

**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 (changed to Thursday for November)  
**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**  
**Parochial Vicar**  
 Fr. Aaron Richardson, ofm  
 friar.aaron.richardson@gmail.com  
**Pastoral Associates:**  
 Carmen R.Rivera 716-847-1463  
 Paula Hunt 716-348-0154  
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 Karen Helinski 716-852-3331  
 (hours Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 12-4)  
 Email: sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com  
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 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  
**Maintenance:**  
 Joe Strusienski  
**Youth Group:**  
 Please call the Parish Office, 716-852-3331 to leave a message.  
**Church Hall Rental:** 716-852-3331  
**Communion Visitations:**  
 call the office 716-852-3331  
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 mzielinski@aol.com 716 553-1750  
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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



**April 6 & 7, 2024**  
**Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church**  
**75 Hickory St. (near Clinton)**  
**Buffalo, NY 14204**  
**sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com**  
**716-852-3331**

**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)

**Temporary Administrator:** Fr. Bob Gebhard  
**Parochial Vicars:** Fr. Jud Weiksnar, ofm  
 Fr. Aaron Richardson, ofm  
**Deacons:** Mr. Jerry Hodson  
 Br. Jason Damon, ofm

**NEW BEGINNINGS. A TIME TO FIND A HOME. A TIME TO COME BACK.**

**Ss. Columba-Brigid Church extends a welcome to:**  
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 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  
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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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## **April 6 & 7, 2024 Second Sunday of Easter**

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Fr. Joe Gariolo by Paula Hunt

### **Saturday April 6, 2024**

**4:00 p.m.** +Dennis Adams by Mike & Mary Ann Logue

### **Sunday April 7, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.** For peace and health and for the deceased Saints by Chieu Do Family

**11:00 a.m.** +Fr. Joe Gariolo by Paula Hunt

### **Saturday April 13, 2024**

**4:00 p.m.** +Judy Baer by Bob & Diane Baer

### **Sunday April 14, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.** For parishioners of Family 21

**11:00 a.m.** For parishioners of Family 21

**Our next special collection** will be weekend of April 27-28. This will be for the Catholic Home Mission Appeal.

**Thank You!** Last week's collection was \$3,501.30 *Hope/Outreach \$25.00, Easter Flowers \$108.00, Restricted or Special Donations \$941.29* Let us know if we can help you with any critical needs through our HOPE fund. Please pray daily for our parish.

**Good Friday Special Collection** for the Holy Land \$137.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**It's time to Sing at the Fence at Collins Correctional.** We gather outside the fence to sing to the men who are inside making the Collins Christian Ministries Retreat. It's a very moving experience. We are showing them love and support. The church van will leave here at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, April 26. Please sign up if you'd like to go.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Our next Baptism class** for anyone in Family 21 will be Sunday, April 14 at 1 PM at Blessed Trinity in St. Charles Hall - the school building behind the church. Please contact your parish office to register.

**Confirmation Sundays from 12:30 pm - 2 pm: The last Spring Class is 4/7** at Ss. Columba-Brigid for candidates who have been baptized and are in at least the ninth grade. Adults who have not been confirmed are welcome to join us in the fall.

**Columba Rumba!** Please join in on the meeting **April 11th at 6pm** for an informative meeting about Columba Rumba on June 9th. We will have several sheets for you to choose from for the different activities we will be needing volunteers for. Our goal is to have as many as possible with a time schedule so that the same person is still able to enjoy the festivities as well. Please we need your help. Pizza and salad will be provided at the meeting on April 11th in the St. Lucy room. Rsvp Paula at 716-348-0154. (we want to make sure there is enough food!)

**Gardenin' Angels:** Please join us for weeding on Friday April 26th 6:30-8pm. Then we need all hands (and wheelbarrows) on deck for mulching on Saturday April 27th 9-10:30a.m. With a big enough team we can mulch in about an hour!

**To all the Prayer Partners:** A Happy and Blessed Easter Greeting Jesus is Alive! Just a reminder that our Pot Luck Supper gathering is April 24, 2024 - arrival around 5:30 at St. Columba Brigid Parish, Clinton and Hickory Sign-up sheets will be available in the Churches the weekends of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you then!

## **Of One Heart and Mind**

Our first reading (Acts 4:32) this weekend announces that "The believers were of one heart and mind" and the Apostles "bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus". As our Family 21 parishes celebrated Holy Week and Easter in a very different way from the past, I'm sure there were traditions and ways of doing things that were missed by each of us. But, for me, there were other ways of doing things that surprised me and brought a new fullness to my prayer and worship these past days.... I was so encouraged by the many who came together as "one heart and mind". I experienced what the Lord can do when we come together! The giftedness of our Family was so much more evident and a beautiful witness to our faith in the Resurrection. Proclaimers, leaders of song, presiders, pray-ers, musicians, greeters, leaders, decorators, bakers, ushers, altar servers, sacristans and all those who came to be fed by the Easter Mystery told the Story that is ours and the Victory that sustains us. Thank you to all who made real the faith that we claim. The Gospel this weekend tells us that Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit into believers. We are given new hearts and spirits (Ez. 36) indeed. In these holy days, I can feel that the Spirit of the Risen Jesus lives in and among us! Let us rejoice and be glad!! I think of the words from the Book of Revelation: "The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Then he said, "Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true." All-things-new for those who come together as one heart and mind in the Spirit! A blessed Easter Season to all! Fr. Bob.

**Ride For Roswell** Fr. Jud will be participating in the ride. Please let him know or call the office if you would like to donate or need prayers for anyone with cancer or affected by cancer whom they want Fr. to pray for while on his ride for a cure.

**Food Pantry** monthly request for March is **cereal, pasta, sauce and canned fruits.** Donations can be placed in the baskets in the vestibule to be brought up to the altar during the Offertory Song.

**We are pleased that Sr. Colleen O'Toole** has agreed to help us out as a Faith Formation Assistant at Ss. Columba-Brigid. You will see her around the parish on Sunday mornings. She will be getting to know all of our plans over the next few weeks. Thank you Sr. Colleen!

### **Please pray for:**

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

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