 21, 2024 *note Mass time change for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass

10:00 a.m. +Tish Heinz Birthday remembrance by Paula

Thank You! We will have amount collected for last week in next weeks bulletin. *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.*

Our next special collection will be weekend of January 27-28 for Catholic Relief Services (American BPS Overseas Relief)

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

Our chili cook-off has been postponed until further notice.

Word Among Us. We will no longer be buying the Word Among us. The Lenten edition will be the last one the parish will provide. Call 301-874-1700 to order.

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.

Diocesan Annual Mass in Remembrance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. –

“Called by Name to Serve” Sunday, January 21 here at SSCB Prelude at 9:45am, Mass at 10 am. Bishop Michael Fisher will celebrate the Mass with Msgr. Ray East giving the homily. A reception featuring a basket raffle and 50/50 split raffle will be held following the Mass. **Please bring a finger food to share for the reception.** To donate a theme basket for the raffle which raises funds for the MLK Scholarship, contact the Office of Cultural Diversity at 716-847-2216.

Subs “N” Suds Monday, January 22, 2024 5:30 p.m. at Blessed Trinity. The adult formation team is planning a history lesson. You are invited to hear Dr. Dennis Castillo share the history of the Diocese of Buffalo and Family 21 parishes. Gather in Blessed Trinity's St. Charles Hall (school building) for subs, beer (soft drinks also available) and a little “Family Jeopardy.” Dr. Castillo's presentations will begin via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend Zoom link can be found on Blessed Trinity's website. If you do plan on attending please see the sign up sheet in the vestibule.

The Feast of St Brigid is Thursday Feb 1. Did you know that she is not only one of the patrons of our parish, but also the Patron Saint of Brewers! To celebrate her and the brewers of our neighborhood we will gather at Sad Boys Brewery 567 Exchange Street February 1st with a Mass at 5:30. After Mass, enjoy fellowship in the tap room with beer for sale as well as food.

Msgr. Ray East speaking on Urban Ministry on Tuesday, Jan. 23rd there will be a City Ministry Conference at St. Stanislaus Parish hall (123 Townsend St. Buffalo) from 10 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. The keynote speaker is Msgr. Ras East. His topic will be : Doing More With Less– The Reality of Urban Ministry. Msgr. East is an African-American priest for the Archdiocese of Washington. He has been ministering the inner city of Washington for 43 yrs. In one of his articles he quoted. “I try to encounter Jesus every day and share Jesus with others.”

Appeal 2024 is here! Bishop Michael Fisher, Appeal 2024 Chair Kevin Gannon, and Deacon Steve Schumer launched the Appeal earlier this week and announced the \$9.5 million goal, as well as St. Patrick as Appeal patron saint. Donations to the Appeal stay right here in Western New York and support various programs and services through Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith. To make a donation today, visit ccwny.org/donate or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

Please pray for:

Peter Maund, Knox Christie, 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, Ismael Ortiz,
John Schroeder, Mollie Barajas (cousin of Fr. Aaron), Shayla, Joy Muzzy, Sheila Ayala,
Linda Coleman, 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.

Adoration will take place on Friday February 2nd from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at which time the candles used for the Feast of St. Blaze will be blessed, with the Blessing of throats on weekend of February 3-4.

We are starting something new! We will be collecting non-perishable food items at all Masses. Please place them in front of the Altar or bring up during offertory as your gift to someone in need. Please be sure to check the expiration date.

Life in the Eucharist. Join your Family of Parishes' team for a five-week Lenten retreat beginning Thursday, February 15 at 6 p.m. We will gather in our parish hall for talks on the Eucharist, prayers and discussion. A simple supper is planned for each evening. If you have a child involved in religious education, First Communion or Confirmation classes, this is a perfect opportunity to share your faith with others.

Fund Raiser: Valentine's Day Chocolate Sale. We will be making chocolates on Saturday February 10, 2024 from 9:00am – 1:00pm and selling them before and after each Mass on Saturday 2/10 and Sunday 2/11. If you would like to volunteer to help make the chocolates, put the boxes together, weigh and box the chocolates, please sign the signup sheet. We will need crock pots and big spoons. If anyone would like to donate any of the supplies that will be needed-please contact Monica Zielinski (716-553-1750) or Roxanne Kielaszek (716-856-7298). Thank you for your continued support of our Parish