



**Please pray for:** Alex Gonzalez, Pat Montemarano, Linda Coleman, Brianna Westbrooks, Mike Hilczmayer, Mike Neumeister, Stephanie Gladden, Chris Ferrucci, Carol Duffie, Louise Solomon, Chris Pinto, Aida Mercado, Roland Autry, 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:**

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**Business Manager:**

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Sunday 9:00: Pedro Rivera  
Sunday 11:00: Linda Appleby

**Maintenance:**

Joe Strusienki  
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:**

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**Fundraising Committee:** Monica Zielinski  
[mzielinski@aol.com](mailto:mzielinski@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)

**March 18 & 19, 2023**  
**Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church**  
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**Buffalo, NY 14204**  
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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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**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

**OUR WEBSITE IS:** [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://sscolumbabrigid.org)

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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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## March 18-19, 4th Sunday of Lent

**The Sanctuary Candle** will be lit this week for the intentions of my prayer partners, Mark & Mary Missert, by Karen Helinski

### **Saturday, March 18, 2023**

**4:00 p.m.** +Baby Oliver Boyd by the Pinto Family

### **Sunday, March 19, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.** For the people of the parish

**11:00 a.m.** Remembering the living and deceased members of the Booze and Samson families by Barbara Booze

### **Saturday, March 25, 2023**

**4:00 p.m.** +Sue Agosquinn by Betty Kennedy

### **Sunday, March 26, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.** +Baby Oliver Boyd by The Pinto Family

**11:00 a.m.** Ronald Wisniewski by the Kennedy Family

**Bakers Start Your Ovens** for the bake sale we will be having after Masses the weekend of April 1 & 2. It's no joke!

**Catholic Charities:** As of Thursday we've collected \$8,500 of our \$12,781 parish goal for 2023, so we're almost 2/3 there. We've had 22 donors so far. This past week two people donated a total of \$700. If you've not yet donated, please give what you can! We hope to get 25 more donors to surpass last year's total of 46. Go to [ccwny.org](http://ccwny.org) or get a flyer in the church vestibule.

### **Holy Week Schedule 2023**

Holy Thursday, April 6: 7 p.m. Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7: 12 noon Bilingual Stations of the Cross; 7 p.m. Bilingual Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, April 8: 10 a.m. Easter Basket Blessing; 8 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday April 9: 10 a.m. Bilingual Mass

**Thank You!** Last week's collection was \$3,627.10 with \$177 for HOPE/Outreach, \$500 in Unrestricted Donations, \$135 in Restricted or Special Donations, and \$1,500 for Capital Improvements. *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.*

**The Next Second Collection** is the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land, which will take place on April 7.

**The Spiritual Care Department** at Mercy Hospital of Buffalo could use new hand-crafted knitted, quilted or fleece blankets. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is asking for blankets about 40"x50" which will be given to patients nearing death as a beautiful and warm reminder of the Church community's love and prayer. Place blankets in the bin in the vestibule. For more info call the Parish Office.

**Lenten Evening of Reflection:** Tues., March 21, 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 115 O'Connell Ave., by Eileen Warner, Retreat Director and trained Spiritual Director, who will explore ways we can understand how God speaks to us in prayer.

**Inclusive Easter Mass** on Wed., April 12 at 7 p.m. at wheelchair-accessible St. Bernadette Church, 5930 South Abbott Rd., Orchard Park. The Mass offers a shorter, less crowded worship setting, dim lighting, and soothing music. Low gluten hosts will be available. Fr. Gerard Skrzynski will interpret the Mass through American Sign Language. For more info call Sharon at 716-648-1720.

**St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Road to Renewal Updates:** We invite parishioners to join our Pillar Groups. These groups 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 are: Liturgy; Spiritual Life; Forming Disciples; OutReach/InReach; Stewardship; and Administration. Please pray for the success of the Road to Renewal!

**Our Chili Cook-Off** will be Sun., March 26 after the 10:00 Mass in place of our usual social. There is no admission cost. Six tickets cost \$5, which allows you to sample six different chilis. Additional tickets are \$1. Sign up in church if you plan to bring a crock pot of chili. Those who bring one will get three free tastings, and will be eligible for prizes!

**Episode 6 of The Chosen** will be shown at 7 p.m. on Thurs., March 23 in the Parish Office. We have popcorn!!!

**The St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum,** who have sung at our church, will have a **Lenten Tenebrae Service** with beautiful choral works and readings on Fri., March 31 at 7 p.m. at Blessed Trinity Church, 317 Leroy Ave., Buffalo.

**Family 21 Stations of the Cross:** Friday, March 24 at 7 p.m. here at Ss. Columba-Brigid. Our youth will be leading us in the Stations. Please join us!

**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.

**Lenten Journey for Family 21:** Mass at St. Martin de Porres, 555 Northampton, Mon., March 20 at 7 p.m.; Reconciliation Service at St. Martin de Porres, Mon., March 27 at 7 p.m.

**Our Food Pantry** monthly request for March 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.

**Rice Bowl:** Take home one of the cardboard "Rice Bowl" boxes, fill it with donations during Lent, and bring it back during Holy Week. Included in the Rice Bowls are inspirational readings.

**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. 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 on-line through the Diocese website, or contact Pat Dyer or Joyce Davis to register.

**Happy Almost-Spring!** Please SAVE THE DATE for our pre-mulch weeding (Sat., April 15) and mulching (Sat., April 22). We are awaiting confirmation of mulch delivery but wanted you to be able to mark your calendars now. Both sessions will be 8:30-11 a.m. (start time at 8:30 for those who want to join Waterkeeper's Earth Day clean-up at 10). We're ordering only 9 cubic yards this year (3 fewer than last year) but that's still the equivalent of over 121 2-cubic-foot bags, enough for both sides of the church, and Russell's will split the load accordingly. WE WILL NEED PEOPLE WHO CAN SHOVEL THE MULCH IN THE PARKING LOTS INTO WHEELBARROWS, HAUL IT TO THE BEDS, AND / OR HELP SPREAD IT.