



**Please pray for:** Senait Teame Tesfamichael, Dan Kielaszek, Brianna Westbrooks, 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  
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**Secretary:**

Karen Helinski 716-852-3331 (hours Tues., Thurs., Fri. 12-4)

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**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](mailto: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 22 & 23, 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

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to

**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO LIVESTREAM OUR WEEKEND MASSES.** You can view them on our webpage [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://sscolumbabrigid.org) near the bottom of the page.

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

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**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](https://www.tithe.ly). Just go to [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://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 22 & 23, 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

### **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

### **Saturday, April 29, 2023**

**4:00 p.m.** +James O' Brien by Sr. Eileen O'Conner

### **Sunday, April 30, 2023**

**10:00 a.m. (bilingual)** +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.

**Change of Date:** We have moved our garden mulching date one week back, due to the weather. On Sat., April 29 at 8:30 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 [sscolumbrigid@gmail.com](mailto:sscolumbrigid@gmail.com) Thank you very much!

**Thank You!** Last week's collection was \$4,907.33. We also received \$610 for HOPE/ Outreach, \$200 in Restricted or Special Donations, and \$25 for Easter Flowers. We also deposited the past several weeks' online donations from our Facebook page (\$1,470.90) and from our website/Tithely (\$4,324). *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 giving an additional \$50 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.

**We Surpassed Our Goal** for our 2023 Catholic Charities parish appeal! As of Wednesday we have collected \$15,310, smashing our goal of \$12,781 by \$2,529. We accomplished this with 36 donors! If we get 10 more donors, we will pass last year's total of 46. Thank you to all our donors for your generosity!

**Congratulations** to Br. Aaron Richardson, ofm, who will be ordained to the priesthood on April 29 in Silver Spring, MD. Aaron was an intern in our parish during the summer of 2019. God bless you, Aaron!

**Summer Fun** this year will go from Thursday, July 6 through Friday, August 18. Four of our parish youth will be counselors! For more info see Monica.

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

**Road to Renewal Updates:** Monica and Betsy represented our parish at the Family 21 Stewardship Pillar meeting. Each parish shared the different things they are doing to raise funds. The possibility came up of all four parishes doing something in common at a future date. The Administration Pillar, represented by Bill Marks, Rick Pinkowski and Dick Baldwin, met on April 19. A report from that pillar will be available shortly. 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.)

**If You Work With Children** please consider joining us for a Protecting God's Children class on April 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St. Charles' Hall (school building behind the church) at Blessed Trinity. Now is your chance to attend in a familiar setting with instructors and participants that you know. We have very few adults who are available to help with teaching, supervision on field trips etc for our youth. Anyone who would like to work with minors in our parishes **MUST** take this course. Parents who would like to go on outings with groups of our children as chaperones, those who would like to be mentors or teachers, and those groups who would like to add a youth component to their programs will all need to be certified. If you have not done so previously, sign-up now. The class is free and refreshments will be provided. Registrations are taken online through the Diocese's website - or contact Pat Dyer, Joyce Davis or Fr. Jud to register.

**Fr. Joe's Welcoming Reception** at St. Lawrence on Sunday, April 23 will take place at 1:30 p.m., not 12:30 p.m.

**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.

**First Communion Classes** began on Thursday, April 20, at 5:30 p.m. at Blessed Trinity for all students who completed their First Reconciliation. Classes will all be on Thursday evenings for six weeks. First Communion will be at the home parishes on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ - June 11.

**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](mailto: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.

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

**A Respite Weekend for Women with Cancer** will take place May 19-21. If you or someone you know would benefit from this, please contact Pat Dyer at [patricia-dyernp@gmail.com](mailto:patricia-dyernp@gmail.com)