

**Please pray for:**

Baby Quinn Beaton, Betty Kennedy, Rachael Baldwin, Larry Threat, Nicky Letina, Mary Lou Rivas, Angelina, Lina, Judita Nakonoi Aloisio Sr. Donna Anthony, Joanie, Olga, Sarah, Jasmine Roger, Rick Zielinski, Don Thompson, Pauline Steward, Marie Nikel, Luz Morales, Domitien Bigirimana, Larry Hyman, Ronnie Dillard, Fr. Vincent Becker, Ruth Kennedy, Anthony Pedraza, Mikah Oligo, Chris Pinto, Aida Mercado, John Schroeder, Joy Muzzy, Ramona Draffin, Ana Morales, Ryan Danna.

**Food Pantry** Place donations in the baskets in the vestibule to be brought to the altar during the Offertory.

**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 to make an appointment.

**RCIA:** Deacon Mike Dalessandro. 716-261-6727

**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 the office before any arrangements are finalized.

**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 Deacon Jerry. Interested in becoming a priest or entering religious life? Call Fr. Bob

**STAFF DIRECTORY**

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**Church Hall Rental:** 716-852-3331

**Sacristans:**

4 p.m.-Tracy Liriano  
9 a.m.-Carmen R. Rivera 716-847-1463  
11a.m.-Cindy Adams

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**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.

**Prayer Group** After Mass the 1st Sunday of the month.

**Potluck Social** After Bilingual Mass the last Sunday of the month.



**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.:** Fr. Bob Gebhard  
**Deacons:** 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 Methu-selah himself, gay, filthy rich or poor as dirt, no habla ingles or Black and proud, Zen meditators or screaming babies, tourists of the generation Buffalo-nians, 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!

## March 22 & 23, 2025

**The Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for the living and deceased members of the Moreira Family by Cicilia Ross

### **Saturday, March 22, 2025**

**4:00 p.m.** For Family 21 & 23

### **Sunday, March 23, 2025**

**9:00 a.m.** For living and deceased members of the Moreira Family by Cicilia Ross

**11:00 a.m.** In thanksgiving for God's blessings on our family and continuing protection. By The Ndayishimiye Family.

### **Saturday, March 29, 2025**

**4:00 p.m.** For Family 21 & 23

### **Sunday, March 30, 2025 Bilingual**

**10:00 a.m.** For Family 21 & 23

**Offertory amounts** Last weekend regular collection \$3,536.33, Hope/Outreach \$430.00, Restricted/Special Donation \$1,946.00, Fuel/Utilities \$10 Thank you for your generosity. *Let us know if we can help you with any critical needs through our HOPE fund. Please pray daily for our parish.*

**Living Stations of the Cross** will be presented by our youth on Friday, April 4 at 7 PM in the church at Ss. Columba-Brigid. Our First Communion class is featured, but we need another soldier, a Simon, some people for the crowd, friends of Jesus, Daughters of Jerusalem and some readers. Older siblings of our First Communion class and Confirmation candidates are encouraged to participate. Children over 3 are welcome. Parents can hold younger children so they can be part of the crowd. There are no lines to memorize for these parts. Readers will have everything printed out for them. Practice will be at 6 PM on April 4. Call Pat @ 716-256-2598 if interested.

**We were informed from Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart the following**, who is a member of our parish, has been named to the 2nd quarter Honor Roll: Favour Alaku grade 12. Way to go Favour! **Congratulations!**

**Food Pantry:** We would like to thank everyone who has donated so generously. We can still use cereal, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter and jelly. Again Thank You!

**Stations Of The Cross.** All 7pm services are Bilingual at all locations. All noon services at Ss. Columba-Brigid are English.

### **Lenten Journey:**

**Stations:** March 28th Noon in English Ss. Columba-Brigid & 7pm Bilingual at St. Martin De Porres

**Monday Mass:** March 24h at Ss. Columba—Brigid Bilingual 7pm followed by pastry & beverage.

### **God gives us a second chance. Witness**

**Program.** Lets be inspired by hearing the testimonies of how we really are given a second chance. Starting the last weekend in March, Betty Reiter along with a special guest will begin the program. This program will continue each weekend until the end of April. We are truly blessed by God with second chances and much more.

**Monthly Faith Formation** packets are being prepared by our volunteers. Thank you. We have already had donations of supplies, but we need cornstarch and baking soda donated for our May packets. We will need 15 boxes of cornstarch and 15 boxes of baking soda total. If you can help, please bring them in and give them to Paula Hunt, Pat Dyer, or Lanette Jennings.

**50/50 Raffles will begin** with a goal of reaching enough money to purchase an AED Machine. **Automated External Defibrillator** A device that can help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest.

**Ladies Group** will meet at 3pm on Saturday April 5th.

**Ss. Columba-Brigid Ministry Corner.** Food Pantry distributes the last Sunday of the month and when we get emergency calls for food. Holidays we are blessed to receive hams, turkeys and full boxes of food. We serve 5-20 people per month.

**Sección del Ministerio (Ministry Corner) de Ss.Columba-Brigid** El sitio donde proveemos comida gratis (el Food Pantry) distribuye comida el último domingo de cada mes y también cuando hay pedidas urgentes de comida, o sea, emergencias. Durante los días de fiesta somos bendecidos por entregas de jamón, pavo, y cajas llenas de comestibles. Servimos a entre 5 y 20 familias al mes.

**Our next Baptism class** for parents of children under 7 has been scheduled for May 4 at 12:30 PM in the school building at Blessed Trinity. Register in advance at your parish office. This will be our last class until fall. You do not need to wait until your baby is born to come to the class. Godparents are also welcome to attend.

**Thank you Dr. Adam Sumlin and Roswell Park Institute** for a very informative cancer detection presentation this past Saturday. It was very educational.

**FATHER CHUCK will be performing in a production in the theatre at The Roycroft** in East Aurora on Sunday, April 6th at 2:30 p.m. Join us for "The Miracle Worker", an inspiring story based on the real life events of Helen Keller and her teacher. Please call Paula, 716-348-0154 for reserving a seat. Tickets are \$18.00/person. The cut off date for a ticket is this Tuesday March 25th at noon. The van will leave the parking lot at 1:30p.m.

### **Road to Renewal Update**

As we look forward to the blending of Families 21 & 23, Deacon Don Weigel (Family 21) will begin some listening sessions among our parishes and parish groups in preparation for formulating a plan to present to Bishop Mike and the Road to Renewal Team. It is our hope that these listening sessions will help us prioritize steps and needs toward a plan that will work for our unique new Family of Parishes. We value and look forward to your input and insights toward a future East & West Side presence of the Catholic Church. Currently, the clergy who formally serve our parishes are: (West Side) Fr. Felix Nyambe, OMI, Fr. Lou Loughen, OMI, Deacon Miguel Santos, Jorge Silva, Deacon Roberto Miranda (East Side) Fr. Bob Gebhard, Deacon Jerry Hodson, Deacon Mike Dalessandro, Deacon Don Weigel, Deacon Ron Walker, Deacon Paul Weisenburger. We are also deeply appreciative to additional priests who continue to help to cover our weekend masses as needed.

At a recent meeting I attended, it was suggested that we list the Family 21 Pillar Representatives for the individual parishes so that parishioners can address suggestions/concerns to them or obtain information on involvement with our Pillars. The Pillar Representative for our parish are as follows:

**Liturgy:** Olivia Marks, Alice Ohl, **Spiritual Life:** Marta Perez, **Outreach/Inreach:** Paula Hunt, Tom Talty, **Faith Formation:** Deacon Jerry Hodson, Paula Hunt, **Stewardship:** Don & Marilyn Ward, Monica Zielinski, Betsy Tirado, Administration: Bill Marks