

Please pray for:

Don Thompson, Pauline Steward, Joyce Leila Loki, Marie Nikel, Margaret McGrath, 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, Patricia Carter, Ryan Danna.

Food Pantry request for January is cereal, pasta, sauce, peanut butter & jelly, canned fruits & vegetables & soups. Place donations in the baskets in the vestibule to be brought to the altar during the Offertory. Thank you to all who donated paper bags. We are set for awhile.

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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Sunday 9:00 Pedro Rivera
Sunday 11:00 Linda Appleby

Church Hall Rental: 716-852-3331

Sacristans:

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

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.:

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 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!**

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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!

January 4 & 5, 2025

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week for the intentions of our Priests and Deacons of Family 21

Saturday, January 4, 2025

4:00 p.m. For the intentions of Penelope Porebski by Paula Hunt

Sunday, January 5, 2025

9:00 a.m. +Zoraida Rivera-Cruz by Syllvia Rivera

11:00 For special intentions of blessings and good health for Erma Brown by Sandy Villa

Saturday, January 11, 2025

4:00 p.m. +John A. Bisci Sr. by John A. Bisci Jr.

Sunday, January 12, 2025

9:00 a.m. +Sara Rivera by Maria Rivera

11:00 For the intentions of Family 21

Offertory amounts Last weekend regular collection \$1,440.50, Restricted/Special Donation \$63.31 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*

Our weekly prayer together. *Jesus, Your birth brought the light of life into the darkness of our world! You drew shepherds from the fields, and wise men from afar, into one family in You. Draw all of us, from east and west of the city-sides, together and one. Be our light! Shine through every darkness! Shine on our path and guide our way forwards, that afire in hope and promise and possibility, our shining may be bright in our rich colors and culture and ways & a beacon of oneness in faith and love for all. May our shining give You glory! Amen.*

Epiphany - Our Story of What is Seen with the Eyes of Faith!

I sometimes wonder how the scripture we hear this weekend, about "magi from the east" (Matthew 2:1), became a story of three named men who were wise and kings? Nowhere in the scriptures is this written. Tradition has a wonderful way of putting a very clear face to what is the deeper truth of the Story, meant to touch each of our human senses and fill our hearts! What was it about these nomads that made them to be seen as wise? Was it their ability to see the Mystery of a star and perceive the invitation to follow it? Was it their ability to travel a difficult journey to the end? Was it their willingness to search with absolute diligence and determination to find fulfillment? Was it the gold, frankincense, and myrrh they bore as gifts? Was it their ability to trust a dream and "depart for their country by another way"? Was it all these things, each that speaks the truth in the story that a savior has been born and the journey to know this Christ lets us in on the TRUTH in many mysterious ways that are real and worth our trust, following, seeing with the eyes of faith, and willingness to endure the journey all the way to the Joy that brings it to an end and a next beginning! Blessings in the New Year 2025 all fellow wise journeyers!! Fr. Bob

First Communion classes begin January 16, 6 PM at Blessed Trinity in the school building. Parents MUST attend the first class. Please contact your parish office if you have not yet registered.

Fr. Gabe's address is St. Lawrence of Brindisi Friary, 180 Sargent Ave., Beacon, NY 12508. For those who would like to send him happy wishes.

Christmas announces the birth of the Light of the World! Come celebrate our season of Light as it shines upon a gathering of our East and West side churches for an enjoyable evening of simply caroling together in the spirit of Christmas! **BRING THE CANDLE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH FAMILY** with the prayer card during Advent. Following the singing will be a coffee and light reception Meet-and-Greet. No agenda, just fun! If you are able, bring something sweet, or a light reception treat, to share. Where: Holy Cross Church, 345 Seventh Street Buffalo, NY 14201

When: Friday, January 10th, 7:00 PM.

Catholic Relief Services Update:

For many people uprooted by crisis, going home can seem impossible. But in the Central African Republic, Catholic Relief Services has partnered with USAID and World Vision to provide agricultural and economic training to help displaced families come home and support themselves when they arrive. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help! Thanks for your support! "It's hypocrisy to call yourself a Christian and chase away a refugee or someone seeking help, someone who is hungry or thirsty, toss out someone who is in need of my help... If I say I am Christian, but do these things, I'm a hypocrite." ~ Pope Francis Interested in joining our local chapter? Contact Dcn. Jerry or Dcn. Don.

Food Pantry: Please see the back of the bulletin for the needs of the pantry.

Parish Council meeting Tuesday January 14th at 6:30p.m.

Our next Baptism Class for parents of children under 7 will be 6:30 PM Monday, January 6, 2025 at **BT** in the school building. (The February class has been rescheduled to January 6.) Please register with your parish office.

Our Chili Cook-off is cancelled due to lack of interest

Sunday, January 19, 2025 9:30 a.m. The Annual Diocesan Mass in Remembrance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. sponsored by the African American Commission at St. Martin de Porres. Guest homilist will be Fr. Kareem Smith from the Archdiocese of New York, and Celebrant Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher, Bishop of Buffalo.

Scripture Studies - Our fall introduction class is complete and participants responded to a survey of different possible future topics, including the best day and time. This is the outcome of that survey. Prophets - in-person beginning January 27, 6:30 PM at Blessed Trinity. Zoom options will be available in the winter months.

Thank you to Fr. Jud for a great question and answer session toward the end of the pizza party. We loved the sharing, the encouragement but especially our time together.