

Please pray for:

Baby Huxley Kaweck, Mrs. Ruchalski, June Bowen-Neimeijer, Fr. Said, James Pratts, Don Thompson, Miriam Cote, Eddy Muniz, Jeff Witulski, Freddie Beavers, Grace Christie, Leo J. Baumgartner, Dan Kielaszek, Sister Mary Augusta Kaiser, Sister Donna Anthony, Donald Crain, Lynda Coleman, Dondi Marsh, Delia Serrano (Lydia), Alice Ohi, Delores Nicpon, Ann Cruz, 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 Nickel, Luz Morales, Anthony Pedraza, Joy Muzzy, Ramona Draffin, Ana Morales, Summer Nolan

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

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: sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com

Coordinator of Faith Formation:

Deacon Jerry Hodson 716-852-3331 &
Jean Hymes 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.: Fr. Bob Gebhard
Deacons: Mr. Jerry Hodson
Mr. Don Weigel
Mr. Mike Dalessandro

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 Buffaloni-ans, 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: @sscolumbabrigidchurch **WEBSITE:** sscolumbabrigid.org
EMAIL: sscolumbabrigid@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 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!

February 28 & March 1, 2026
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
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Buffalo, NY 14204
sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com

716-852-3331

February 28 & March 1, 2026 Second Sunday of Lent

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week for Happy Birthday Wishes for Fr. Bob by Paula Hunt.

Saturday, February 28, 2026

4:00 p.m. +Aida Mercado by Don Thompson

Sunday, March 1, 2026

9:00 a.m. +Zoraida Rivera-Cruz by Silvia Rivera-Cruz

11:00 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Fr. Bob Gebhard and Bishop Mike by Paula Hunt

Saturday, March 7, 2026

4:00 p.m. +Fr. Joe Gariolo CRSP Heavenly Birthday Wishes by Paula Hunt

Sunday, March 8, 2026

9:00 a.m. +Sara Rivera by Maria Rivera

11:00 a.m. +Wenceslao, Julia, Carmen, Linda Valentin by The Valentin Family

Offertory amounts The amounts for the weekend 2/22/2026 were: Regular, \$1,685.35, Ash Wednesday \$235.00, Hope Outreach \$30.00. *Let us know if we can help you with any critical needs through our HOPE fund. Please pray daily for our parish.*

#Onebody: Racial Healing One Heart, One Mind at a Time-Join us for a Holy Conversation about Race, March 3, 2026 from 6:30-8:00pm at Ss Columba-Brigid. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!!

Catholic Men's Fellowship of WNY: 24th Annual Men's Conference "Discover the Joy of Your Faith", will be Saturday March 21, 2026 at Cardinal O'Hara HS, 39 O'Hara Rd., Tonawanda, NY 14150. Beginnings at 7:30am-3:00pm. You will need to register, the forms are on the table in the vestibule. Cost is regular admission \$40, early bird and student admission \$30 and Priests/Seminarians N/C.

Lenten Holy Hour for Peace & Healing:

Please join us for Holy Hour on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 from 12-1pm at SsCB, or Thursday, March 12, at noon at St. Martin de Porres or Tuesday, March 24, from 5:30-6:30pm at Blessed Trinity. If you have any questions you can call Sr. Maureen at 716-495-6260. All are welcome!

It's That Time of Year: Daylight savings is next weekend, March 8, 2026. Change your clocks 1 hour forward at 2am in the morning.

Family News - Road to Renewal Pillar Updates:

This week's brief Pillar highlight is offered by the Stewardship Pillar: The **Stewardship Pillar** is benefiting from the combined efforts of both the East and West Side parishes of the Heart of Buffalo Catholic Community. We enjoy each other's company and getting to know more about our parishes. During Lent, we are focusing on a Family Community Service Project to benefit Buffalo House of Hope. We are planning a Family Fundraiser in the Fall. If you are interested in becoming a member of one of our Family Pillars, please contact Fr. Bob (833-0301) or your parish Pastoral Associate (Lanette Jennings, Paula Hunt, Patricia Dyer).

Family News - Religious Education and Formation:

Good News! Each parish in our Family now has a local parish Religious Education & Formation Coordinator for our young people: Blessed Trinity – Pat Dyer; Ss. Columba-Brigid – Jean Hymes; St. Martin de Porres - Mary Craig. Pat Dyer will oversee communication, programming, and compliance with diocesan guidelines and curriculum for our Family. I am especially grateful for these leaders and the example of their faith for our young people! We are still in earnest need of others to work with these leaders as catechists and mentors for the next generations of Catholics. PLEASE let your parish pastoral associate, parish religious ed & formation coordinator, or me know of your interest in sharing your faith with our young people. We need you! ~ Fr. Bob (716-833-0301)

A Longtime Parishioner of Blessed Trinity:

Amy Johnson passed away suddenly this past week. Amy always attended our events here at SsCB and was a long time food provider for Family Promise. Visitation will be at Vandercher & Dick Funeral Home, 2549 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14214, Sunday March 1, from 3-6pm. The funeral will be Monday March 2, at 12:00pm at Blessed Trinity.

Calling On All Bakers: We will have our annual bake sale the weekend of Palm Sunday, March 28 and the 29th, 2026. Please sign up if you will be able to donate. Thank You!!

Children's Stations Rehearsal will be March 1st & 8th, after the 11:00 Mass and a pizza party at 5:00 Friday March 13th before 6:30 stations. Please be sure your children are present for each date.

Compassion Not Cruelty: (CNC) is an ecumenical group of clergy and lay people formed to urge our nation to govern with compassion. CNC will hold a one-hour Zoom meeting on 3/3/26 at 6:30 p.m. to focus on participation in two upcoming events: The No Kings Day Rally on 3/28/26 in Niagara Square and the Being A Good Neighbor Now event on 4/18/26 at St. Joseph University Parish. If interested in attending the 3/3 meeting, please contact Robbie Farkas-Huezo at (716) 462-3286 or RLFH@aol.com for the registration link.

Confirmation Class: Will be starting for those in ninth grade or higher. Please contact Deacon Jerry for details, 716-852-3331

The Salvation Army: Emergency Food Pantry, Monday & Friday's 9am-1pm, Wednesday's 11am-2pm. Free Food Give-Away 3/3/26 1:30pm-2:30pm. Please see flyer for more information on addresses.

Meet & Greet: Any Catholic Man aged 18 or older is invited to the Knights of Peter Claver Council 94, on Saturday, March 14th from 12-2pm at St. Martin de Porres. Please see the bulletin board for more information on how to RSVP.

St. Joseph Table: Join us for a traditional St. Joseph table featuring meatless dishes to be shared. Please bring a dish to share, drinks, bread, butter, dessert and salmon will be provided. This is sponsored by St. Lawrence Vineyard Ministries, Inc. Free-will offerings are distributed equally to the three food pantries in Family 21.

Food Pantry: We are all set with cereal for now, but are in need of canned fruits & vegetables, tuna, peanut butter, jelly and syrup. Thank you for generous donations!!

A Big Thank You To: Jim Christie, Cliff Emminger, Pedro Rivera, Tedros Teklzghi, Tom Talty and Bill Marks for their volunteer efforts to renew our Parish Hall-what a beautiful job you all did!! Thank You!!

Mark Your Calendar's: On Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 we will be making a visit to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Youngstown. More information to follow.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS !

- Tuesday, March 3, 2026—#Onebody-Racial Healing One Heart, One Mind at a Time, 6:30-8:00pm at SsCB
- Monday, March 9, 2026—Life in the Spirit, #1 will be God's Love, 6:30pm at Blessed Trinity.
- Tuesday, March 10, 2026—Holy Hour for Peace & Healing, 12:00-1:00pm at SsCB.
- Thursday, March 12, 2026—Holy Hour for Peace & Healing, 12:00-1:00pm, at St. Martin dePorres.
- Saturday, March 14, 2026—Meet & Greet for Men aged 18 and older, 12:00pm-2pm, at St. Martin dePorres
- Sunday, March 15, 2026—St. Patrick's Party by the Notre Dame Alumni, after 11am Mass at SsCB.
- Thursday, March 19, 2026—St. Joseph Table, 5:00pm, at Blessed Trinity Parish.
- Friday, March 20, 2026—Lenten Stations of the Cross and Penance Service, 5:30pm soup supper, 6:30pm Stations Penance Service with confessions to follow at Blessed Trinity.
- Saturday, March 21, 2026—24th Annual Men's Conference-Discover the Joy of Your Faith—7:30am-3pm, Cardinal O'Hara HS, 39 O'Hara Rd. Tonawanda, NY. You must register ahead of time.
- Tuesday, March 24, 2026—Holy Hour for Peace & Healing, 5:30pm-6:30pm, at Blessed Trinity.

Life in the Spirit: Each evening consists of a teaching, a testimony, a discussion, refreshments and fellowship. We will be praying for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon you on the 5th week. You will hear others share how the Holy Spirit has changed their lives. Experience more of the fruits of peace and joy as you open yourself to God's presence in your life. #1 God's Love (Speaker will be Deacon Kevin Smith) will start us off on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6:30pm at Blessed Trinity. Please take a flyer for Life in the Spirit and get your registration in soon. Let the Holy Spirit into your life this Lent! Please come and bring a friend!
