

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.

STAFF DIRECTORY

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 Sat: Cory Gallagher 716-868-2047
 (Weddings & Funerals)
 Sunday 9:00: Pedro Rivera
 Sunday 11:00: Linda Appleby

Maintenance:
 Joe Strusienski

Youth Group:
 Please call the Parish Office, 716-852-3331 to leave a message.

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 4p.m. Evy Adams 716-481-0736,
 Carol Vance and Sandy Villa
 9 a.m. Carmen R. Rivera 716-847-1463,
 11 a.m. Sandy Villa 716-400-7282



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
Parochial Vicars: Fr. Aaron Richardson, ofm
 Fr. Jud Weiksnar
Deacons: Mr. Jerry Hodson
 Br. Jason Damon, ofm
In residence: Br. Tim Dauenhauer, ofm
In Heaven: Sr. Karen Klimczak

May 4 & 5 2024
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
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716-852-3331

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
EMAIL: sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com **YOUTUBE:** @SsColumbaBrigidVideos

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PARISH COUNCIL: Meets the Third Tuesday of each month @7 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!

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May 4 & 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week for the intentions of Fr. Gabe by Paula Hunt.

Saturday May 4

4:00 p.m. +David Wiczorek by Joanne & Pat Montemarano

Sunday May 5

9:00 a.m. (Spanish) For peace, health and deceased Saints by The Chieu Do family

11:00 a.m. +Theresa Dolph by Alice Ohl

Wednesday May 8

9:00 a.m. Special Intentions for Fr. Gabe by Paula Hunt

Thursday May 9 Ascension of the Lord

7 p.m. (Bilingual) In celebration of "Our new priest" Fr. Jason Damon by Paula Hunt

Saturday May 11

4:00 p.m. +Betty Birks by John Birks

Sunday May 12

9:00 a.m. (Spanish) For parishioners of Family 21

11:00a.m. +Tish, Lottie, Lu & Frannie by Paula Hunt and Friends

Thank You! Last week's collection was \$2,324 with \$50 for Hope/Outreach. *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 your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish we raised \$201.03 to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States.* Our next special collection will be May 18-19 for the Church in Latin America and the Church in Africa.

Catholic Charities: As of Thursday we've collected \$12,008.50 of our \$12,780.84 goal for 2024, so we are at 93.9% of our goal. Thank you to the 27 donors have given so far. We hope to surpass last year's total of 46. Please give what you can! Go to ccwny.org or pick up a flyer in the vestibule at church.

Upcoming Events

First Communion Session Two continues

May 9, 7 p.m. at Ss. Columba-Brigid. Candidates must have completed Session One with us or have already made First Reconciliation in the past. Anyone who needs help purchasing a First Communion outfit **must** attend this session as applications will be due the next week. This week's class ends at 7 p.m. so that we can all attend the Holy Day Mass at Ss. Columba-Brigid.

Columba-Rumba is our biggest parish fundraiser. Join us June 9 following the 11 a.m. Mass. Your \$25 ticket includes a BW BBQ dinner with 1/2 chicken and two sides, one non-alcoholic beverage, two cookies, popcorn, cotton candy & sno cones. Live music by Al Ferguson and Taken By Storm. We will also have a beer tent and games. We need volunteers for everything from advertising to taking out the garbage! Can you sell five tickets to family or friends? See the signup sheets in the vestibule to volunteer. **Please bring your sold tickets to church.**

Congratulations to Fr. Jason Damon, ofm who was ordained to the priesthood on May 4 in Silver Spring, MD. Join us as he celebrates his first Mass here on Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m., the Solemnity of the Ascension, with a reception afterwards.

Please pray for:

Roland Autry, Jayne Nadler, Daniel Ohl, Linda Coleman, Knox Christie, Pat & Joanne Montemarano, Elaine Loos, Ronnie Dillard, Fr. Vincent Becker, Ruth Kennedy, Anthony Pedraza, Mikah Oligo, Chris Pinto, Aida Mercado, Steve Polichette, Pauline Steward, John Schroeder, Benjamin Barajas, Joy Muzzy, Sheila Ayala, Sr. Donna Anthony, Ana Morales, and Amy Kielaszek.

Call the office to add a name, or to include it in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

Ride For Roswell: Fr. Jud will ride on June 22. To donate, please let him know or know or call the office. You can give names of those with cancer or affected by cancer whom he can pray for while on his ride for a cure.

Many thanks to the Gardenin' Angels who helped prepare for mulching and then spread the 9 cubic yards (the equivalent 121.5 2-cuft bags) last weekend. We will announce the next workday soon. **On that note!** The office received a call from someone inquiring about our **Landscaper!** She was very impressed with our grounds and how beautiful they are. She was informed of our **Gardenin' Angels** and said how blessed we are to have such wonderful volunteers!

Family 21 was well represented at the Diocesan Youth Rally. We will soon have a get-together with our teens to discuss the event. The vote from those attending the rally was for an afternoon of bowling. We need to hear what was good and what we'd like to see done differently in the future. Watch for more information in the next couple of weeks!

Fr. Jud is away on pilgrimage through May 17 and is praying for you!

Eight Days of Hope (a Christian disaster-relief organization) has chosen Ellicott District this year to fix up people's porches and roofs for free. Applications are open through May 6 and you must be a homeowner to apply. For more info and the application if you know anyone who lives in this district who needs this, go to: <https://eightdaysofhope.com/event/eight-days-of-hope-buffalo-2024/>

Food Pantry request for May: cereal, pasta, sauce and mac & cheese. Place donations in the baskets in the vestibule to be brought to the altar during the Offertory.

The East Side Family Partnership: A few people have asked about the East Side Family Partnership... What is it? How did it come about? Who makes up the partnership? Simply, it is a collaborative venture involving Family 21 representation and Gerard Place (gerardplace.org) highlighting a Catholic social service presence in our area of the city. It came about from here-and-there conversations about ways to better address needs, offer information, and provide service to our people. A small group of individuals decided to get together to see if there might be some ways to act on some of the needs of the folks in our neighborhoods. As an outgrowth of these conversations and a starting point, it was decided to focus on ways to assist our area "seniors" with a Senior Health & Resource Fair on Friday, August 9 from 10 a.m.—Noon. We hope to offer an informational presentation on the growing immigrant and refugee presence in the city very soon. Other future offerings could include: Financial Planning, Funeral Planning, Healthy Eating, Cooking Classes, and Social Opportunities/Activities (like the Senior Club that meets already at Gerard Place). The partnership is not sponsored by the diocese. There is no mandatory membership or membership fee. To inaugurate this partnership, Bishop Fisher has agreed to celebrate Mass with us at Gerard Place, **2535 Bailey Avenue**, on Saturday, May 11 at 10 a.m., followed by a light breakfast.

A Memorial Mass for Dick Baldwin our beloved parishioner and friend will be celebrated here at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 11.