



**Please pray for:** Stephanie Gladden, Chris Ferrucci, Michael Brady, Dennis Adams, Carol Duffie, Michael Farkas, Mary Lou Acevedo, Louise Solomon, Ken Mrozik, Pauline Steward, Chris Pinto, Aida Mercado, Roland Autry, Steve Polichette, Peggy Wolf and the victims of the fire on Dartmouth Avenue. Previous names are in our pray for book. Call the office to add a name to this prayer list, 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. All are welcome! To join, check our Facebook page, see Pedro, or call the office.

**STAFF DIRECTORY**

**Pastoral Associates:**

Carmen R. Rivera 716-847-1463  
Paula Hunt 716-348-0154

**Secretary:**

Karen Helinski 716-852-3331 (hours Tues., Thurs., Fri. 12-4)

Email: [sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com](mailto:sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com)

**Coordinator of Faith Formation:**

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  
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:**

Dennis Hunt 716-400-8204

**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



**January 7-8, 2023**  
**Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church**  
**75 Hickory St. (near Clinton)**  
**Buffalo, NY 14204**  
**716-852-3331**  
**[sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com](mailto:sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com)**

**Pastor:** Fr. William "Jud" Weiksna, OFM  
**Deacon:** Mr. Jerry Hodson  
Br. Tim Dauenhauer, OFM (in residence)  
**In Heaven:** Sr. Karen Klimczak

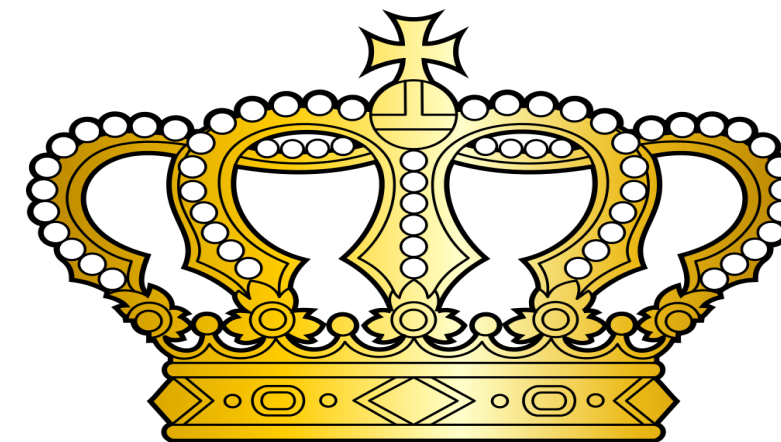
**Mass Schedule:**

**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)



**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.

**Permission to Pod-Cast/stream the music in the service obtained from One License with license number a/-729593. All rights reserved.**

**OUR FACEBOOK PAGE IS:** [@sscolumbabrigidchurch](https://www.facebook.com/sscolumbabrigidchurch)

**OUR FACEBOOK GROUP IS:** Ss. Columba-Brigid Parishioners and Friends

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

**OUR EMAIL IS:** [sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com](mailto:sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com)

**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://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!

**Lombardo Funeral Home**

"The End Of High Cost Funerals"

*Don't overpay for one of life's necessities*  
**\* Traditional Funerals starting at \$4,095.00**  
Includes 2 day viewing, 20 gauge metal casket

(Concrete grave liner optional— not required by NYS; may be required by cemetery)

885 Niagara Falls Blvd  
(near Eggert Sheridan)  
837-7100

3060 Abbott Rd.  
(near Lake)  
823-4812

102 Linwood Ave.  
(near Summer)  
886-5363

**Direct Cremation—\$995**

Family Owned & Operated



**January 7-8 The Epiphany of the Lord**

**The Sanctuary Candle** If you would like it lit in memory of someone, please contact the parish office.

**Saturday, January 7, 2023**

**4:00 p.m.** +Gregory Fisher by Susan Jagosh

**Sunday, January 8, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.** For the souls in purgatory by Dat Tran

**11:00 a.m.** +Kathleen Fletcher by Fr. Jud

**Saturday, January 14, 2023**

**4:00 p.m.** +Pat Hart by Susan Jagosh

**Sunday, January 15, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.** The people of our parish families

**11:00 a.m.** +Barb Strusienski by Joe Strusienski

**Important Health Survey:** Castner Incorporated, with funding support from the National Institute On Minority Health And Health Disparities, is recruiting adults aged 62 or older who suffer from respiratory problems to take a survey about at-home emergency preparedness. Please see <http://www.rmsresults.com/prepared> for more details.

**Peacemaking and Nonviolence Retreat**

**Online:** Peacemaking is a core element of the Franciscan way of life. The Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Office of Holy Name Province invites you to join a free short online retreat for nonviolence. A video from Pax Christi International will help you reflect on: what is nonviolence; how we can live it; and what action we might start to discern for our ministries to live this out in our world. The need for nonviolence is glaring amidst shootings in our streets, a rise in domestic violence, violent political rhetoric, and war. Franciscan ministries are needed more than ever to help ourselves and others live into the greeting upon which we are known, Peace and All Good. The options for the retreat are Mon., Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m., Tues., Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m., and Wed., Jan. 11 at 3 p.m. Please contact Fr. Jud immediately if you would like to register.

**Thank You!** Last weekend's collection was \$4,149.33. We also received \$1,057 for HOPE/ Outreach, \$265.20 in Restricted or Special Donations, \$135 for Capital Improvement, \$1,150 in Unrestricted Donations and \$265 for Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary. *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.*

**Our Next Special Collection** will be Jan. 28-29, 2023 for Catholic Relief Services.

**Buffalo Urban League 2023 Scholarship Applications** are available. To be eligible you must be a high school Senior graduating during the 2022-23 academic year or a recent HSE/GED recipient (within the current academic year) and planning to attend college or a vocational school in the fall of 2023. Applications are on the table in the vestibule.

**Our next Men's and Women's Group meeting will be Tuesday, January 10 at 7 p.m. in the church hall.** We are going to try to meet on the second Tuesday of each month. We gather to sing songs of praise and worship, discuss topics that are important to our faith, and share our faith journey with others. It is a time for lifting each other up and remembering who we are and to whom we belong! All are welcome! Any questions, please see Deacon Jerry.

**Sign a Petition to Bring Wegmans to Towne Gardens Plaza** in the back of church. 592 have signed, plus 99 online on Change.org We learned right after the blizzard how important it is to have a grocery store in our neighborhood.

**Check the Easel** in the main entrance, or our Facebook page, for events going on in our Family 21 parishes.

**Road to Renewal Updates:** Family 21 (Ss. Columba-Brigid, Blessed Trinity, St. Lawrence and St. Martin de Porres) hopes to formally begin Jan. 15. We will have many meetings, but there will probably not be any major changes taking place until the summer.

**Snow Mass 2023** will take place the first day in the New Year that 6 inches of snow are on the ground. It will start at 6 p.m. in the Sister Karen Garden, with hot cocoa to follow.

**Christian Unity Week** will be celebrated here at a later date, due to the blizzard and other unforeseen circumstances. If you are still interested in working on it please see Paula or Fr. Jud.

**If your birthday is in February** please notify the parish office, so we can recognize you in the bulletin and at Mass.

**Our Chili Cook-Off** will take place Sun., Feb. 26 after the 10 a.m. Mass in place of our usual social. The price of admission will be \$5, which will include three tastings. Additional tastings are \$1 apiece, six for \$5. Bring a crock pot of chili and get three free tastings, and be eligible for prizes!

**Save the Date:** Wed., Feb. 1 is the Feast of St. Brigid, and we will hold a 7 p.m. prayer service here that evening marking the 175th Anniversary of the Diocese of Buffalo.

**Thanks to Pedro Rivera** for his many years of service as our head of maintenance in the parish. Joe Strusienski is now with us two days a week taking care of those duties. Welcome, Joe!

**Our Food Pantry** We will be listing one food item per month. **Cereal is our item for January.** 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.

**The Annual Diocesan Mass in Remembrance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** will be held Sun., Jan. 15 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Martin de Porres, 555 Northampton Street in Buffalo. The theme is "Come Spirit, I'm Called to Act." The presider will be Bishop Mike and the homilist will be Rev. Avery Daniel of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. A reception immediately following Mass will include theme/gift basket raffles and a 50/50 to support the MLK Scholarship Fund. Donations of baskets and gift cards are appreciated, and they can be brought to St. Martin de Porres. Contact them at 716-883-7729. Envelopes will be provided at Mass to collect funds for the Scholarship and they can be mailed directly to the Office of Cultural Diversity/Social Justice, 795 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14203.

**Calendars** from Lombardo Funeral Home and from the Josephites are in and available to you. We ask that you only take one for now. Next week, after we know all our families have each received one, then please feel free to take extras to share with others who have not made it to church.

**Parish Council All-Group Meeting** will be Tues., Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m.



The Diocese of Buffalo is looking at options for opening a tuition-free elementary school in 2024. Please scan the QR code or use the link to take a short survey designed for interested parents and East Side community members. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmz8CT-ikxOIFZpQIQD6TYwu\\_apBOr8MtFrrrjhQRWDfC1-w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmz8CT-ikxOIFZpQIQD6TYwu_apBOr8MtFrrrjhQRWDfC1-w/viewform)