

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
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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 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)

November 4 & 5, 2023
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:
 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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November 4 & 5, 2023 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week for the intentions of Betsy Tirado (Birthday wishes) by Paula Hunt

Saturday, November 4, 2023

4:00 p.m. +Dominique Thompson by Donald Thompson

Sunday, November 5, 2023

9:00 a.m. +Santos Rivera by Carmen & Family

11:00 a.m. +Dennis Hunt Birthday remembrance by Paula

Saturday, November 11, 2023

4:00 p.m. +Mary Semski by Milissa Weiksner

Sunday, November 12, 2023

9:00 a.m. +Dennis Hunt by Cliff & Donna Eminger

11:00 a.m. +Suzanne Buttino by Ken & Rose Dolph

Next week we will be celebrating Veteran's Day. Please bring in any Veteran's Pictures.

Thank You! Last week's collection was \$2,039.45 with \$240 for HOPE/Outreach. \$100 in in Memorium, \$20 for Restricted or Special Donations. *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 Our next special collection will be the weekend of November 18-19 for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

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 or visit our website: <https://www.chsbuffalo.org/>

Upcoming Events

What's Up with the Synod?

Have you heard about the "Synod on Synodality" that's now going on in Rome? It's a ground-breaking event in the Church and something every Catholic should know about. Join Deacon Don on Wednesday, November 8th at 6:30 PM in the church at Ss Columba-Brigid as he explains what a Synod is, and why this one is so important. Deacon Don will dispel misinformation and answer all your questions about the Synod. Make plans to join us for this informative event!

Advent Day of Reflection: Planning is underway for a Day of Retreat, December 2 at Columba Brigid from 10:30 am-3pm. The day will include short talks, discussion, and time for prayer and confessions to enter into the season of Advent.

Parish Council

All parish members are invited, and **encouraged**, to attend and participate in future meetings as we work together to grow our parish, re-connect with lost members, and advance the mission of the Church. We'd like to have members from *every ministry* within the parish present at the Council. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your voice at the next gathering, November 21 @7 pm.

Note: a special group for Spanish speakers will meet with Carmen and Fr. Jud, and representatives from that group will attend the parish wide Council Meeting, to ensure that any members who would be uncomfortable at an English speaking meeting have a voice in the Council.

Buffalo Bills Ticket Raffle for the December 17th game @ 4:25 pm Bills vs Cowboys. Two Winners each win two tickets. First winner will be in section 138 row 34 seats 9 & 10, Second winner will be in the same section 138 with seats 11 & 12. Raffle ticket cost is \$20. Available after masses and in the office. Drawing will take place after Mass on Dec. 10th.

Thanksgiving Day Masses Will be celebrated at two locations within our Family of Parishes. The first will be the evening before Thanksgiving, Nov. 22, 6:30 at St. Martin de Porres. On Thursday, Mass is at 10am at Blessed Trinity. If you plan to go to the Mass on Thanksgiving day, please sign up in the vestibule.

The Sacrament of Confirmation for candidates in our Family of Parishes will take place at 7pm at St. Lawrence on Monday Nov. 27. Please pray for the candidates, especially during their retreat next Saturday.

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

Please pray for:

Ken Mrozik, Kristin, Elaine Damon, Pat Montemarano,
Ronnie Dillard, Dennis Adams, Kathy T.,
Fr. Vincent Becker, Samantha,
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) and
Ana Morales.

Words on the Road to Renewal Wow, in just a couple of days we went from feeling like it was summer to forecasts of snow flurries. Buffalo is a place of many seasons depending on the day! Along with our current season of Saints and Souls, that November always brings, we've been a few weeks now into a new season of experience of "parish" and "family" with our Road to Renewal. It will certainly take some getting used to for all of us as a constant rotation of clergy, exposure to different styles of liturgy, and a charge to consider the other parishes in our Family in pioneering collaborations and sharing will test our creativity and openness in responding to the challenging realities of the Church of Buffalo and the signs of the times. I will say that your clergy – me, Fr. Jud, Fr. Aaron, Fr. Ron, Deacons Ron, Paul, Don, Jerry, Mike and Jason – have been so pleased with our reception and welcome by all the parish communities. Thank you for making our adjustments so much easier. I thank Deacons Don & Mike for putting together the clergy rotation schedule. "Who's-supposed-to-be-where" mapping is a monumental task. Be assured that our Pillar Groups continue working toward a Family Action Plan for our Family 21 of parishes that will set goals and measures for outcomes for the immediate years to follow. We can set our eyes on the other November highlight – Thanksgiving – as we take time to pause and give thanks for God's countless blessings, especially the gifts of each other... such a rich harvest! Fr. Bob