



Please pray for: Gene Wach, Carol Duffie, Dorothy & Fran Beaman, Barbara Maund, Jerry Wszalek, Mary Kazmark, Louise Solomon, Ken Mrozik, Vincent & Maryjane Messina, Fr. Gabe, Scarlett Schratz, Rene & Jay Plodzick, Betty Bryant, Andrew Hendel, Al Knight, Bob Meister, Karen Dake, and Pauline Steward. The previous names are now in our Pray For book. Call the office at 852-3331 to add a name to this prayer list, or to have it read in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

Sacraments

Baptism: Please call Carmen Rivera at 847-1463. Before a child receives the sacrament, parents and godparents have to attend a pre-baptismal class. We baptize children at Mass.

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 are required to 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.

Rosary: Every Monday join our trilingual Rosary via Zoom at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to pray together. To join, let us know in the office and we will forward your e-mail to Pedro so he can send you the link. The Rosary is prayed partly in English, in Spanish, and in Igbo, and we have music in English and Spanish. It lasts about 45 minutes. Children are welcome to join as well!

STAFF DIRECTORY

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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



February 26 & 27, 2022
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (Spanish/Español)
11:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

Pastor: Fr. William "Jud" Weiksna, OFM

Deacon: Mr. Jerry Hodson

Fr. Gabe Scarfia, OFM

Br. Tim Dauenhauer, OFM

In Heaven: Sr. Karen Klimczak

Masks are now optional for all participants in liturgies held in Catholic churches and worship spaces located in the diocese of Buffalo based on prevailing guidance from health officials and/or an individual's doctor or other medical professional. Masks may continue to be worn at the discretion of the individual. Out of pastoral concern, the safety of others should always be considered when making this choice.

In our parish we are resuming activities such as the Men's and Women's Groups, Bible Study and Family Faith Formation. Wearing of masks is at your discretion. We hope to resume our Sunday coffee & donuts socials soon.

We update our policies in consultation with the diocese as conditions change. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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

OUR WEBSITE IS: sscolumbabrigid.org

OUR EMAIL IS: sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com

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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February 26 & 27, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sanctuary Candle: For a donation of \$5, the candle will be lit for a week in memory of a loved one or for special intentions.

Saturday, February 26

4:00 p.m. +Uncle Billy's Soul by Thuy Tran

Sunday, February 27

10:00 a.m. Bilingual +Mary Semski by Melissa Weiksnar

Ash Wednesday, March 2

11:00 a.m. Service with ashes

7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass with ashes

Saturday, March 5

4:00 p.m. +Fr Joseph Gariolo by Paula Hunt
+Lisa Wilczak by Mary Kazmark

Sunday, March 6

9:00 a.m. Poor souls in purgatory by Dat Tran

11:00 a.m. +Marie Etitimoto by Donald Thompson

Bible Study: Come join us Sundays at 10 a.m., except the last Sunday of the month.

Our Family of Families Celebrate Lent: Join us for Stations of the Cross, our Lenten Journey Masses, a Penance Service, and Tenebrae.

(CB=Ss. Columba-Brigid, BT=Blessed Trinity, STL=St. Lawrence, SMdP=St. Martin de Porres)

3/4 Bilingual Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m. CB

3/7 Lenten Journey Mass 6:30 p.m. BT

3/11 Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m. STL

3/14 Lenten Journey Mass 6:30 p.m. STL

3/18 Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m. SMdP

3/21 Lenten Journey Mass 6:30 p.m. SMdP

3/25 Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m. CB Youth

3/28 Bilingual Lenten Journey Mass 6:30 p.m. CB

4/1 Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m. BT

4/4 Penance Service 6:30 p.m. STL

4/8 Tenebrae Service 7 p.m. BT

Thank You for last weekend's collection of \$1,504. We also received \$50.50 in Restricted Donations and \$15 for HOPE/Outreach. We understand if you can't give at this time due to financial hardship. Please advise us if we might be able to help you with any special needs through our HOPE fund. Also, please pray daily for our parish.

The next second collection will be March 5-6 for Black and Native Missions.

Do you know of a child in first grade or higher that would like to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion?

We have a class for First Reconciliation that began on Thursday, February 17. We meet from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. for six Thursday evenings. Classes will start with a simple meal. Classes will be held at Blessed Trinity in the former school building at 317 Leroy Ave. in Buffalo, 14214. Please call Jerry Hodson at 716-863-4800 to register your child for the class

Reminders for Lent

ABSTINENCE: All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

FASTING: All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthdays are bound to observe the Law of Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day. Those who are excused from fasting include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

On Ash Wednesday (March 2) at Ss. Columba-Brigid we will have a prayer service with ashes at 11 a.m., and a Bilingual Mass with ashes at 7 p.m.

Survey Says: It's official! The Disciple Maker Index Survey opens this Wednesday, March 2 at 6 a.m. and will remain open until April 4. **Please help us by completing the 10-15 minute survey.** Starting this Wednesday, you can find the online survey at

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y52x33>

You can also request a paper copy of the survey by calling our secretary Karen Helinski at 716-852-3331 on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays from 12-4, or leaving a message.

The survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

This information will be invaluable to our parish as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish. Thank you for helping with this important project!

Our March Birthdays! Keith Merriweather, David Pawarski, Natalie Wojtowski, Bob Beuler, Janice Klinko, Joan Valentin-Vega, Timothy Jackson, Jr., Danie Ekstrum, Cynthia Adams, Paula Hunt, Fr. Gabe, Lidia Rivera, Louisiana Solomon, Roxanne Kielaszek, Mark Nowah, and Mekhi Hutchins. May your special day be filled with many blessings and much joy. Happy Birthday!

Black History Month: Thank you for helping us celebrate Black History Month. We are celebrating Black History Month. This weekend, fliers with information on local Black-owned businesses will be available from the ushers and on the back tables in church.

11:00 Choir: If you are interested in joining the Gospel Choir at the 11:00 Sunday Mass, please speak with our Choir Director Linda Appleby after Mass.

Our Food Pantry: We are in need of canned tuna & chicken, peanut butter and jelly. Please do not leave food outside the pantry. If donating food, please call the office ahead of time or bring the donations to Mass.

Events going on the week of Feb. 28—March 6 in our Family of Parishes

(BT=Blessed Trinity, STL=St. Lawrence, CB=Ss. Columba-Brigid, SMdP=St. Martin de Porres)

Tuesday: 4 p.m. Bible Study via Zoom from BT. Link on Faith Formation page of BT website <https://blessedtrinitybuffalo.org/>

Ash Wednesday: Day of Fast & Abstinence Ashes during Masses at:

BT - 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

SMdP - Noon

STL - 6 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. – Noon Food Pantry-volunteers needed! Many different jobs available – some without client contact. Call 716-896-0047 **STL; 4 – 6 p.m.** Silent Vigil open for private reflection **BT** Need a little peace, quiet, and restoration? You are invited to join us!; **5:30 p.m.** Family of Parishes First Reconciliation/First Communion classes **BT** in St. Charles Hall; **8 p.m.** Bingo **BT** Doors open 6:30 p.m. **Friday: 6:30 p.m.** Stations of the Cross **CB** (Bilingual)

Family of Parishes 21 (CCCB) weekend Mass schedule: Blessed Trinity Sat. 4:30 p.m. & Sun. 10 a.m. St. Martin de Porres Sun. 8 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Sat. 4:30 p.m. & 10 p.m., Sun. Noon.

Summer Youth Internship and Employment Program: The on-line application for summer 2022 is now available at www.buffalony.gov. Applicants between ages of 14-21 are encouraged to apply.