



Please pray for: Dan Kielaszek, Brianna Westbrook, Mike Hilczmayer, Mike Neumeister, Chris Ferrucci, Carol Duffie, Chris Pinto, Aida Mercado, Steve Polichette, Dick Baldwin, Pauline Steward and Way Y. 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. 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
mlzielinski@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)

April 15 & 16, 2023
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
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Pastor for Family 21: Fr. Joe Rogliano
Parochial Vicars: Fr. Bob Gebhard
Fr. Jud Weiksner, ofm

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



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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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April 15 & 16, Sunday of Divine Mercy

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in thanksgiving of your prayers for Pat Montemarano by his wife, Joanne.

Saturday, April 15, 2023

4:00 p.m. For the people of Family 21

Sunday, April 16, 2023

9:00 a.m. +Deceased members of the Perales, Silva, Cordero and Ayala families by family

11:00 a.m. +James J. O'Brien by Sr. Eileen O'Conner

Saturday, April 22, 2023

4:00 p.m. For the parishes of Family 21

Sunday, April 23, 2023

9:00 a.m. For the parishes of Family 21

11:00 a.m. +Helen Weiksna by Melissa Weiksna

Mass requests are once again being taken for dates through the end of the year. If you already gave me your list and I told you to wait until I know what's happening (which I still don't) those Masses are scheduled. You may call the office to confirm. I will be out of the office from April 17– May 8. Amuna will be covering for me. Much peace, Karen.

Thank You Very Much: On April 22 from 8:30 a.m.– 11 a.m. the Gardenin' Angels are looking for some help spreading the equivalent of over 121 2-cubic-foot bags of mulch, enough for both sides of the church. WE WILL NEED PEOPLE WHO CAN SHOVEL THE MULCH IN THE PARKING LOTS INTO WHEELBARROWS, HAUL IT TO THE BEDS, AND / OR CAN HELP SPREAD IT. We also need people to bring wheelbarrows. If we have enough (~18) volunteers, we should be able to finish mulching in about an hour based on how well we worked last year! This is the one time of year we really need "all hands on deck." If you can help, please leave a message with the parish office at 716-852-3331 or send an email to sscolumbibrigid@gmail.com

Thank You! Last week's collection was \$2,879.76, which includes \$348 for Easter. We also received \$45 for HOPE/Outreach, \$750 for Capital Improvement, \$60 in Restricted or Special Donations and \$120 for Easter Flowers. *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.*

Thank You for contributing \$90 to the Good Friday special collection for the Holy Land. Our next special collection will be April 29-30 for the Catholic Home Mission Appeal.

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary St. Martin de Porres Court #94 is recruiting new members. You can contact Lnette Jennings at St. Martin de Porres 716-883-7729 for more information.

St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center 12th Annual Banquet: Thurs., April 27, 6 p.m. at Classics V, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. Keynote Speaker is Toni McFadden, author of *Redeemed: My Journey after Abortion*. For reservations call 716-847-2205 or go to <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/st-gianna/> by April 17.

We Surpassed Our Goal for our 2023 Catholic Charities parish appeal! As of Wednesday we have collected \$14,385, surpassing our goal of \$12,781 by \$1,604. We accomplished this with 30 donors, 16 fewer than last year. If you still would like to donate, please do so at ccwny.org, or get a flyer in the church vestibule. Thank you to all our donors for your generosity!

Please RSVP for the Welcome Reception to be held for our new Pastor of Family 21, Fr. Joe Rogliano, which will be held on Sunday, April 23 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence Church, 1520 E. Delavan Ave. Please sign the sheet in the vestibule of the church.

Road to Renewal Updates: See Fr. Jud if you wish to join one of our Pillar Groups. Parishioners will help plan, monitor and evaluate activities in our parish, and will coordinate with members of pillars from the other Family 21 parishes. The pillars and chairs for our parish are: Liturgy (Olivia Marks, Alice Ohl); Spiritual Life (Betty Reiter, Marta Perez); Forming Disciples (Deacon Jerry, Olive Ndayishimiye); OutReach/InReach (Paula Hunt, Tom Talty); Stewardship (Monica Zielinski, Betsy Tirado); and Administration (Rick Pinkowski, Bill Marks). If you would like to join one of the pillars, please see Fr. Jud. Please pray for our Road to Renewal!

Chicken BBQ Fundraiser: Sunday, June 4. Pre-Sale tickets \$15, at the door \$16. Noon till 4 p.m. Eat in or take out. We will also have theme baskets and a 50/50. Donations of baskets are greatly appreciated. We can also use more volunteers (Please see Monica for more information.)

O'Hara High School is offering a free practice exam at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 22 for seventh graders who are interested in taking the Catholic High School Entrance and Scholarship exam in the fall. The practice exam will help a student become more familiar with the content, format and timing of the exam so they will be better prepared for the real thing in November and give themselves a better chance at scholarships. To register, go to cardinalohara.com. For more information, call Thomas Wilkie at 695-2600, ext 357 or email twilkie@cardinalohara.com

If Your Birthday is in May please notify Karen in the parish office, so we can get you on the May birthday list!

Congratulations to our newly baptized members of our parish, Christian and Yaneliz. Congratulations also to Pat who was confirmed and made her 1st Communion!

Our Food Pantry monthly request for April is **peanut butter and jelly**. 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. Please be sure to check expiration dates.

Mass to End Gun Violence: On the First Friday of each month, the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur offer their 11:30 a.m. Mass for an End to Gun Violence at St. Mary Center, 241 Lafayette Ave., Buffalo. All are invited.

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. **If you have ANY kind of interaction with children you need to be certified.** If you have not done so previously, sign-up now. The class is free, and refreshments will be provided. Go to <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/protecting-gods-children/> and click on "Protecting God's Children Workshop" or see Fr. Jud.

Catholic Women of Buffalo Conference: Sat., April 29, 7:45 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Joe's Collegiate, 845 Kenmore Ave. Includes meals and national speakers. For info email CatholicWomenBuffalo@gmail.com

No Bible Study on Sunday, April 23. We will return on May 7.

The Sunday Social this month on April 30 will be cold foods only. Please bring cold foods—salads, fruits, sandwiches, cheese and crackers etc.

The Chosen episode 1 of Season 2 will be shown in the parish office at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 20.

Parish Council: Until further notice, Parish Council meetings will be on hold considering all the meetings going on for the Road to Renewal pillars.