

**Please pray for:**

Leo Reiter, Kenny, Amy Rzeznik, Jean Statton, Dawn & Baby Eisenhauer, Susan Gallagher, Adrien, Timothy Nicpon, Joanne Montemarano, Jimmy Maund, Ivorite Coleman, Sareina Vega, Freddie Beavers, Leo J. Baumgartner, Donald Crain, Delia Serrano (Lydia), Ann Cruz, Jean Miles, Jenny Ortiz-Topper, Maria Hernandez, Laura Nowak, Mary Lou Rivas, Maria Nikel, Luz Morales, Anthony Pedraza, If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call the office.

**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.

**Religious Life:** Interested in becoming a Religious Sister or an Associate? See/call Sr. Colleen (Sister of Mercy) @ 716-826-7000.

**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

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**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

**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 Methuselah himself, gay, filthy rich or poor as dirt, no habla ingles 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:** @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!

August 8 & 9, 2026 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week in Loving Memory of Ronnie Kapturowski by Roxanne & Dan Kielaszek

Saturday, August 8, 2026

**4:00 p.m.** The Comboni Fathers by Paula Hunt

Sunday, August 9, 2026

**9:00 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m.** +Ronnie Kapturowski by Roxanne & Dan Kielaszek

Saturday, August 15, 2026

**4:00 p.m.** Happy Birthday Wishes for Fr. Roy Herberger & Bro. Tim Dauenhauer ofm by Paula Hunt

Sunday, August 16, 2026

**9:00 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m.** +Heavenly Birthday Wishes for Carol Smith By Donna & Cliff Emminger

**Offertory Amounts** The amounts for the weekend 8/2/2026 Regular, \$1,807.82. Hope Outreach \$248.00.will be in either next weeks bulletin or the following week were. *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 \$390.95 for the Second Collection for Retired Diocesan Priests’ Medical Benefits Fund.

**Special Collection** There will be a second collection next weekend 8/15 & 16, For Catholic University. We “Thank You” in advance for your generosity.

**CALLING ALL FAMILIES:** Please join us for an informational gathering for Religious Education/Faith “Formation for ALL FAMILIES” on Sunday, September 20 after the 11 am Mass in the Library. Registrations for the upcoming sessions and an explanation of our new and improved program will be provided. Just a heads up, there is not a Bills game that day. Any questions contact Jean Hymes at [jeanhymes@gmail.com](mailto:jeanhymes@gmail.com) or text or call her at 716-604-8965

**Those Who Visit:** If you bring Holy Communion to or visit on behalf of your parish those who are home-bound or in nursing homes, you need to be certified in Protecting God’s Children. If you are not certified, or need to be reinstated, please see Pat Dyer, Paula Hunt, or Lanette Jennings. There will also be a Retreat and Refresher on September 19 at Ss. Columba-Brigid. At that time, we will go over the vulnerable adult piece in more depth. Please see the flyers on the bulletin board and on the table.

**Family 21 News – Heart of Buffalo Catholic Community East (HOBCCCE):** In their preaching, a couple of Sunday’s ago, all three of our deacons addressed the mission of our HOBCCCE Family of Parishes and MOVING FORWARD in the footsteps of Jesus, in His Spirit! This past week an equal representation of four parishioners, along with the Pastoral Associates and Clergy, from our three parishes met for a first time to begin to forge our path forward. We have coined this group ***The Way Forward Team!*** This is not a decision-making body but a group whose task it is to help us develop a couple of models that we might pursue that will spark the fire of mission, vitality and growth for the HOBCCCE. What this team is currently considering we all need to consider, “If I had to make decisions about how to move our three parishes forward – considering our current realities and projections – what decisions would I make in the best interest of our parishes as church, People of God together?” It is hard to consider the future, needed changes, and more than just ‘my parish. But, hopefully, our current ***The Way Forward Team***, and our absolute trust in the Holy Spirit's guiding hand, will help develop some real possibilities for all of us to consider because the one thing that is critical to our future as an east side Catholic Community is our need to change.

**Diocesan Hispanic Family Day:** Will be on Saturday August 29, 2026 starting at 10:00am, at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Lewiston, 1023 Swann Rd., Youngstown, NY 14174. Mass in Spanish, Time to Reflect, a Speaker and lunch is included. **Everyone** is welcome!! Please sign the sign up sheet on the table in the vestibule, we need a count for the lunches by August 16, 2026.

**Dia De La Familia Hispana:** Sabado 29 De Agosto De 2026, comenzando a las 10:00am, Santuario de Nuestra Senora de Fatima en Lewiston, 1023 Swann Rd. Youngstown, NY 14174. Misa En Espanol, Tiempo De Reflexion, a Charla, Almuerzo incluido. Todos son Bienvenidos. Registrese en su parroquia antes del 16 de Agosto de 2026.

**Family 21 Picnic:** Sponsored by SMdP is Sunday, August 16, noon to 6 PM at Como Park. Please bring a dish to pass. Also please sign-up so we’ll know how much food we will need, count is needed by Sunday, August 9, 2026. Sign up sheets are on the table in the vestibule.

**Theme Baskets:** Tickets will be sold on Friday, August 14ht from 12-3pm, Saturday from 2-6pm and Sunday 10am-2pm, drawing at 2:30pm.

Our Family of Parishes is Hiring!:

The Heart of Buffalo Catholic Community East and (formerly called Family 21) is seeking a Director of Discipleship to coordinate and facilitate the religious education and sacramental programs for our parishes. The position is posted on the Diocesan website: <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/jobs-opportunities/>. Questions? Contact Nancy Langer at [nmlanger@gmail.com](mailto:nmlanger@gmail.com) or (716) 984-5146.

**MEET THE NEIGHBORS:** Saturday, 8/15, 5:30pm-8:30pm on the lawn and parking lot next to, and behind, BT Church, 317 Leroy Ave. There will be games, a bounce house, face painting, food, drinks, music, and equipment demonstrations by the Buffalo Fire Department and our E-District Community Police. Please bring your family and friends and join us on August 15th! Please see the flyer on the bulletin board and sign up sheets are on the table in the vestibule.

**THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS THIS FALL:** The Spiritual Exercises is an in-depth experience of praying with Scripture in an Ignatian tradition. It involves daily prayer using selected Scripture passages directed toward becoming more attentive and open to God through development of a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The retreat involves small group meetings, weekly for the first month then twice a month for 7 months. For further information, or to register, go to [www.ignatianexercises.org](http://www.ignatianexercises.org) or contact Fr. Ben Fiore, S.J. by email at [fiore20b@gmail.com](mailto:fiore20b@gmail.com), or Maryann Peer by phone at 716-435-0851. Daytime & evening groups are forming now. Meetings held at Loyola Hall at Canisius University and a location in Amherst to be announced. Registration, either online at our website or by contacting one of the above people, is due by September 16.

**Gardenin' Angels:** We'll next meet Friday August 14th from 6-7:30p, primarily to trim shrubbery around the building. All are welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS !

- Tuesday, August 11, 2026—”LIFE” Pace Program at SsCB at 6pm. Dinner included
- Saturday-Sunday, August 15 & 16, 2026—Theme Basket Raffle, preview and selling tickets Saturday from 2-6pm, and Sunday from 12-3pm drawing to follow at SsCB.
- Saturday, August 15, 2026—Meet the Neighbors at 5:30pm at BT.
- Sunday August 16, 2026—SMdP Picnic at Como Park.
- Monday & Tuesday August 17-18 BT and Monday & Tuesday, August 24-25 SsCB at 6:00 PM. Let Alpha start you on the journey to Becoming Fully Catholic.

**Mark Your Calendar:** For “LIFE”- Pace Program on Tuesday August 11, 2026 at 6:00pm. At SsCB, there will be a lite dinner & dessert. Comprehensive healthcare & social support for 55 and over. Living alone safely, resources for Free & Discount services through the government. Help for you, a family member, a friend.

**Are you a Catholic:** Who has never been Confirmed? Worshipping with us from another faith tradition? Have you never been Baptized? Learn more: start Becoming Fully Catholic with Alpha. Dates of the four Alpha sessions are August 17-18 at Blessed Trinity and 24-25 at Ss. Columba-Brigid. Attend all four sessions. No commitment. Come and see. Those under 18 attend a separate program - please ask for details. Contact Pat Dyer, Paula Hunt, Lanette Jennings, Sr. Louise (716-341-3466) or Fr. Bob.

**Our Next Family 21 Baptism Class:** For parents of children under seven will be held at St. Martin de Porres, 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 23. Please contact your parish office to register. You are encouraged to attend before your baby is born.

**Parishioners Pictures:** The photo shoot for the Parish Pictures have been moved to November 6 & 7. Please sign up with a date and time that is convenient for you and your family. More info to follow.