



Please pray for: Pat Montemarano, Linda Coleman, Brianna Westbrook, Mike Hilczmayer, Mike Neumeister, Stephanie Gladden, Chris Ferrucci, Carol Duffie, Louise Solomon, Ken Mrozik, Chris Pinto, Aida Mercado, Roland Autry, Steve Polichette, and Dick Baldwin. 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:

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Music Ministers:

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

Maintenance:

Joe Strusienski
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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:

Dennis Hunt 716-400-8204

Fundraising Committee: Monica Zielinski
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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

March 4 & 5, 2023
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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

*"During this Lent,
let us all ask the Lord:
Make our hearts like yours."
-Pope Francis*



THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO LIVESTREAM OUR WEEKEND MASSES. You can view them on our webpage sscolumbabrigid.org near the bottom of the page.
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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. 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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March 4-5, 2nd Sunday of Lent

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in remembrance of Fr. Joseph Gariolo by Paula and Dennis Hunt.

Saturday, March 4, 2023

4:00 p.m. +Lucille Giardino by Fr. Jud

Sunday, March 5, 2023

9:00 a.m. Peace and health for the families of Chieu Do and Tam Hien Vo

11:00 a.m. +Fr. Joseph Gariolo (Birthday Remembrance) by Dennis & Paula Hunt

Saturday, March 11, 2023

4:00 p.m. +Patricia Hart by Mike & Mary Ann Logue

Sunday, March 12, 2023

9:00 a.m. Peace and health for the families of Chieu Do and Tam Hien Vo

11:00 a.m. Special intentions of Gabriel Scarfia by Paula and Dennis Hunt

Our next religious ed group meeting for youngsters Pre-K through grade 8 will be here at Ss. Columba-Brigid on Thurs., March 9 at 5:30 p.m. We begin with dinner. Please have the first 18 lessons completed. Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver for providing the meal.

Lenten Retreat in English and Spanish:

Holy Cross Church cafeteria, 345 7th Street in Buffalo, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sat., March 11. Sessions will be held in English and Spanish. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Rediscover Your Marriage: *Retrouvaille* is a

program for struggling couples, and simply means *rediscovery* with the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Visit <https://www.helpourmarriage.org/> or call 716-474-9371 for more information or to register. The next weekend is March 10-12. All calls are confidential; registration is required.

Family 21 Lenten Journey Mass: 7 p.m. on Mon., March 6 at Blessed Trinity, 317 Leroy.

Thank You! Last week's collection was \$1,516.00, with \$165 for HOPE/Outreach and \$25 in Restricted or Special donations. *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.*

This Week's Second Collection is for the Black and Native Missions. Thank you for your generosity.

HOPE Fund: Over the past few months we helped five families and a single person with medical supply needs, car repairs, utility payments, and an immigration form fee through our HOPE Fund. Thank you to all who continue to give HOPE to those in need.

Calling all youth to attend a breakfast and get together on Sat., March 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the church hall. We will practice for our Youth Stations of Cross, and then we will start setting up the Teen Room which will soon be yours to hang out in! Lets get back to fun! Youth Stations of the Cross will be Fri., March 24 at 7 p.m. Please sign the sheet at church so we order enough breakfast pizza.

Catholic Charities: Our parish as of Tuesday has collected \$7,405 of our \$12,781 goal for 2023, which means we at almost 58% of our goal. 17 people have donated so far, compared to 46 in 2022. If you have not yet donated, please give what you can!

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

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!

We're Taking a Snow Check: Snow Mass 2023 will probably take place in November or December. We're ready for spring!

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 3 of The Chosen will be shown at 7 p.m. on Thurs., March 9 in the Parish Office. We have popcorn!!!

Catholic Health Services is looking for volunteers for Kenmore Mercy, Sisters of Charity, South Buffalo Mercy and Mt. St. Mary's hospitals. For info call Lisa Carey at 716-862-1106 or apply at <https://www.chsbuffalo.org/volunteer>

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 pm at Blessed Trinity Church, 317 Leroy Ave., Buffalo.

Bakers start your ovens for the bake sale we will be having after Masses the weekend of April 1 & 2. It's no joke!

Family 21 Stations of the Cross: Friday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at St. Lawrence.

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: Join Catholic families across the country putting their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. 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.

Hope After Heartache – Tools for Living with Loss: Buffalo Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries offer a comprehensive grief support program for those who have lost a loved one. Open to the community; no charge. Call Marianne Hubert, Director of Grief Support Services, at 716-873-6500 for a brochure of grief support times and locations as well as other activities provided, or email mhubert@buffalocatholiccemeteries.org.

Buffalo Choral Arts Society presents "A Sacred Blessing" on Sun., March 12 at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, 50 Franklin St. Visit: www.BuffaloChoralArts.org. Tickets available at the door.