

**Please pray for:**

Sister Mary Augusta Kaiser, Sister Donna Anthony, Donald Crain, Fr. Roy Herberger, Crystal Adams, Lynda Coleman, Dondi Marsh, Delia Serrano (Lydia), Teddy Nicpon, Alice Ohl, Delores Nicpon, Ann Cruz, Steven Nowak, Jean Miles, Roxane Bayisabe, Domitiem Bigirimana, Jenny Ortiz-Topper, Aden Nicpon, Maria Hernandez, Tony DeJames, Jeanne D'Arc, Marta Perez, Laura Nowak, Rachael Baldwin, Larry Threat, Mary Lou Rivas, Angelina, Pauline Steward, Maria Nikel, Luz Morales, Anthony Pedraza, Joy Muzzy, Ramona Draffin, Ana Morales,

**Food Pantry** We can still use cereal, pancakes mix, syrup, soup, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables and canned fruits. Please place donations in the baskets in the vestibule. We will acknowledge the donations during the announcements. We also accept monetary donations to purchase perishable items periodically. **Thank you !!!!**

**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, First Communion, Confirmation:** Call Deacon Jerry Hodson 716-852-3331 to make an appointment.

**OCIA:** Please call church office.

**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 Paula Hunt 716-348-0154 before making any arrangements.

**Anointing:** Please call the office 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/call Deacon Jerry. Interested in becoming a priest or entering religious life? Call Fr. Bob 716-833-0301.

**STAFF DIRECTORY**

**Pastoral Associates:**  
Carmen R. Rivera 716-847-1463  
Paula Hunt 716-348-0154

**Secretary:**  
Roxanne Kielaszek 716-852-3331  
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**Email:** ss columb abrigid@gmail.com

**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

**Church Hall Rental:** 716-852-3331

**Sacristans:**  
4 p.m.-Tracy Liriano  
9 a.m.-Carmen R. Rivera 716-847-1463  
11a.m.-Cindi Adams

**Bible Study:** Study the Mass readings Sunday mornings 10:00-10:45 (except when we have 10:00 Mass). Call Betty Reiter at 716-207-4715 if you have any questions.

**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.

**Prayer Group:** After Mass the 1st Sunday of the month.

**Potluck Social** After Bilingual Mass the last Sunday of the month.

**Children's Liturgy:** Last Sunday of the month (Bilingual Sunday)

**Parish Council:** Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm



**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)

**Temp Admin.:**  
**Deacons:**

Fr. Bob Gebhard  
Mr. Jerry Hodson  
Mr. Don Weigel  
Mr. Mike Dalessandro  
  
Sr. Karen Klimczak

**In Heaven:**

**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 Methuselah himself, gay, filthy rich or poor as dirt, no habla inglese or Black and proud, Zen meditators or screaming babies, tourists of the generation Buffalonians, liberated females or macho men, computer geniuses or bad spellers, homebound or a part of the "jet set", doubters and seekers or those who are more Catholic than the Pope, workaholics or bleeding hearts.

**OH, AND YOU!**

**FACEBOOK:** @ss columb abrigid church **WEBSITE:** ss columb abrigid.org  
**EMAIL:** ss columb abrigid@gmail.com **YOUTUBE:** @SsColumbaBrigidVideos

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**PARISH COUNCIL:** Meets the Third Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 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 ss columb abrigid.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!

**January 10 & 11 2026**  
**Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church**  
**75 Hickory St. (near Clinton)**  
**Buffalo, NY 14204**  
**ss columb abrigid@gmail.com**

**716-852-3331**

## January 10 & 11 2026 The Baptism of the Lord

**The Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for Fr. Aaron Richardson Birthday Wishes by Paula Hunt

### Saturday, January 10, 2026

4:00 p.m.

### Sunday, January 11, 2026

9:00 a.m. Fr. Aaron Richardson ofm, Birthday Celebration by Paula Hunt

11:00 a.m. +Bodie Booze-Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle & Friend by The Booze Family

### Saturday, January 17, 2026

4:00 p.m.

### Sunday, January 18, 2026

9:00 a.m. Fr. Jason Damon ofm, Birthday Celebration by Paula Hunt

11:00 a.m. +Clifford J. Emminger by Cliff and Donna Emminger

**Offertory amounts** The amounts for the weekend 1/4/2026 were: Regular,\$2,276.70, Solemnity of Mary \$124.00 Hope Outreach \$219.00. *Let us know if we can help you with any critical needs through our HOPE fund. Please pray daily for our parish.*

**Special Collection** Thank you for your generosity of \$50.00 for the Second Collection for Religious Retirement Appeal.

**All Minister Leaders:** Must attend the first Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:30pm, to prepare for the rest of the year. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Parishioners:** That don't use church envelopes, but put cash donations in the collection basket-we ask that you please take a envelope off the tables in the back of the church, put your donations in them and write your name on the envelope. We want to make sure that you are given the credit for your donations. Thank you!!

**How is our Parish doing? Part Two:** We are so blessed that our parish has stayed open but our work is not finished! We are having a second meeting for ALL PARISHIONERS that were not able to make the first meeting in November. We want everyone to know how our parish is doing, what we need help with and what the challenges are to us being able to remain open for many years. Here are the details: The meeting will be scheduled for early Jan. 2026. More details to follow.

### The Child for Us! The Child in Us!

Often times, when we become uncharacteristically playful or impish, we say, "It's the child in me!" These are the days when we focus on one particular Child who, born for us, is our Messiah, our Savior! Christmastime is also primetime for Christians to have a keen eye on the Child born in us, Jesus... There are so many happenings of the Christ Child right before our very eyes! I hope we all saw him, and continue to see him, in those whose worship & praise, ministry & work, on-the-scenes & behind-the-scenes lending of hearts and hands reminds us of the Nativity that is meant to make all the difference in our worlds. There HE was.... The Child in Us.... in our decorators, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, greeters, choirs, cantors, singers, musicians, candle bearers, cross bearers, thurifers, altar servers, sacristans, liturgy directors, secretaries, bulletin coordinators, photocopiers, pastoral associates, deacons, priests, and all who came together as humble worshippers and prayerers before our King! Thank you to all who gave birth to the CHILD in us! Wishing you the abundant Blessings of the Child Jesus to be your Light through the way of our New Year. Happy New Year 2026 everyone! ~ Fr. Bob

### Jesus is Here! Trials and Resurrection:

Saturday, January 17, don't miss the opportunity to hear Fr. Carl Gales, SVD speak on: **Jesus is Here! Trials and Resurrection.** This conference will be on Sat., Jan. 17 10:00AM – 3:00 PM at St. Stanislaus Church, 389 Peckham St. Father Gales is pastor of Our Lady of Africa Church in Chicago. This parish is made up of 5 merged parishes. Fr. Carl is a musical prodigy and performed as a concert pianist at Carnegie Hall. He will combine his music, enthusiasm, and wisdom in speaking on dealing with the reality of the Church today. Cost is \$25.00 per person (lunch included). See flyers on the table to register. Deadline to register is January 14.

**Wanted:** Volunteer assistants (2) for First Reconciliation. This position requires five or six classes, a Penance Service, and one other activity. You will receive training and work with an experienced teacher. Classes begin in late February and will be on Thursday evenings at 6 PM at Blessed Trinity. Contact Lanette Jenning, Paula Hunt, Fr. Bob, or Pat Dyer if interested.

**Please Pray:** For the catechumens and candidates from Family 21 who will be welcomed on January 11 at Blessed Trinity.

**Martin Luther King Jr.:** Will be celebrated at St. Martin de Porres, 555 Northampton St., Bflo, on Sunday January 18, 2026 at 9:30am Mass. All are welcome join!

**Do You Love To:** Work with teens and young adults? Do you want to help them become Christian leaders? Can you combine fun with service learning? Do you have a few hours a week that you can volunteer? If you can answer "yes" to these questions, we want to talk to you about Youth Ministry. Training and mentors are available. Volunteers need to be Confirmed and members of our parishes are preferred.

**Young Adult Discussion:** We are trying to put together a young adult discussion group. Which will be lead by Estella Ade and company. This would be for the age group of 19-40 years old. Please call either the office 716-852-3331 or Estella 716-398-1910.

**Are You Unable To Attend Mass?:** Do you know someone who cannot join us on Saturdays or Sundays? Or would like home visits and Holy Communion? Are you aware of someone who would like a visit? Please let the office know or complete the survey form that are on the table in the vestibule. Though this is an ongoing effort to identify individuals who would like a visit from someone in the parish family, you are encouraged to let us know as soon as possible so that we can make plans. You can put the form in the collection basket also.

**Chocolate Candy Making:** We will be making Valentine candy of Saturday Feb. 7th at 9:00am. Please see the sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Bring your crockpots and spoons. The sale will then be that Saturday before and after the 4pm Mass and on Sunday before and after both Masses.

**Please Note:** Any Bulletin Entries , Pulpit Announcements or Flyers that are posted, all information **MUST** be presented to the office 1 week prior to your information being announced. Thank You!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS !

- Monday, January 12, 2026—Subs 'N Suds, 5:30pm at Blessed Trinity
- Saturday, January 17, 2026—Jesus is Here! Trials and Resurrection Conference, 10:00am –3:00PM, at St. Stanislaus Church
- Sunday, January 18, 2026—MLK Mass at SMdP, 9:30am
- Saturday, February 7, 2026—Valentine Candy making at Ss. Columba-Brigid, 9:00am
- Monday, February 9, 2026—Subs 'N Suds, 5:30pm

**Our January Subs 'N Suds:** Lecture will be Monday, January 12, 2026 at Heart of Buffalo Catholic Community at Blessed Trinity, 317 Leroy Ave. Topic The Vatican Position on the "Two State Solution". Join us for the fifth Subs "N Suds lecture of the season-and our fourth with Dr. Castillo, he will tell fascinating stories of the history of the conflict in the Middle East. Supper is served beginning at 5:30 PM. The lecture begins promptly at 6:30 PM. Free-Will offerings to continue to help fund the legacy of Fr. Reger Faith Formation Program.

**Early Voting:** Right here at Ss. Columba-Brigid. For Special election in the 61st Senatorial District, will be held Saturday 1/24/26 to Sunday 2/1/26. Hours are as follows: weekdays from 11:30am-9:30pm and weekends 8:30am-5:30pm. Ss. Columba-Brigid.

**Sunday 9:00am Mass:** Parishioners need to sign up for confession ahead of time, because of our lack of Spanish Priests. Call Carmen to make your reservation 716-847-1463.

**We Are In Need:** Of tablespoons and soup spoons if anyone can help with those items, please bring them to church or the office. Thank you!

**Family 21 Has A New Name:** "Heart Of Buffalo Catholic Community". We are working on a Family website, more to come on the website and we should have a Family Bulletin by Spring 2026.