



Please pray for: Senait Teame Tesfamichael, Mike Neumeister, Chris Ferrucci, Carol Duffie, Chris Pinto, Aida Mercado, Steve Polichette, Dick Baldwin, Pauline Steward, Dollie Seymour, and Way Y. 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:

Carmen R.Rivera 716-847-1463
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Karen Helinski 716-852-3331 (hours Tues., Thurs., Fri. 12-4)

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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
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
mlzielinski@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



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)

May 6 & 7, 2023
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
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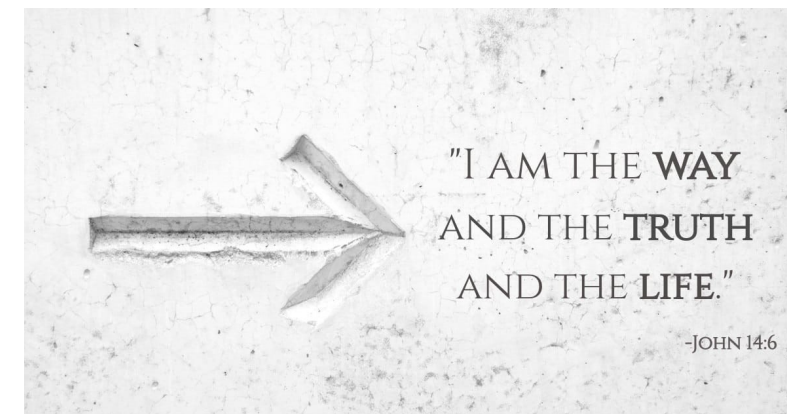
Fr. Jud Weiksner, ofm

Coming Soon: Fr. Aaron Richardson, ofm

Deacon: Mr. Jerry Hodson

In residence: Br. Tim Dauenhauer, OFM

In Heaven: Sr. Karen Klimczak



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

OUR WEBSITE IS: sscolumbabrigid.org

OUR EMAIL IS: 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://www.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 6 & 7, 5th Sunday of Easter

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week for Marsha Bongiovanni by Paula & Dennis Hunt.

Saturday, May 6, 2023

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

Sunday, May 7, 2023

9:00 a.m. For the parishes of Family 21

11:00 a.m. +Encarnacion Irizarry-Cruz & +Nora Ferguson by Luz Morales

Saturday, May 13, 2023

4:00 p.m. +Michael Kielaszek by Michael, Shannon and the Wojtulski family

Sunday, May 14, 2023

9:00 a.m. +Julio A. Escalante by Miriam Escalante

11:00 a.m. +James O'Brien by Sr. Eileen O'Conner

Mass requests are once again being taken for dates through the end of the year. There are many open slots in the coming weeks and months, if you have been meaning to schedule a Mass.

Summer Fun this year will go from Thursday, July 6 through Friday, August 18. Four of our parish youth will be counselors! For more info see Monica.

East Side Garden Walk: On Sat., July 22 & Sun, July 23 hundreds of people will visit gardens throughout the East Side on self-guided tours on the annual East Side Garden Walk. To register your garden go to gardensbuffaloniagara.com/esgw Our gardens here at Ss. Columba-Brigid Church, 75 Hickory St., will be on the tour again this year.

Blessing of the Bikes: On June 3, World Bicycle Day, after the 4 p.m. Mass we will bless bicycles. You can bring your bike for the blessing at 5 p.m., or feel free to also join us for Mass at 4 p.m.

At 7 p.m. on May 11 we will show Season 2, Episode 2 of The Chosen in the parish office. Snacks are provided!

Thank You! Last week's collection was \$2,022. We also received \$5 for HOPE/Outreach, \$150 for Capital Improvement, and \$57 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.*

Our Special Collection Last Weekend for the Catholic Home Mission Appeal raised \$250. We also received an additional \$10 for the Good Friday Holy Land collection. Thank you for your generosity! The next Special Collection will be May 20-21 for the Church in Latin America and in Africa.

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary St. Martin de Porres Court #94 is recruiting new members. You can contact Lanette Jennings at St. Martin de Porres 716-883-7729 for more information.

We Surpassed Our Goal for our 2023 Catholic Charities parish appeal! As of Wednesday we have collected \$18,765, smashing our goal of \$12,781 by \$5,984! We accomplished this with 44 donors. If we get 3 more donors, we will pass last year's total of 46. Thank you to all our donors for your generosity!

Upcoming Events from the Diocesan Office of Worship: May 14—Mass and Holy Hour Memorial for Buffalo shooting victims, St. Joseph Cathedral, 10:30 a.m.; Oct. 20-22—New York State Eucharistic Congress, Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY; July, 2024—National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis. More info at nyseucharisticcongress.org

If your Birthday is in June: please notify us in the parish office, so we can include you in next month's birthday announcement.

Ascension Thursday Bilingual Mass: Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m.

Road to Renewal Updates: There was a meeting of the Liturgy Pillar on April 30. A summary will be forthcoming.

Chicken BBQ Fundraiser: Sunday, June 4. Pre-Sale tickets \$15, at the door \$16. Noon till 4 p.m. Eat in or take out. We will also have theme baskets and a 50/50. Donations of baskets are greatly appreciated. We can also use more volunteers. Please see Monica for more information.

New Prayer Group: on the first Sunday of every month after the 11:00 Mass, for those who don't travel at night. It will only be for one hour and the group can pray for families, relatives and friends, and also pray for peace, stopping gun violence, abortion or whatever is bothering us. We will begin next Sunday, May 7 in the St. Lucy Room. Please see Barbara Booze if you are interested or have any questions.

Are you, or is someone you know, graduating from 8th grade, high school, college, or grad school? Please contact the parish office so we can recognize our grads in the coming weeks. Please provide their name, grade they are graduating from, and school.

Ride for Roswell: Fr. Jud has raised \$22,471.20 over the past eight years for cancer research by riding in the Ride for Roswell. He is at it again, and is about \$1,000 short of his goal for this year. Reaching his goal will also allow him to ride in the special Peloton the night before the Ride, which goes from Roswell Park to UB. If you know someone with or affected by cancer whom you would like him to pray for as he rides, please let him know. If you wish to donate, go to rideforroswell.org and type in Weiksnar where it asks for the participant's last name. Or you can bring your donation directly to the parish office or the church to Fr. Jud's attention. Thank you!

Our Food Pantry monthly request for April is **pasta and spaghetti sauce**. 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. Please be sure to check expiration dates.

Mass to End Gun Violence: On the First Friday of each month, the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur offer their 11:30 a.m. Mass for an End to Gun Violence at St. Mary Center, 241 Lafayette Ave., Buffalo. All are invited.

Parish Council: Now that the Family 21 pillars are organized, we hope to begin Parish Council again soon. Stay tuned!

A Respite Weekend for Women with Cancer will take place May 19-21. If you or someone you know would benefit from this, please contact Pat Dyer at patricia-dyernp@gmail.com

Community Events: For many wonderful events in our neighborhood and beyond go to michiganstreetbuffalo.org or call 716-332-1002. Upcoming events include a Farmer's Market, a Bike Expo and a Jazz Festival!

Concert Under the Tent: On Mon., May 15 enjoy contemporary favorites, sacred choral music, and more with Our Lady of Pompeii music minister Mary Palmer in the OLP Parking Lot, 129 Laverack Ave. in Lancaster. Bring a lawn chair! Slider Sandwiches, chips & dessert served at 6:15 p.m. Beverages for purchase. Concert at 7 p.m. RSVP recommended by May 1 to Sr. Joyce at 716-683-6522 ext:103 or jking@olpparish.com

Swing in the Spring with a June 17 Father's Day Eve Gala presented by the St. Martin de Porres Holy Name Society. \$65 per ticket, \$60 if two or more, \$40 for children 12 & under. Includes dinner, DJ Slim, 50/50 and more. Call 716-883-7729.