

**Please pray for:**

Rick Zielinski, 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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**Sacristans:**

4 p.m.-Sandy 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!

## January 11 & 12, 2025 The Baptism Of The Lord

**The Sanctuary Candle** will be lit this week for the intentions of Family 21

### **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

### **Saturday, January 18, 2025**

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

### **Sunday, January 19, 2025**

**9:00 a.m.** For Family 21  
**11:00** For Family 21

## Mass Intention Book Is Open For 2025

**Offertory amounts** Last weekend regular collection \$1,966.00, Hope/Outreach \$264 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.*



**Road to Renewal Update:** The New Year brings a renewed commitment to the road we travel as Family 21. A number of our Pillars will be meeting over the next two weeks to continue “Family” planning toward our future. These leaders are a backbone for us in their optimism and commitment to keep us moving in the right direction! Special thanks to the many in our parishes that worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations worthy of the Savior born for us – lectors, eucharistic ministers, ushers, greeters, decorators, music ministers, cleaners, coordinators, sacristans, clergy presiders, Christmas characters, bakers, worshippers! It is hard to believe that our Christmas Season already ends this weekend with the Baptism of the Lord. Time, already, to plan for the upcoming seasons of Lent and Easter! Fr. Bob

**Movie night!** As we enter this jubilee year, with the theme of “Pilgrim of Hope,” come join us as we gather to watch the movie “The Way.” This is a follow-up to the talk that was given by Deacon Jerry and Eileen on their recent camino and this will be leading up to the local camino that is being planned. The movie will be shown on Wednesday, January 29 th at 7 pm at Ss. Columba– Brigid Hall. All are welcome!

**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

**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.

**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. Bibles are available for anyone who needs one. You might want to read the first chapter of Isaiah before class. Notes are provided. It is suggested that you bring a three ring binder.

**Dr. Denis Castillo is back by popular demand for the Subs ‘N’ Suds** lecture Monday, January 13th at 6:30pm in Blessed Trinity’s St. Charles Hall (school building behind the church) Dr. Castillo will discuss Fr. Nelson Baker. Free-will offerings will be accepted to support the Fr. George Reger Fund, which makes this lecture possible.

**Mark your calendars** for the Diocesan MLK Mass and scholarship award ceremony on January 19. Bishop Mike will celebrate this year’s Mass at 9:30 AM at St. Martin de Porres.

**Confirmation 2025:** If you are in at least the 9th grade (including adults) and would like to be Confirmed next fall, now is the time to talk to us! Those who are not attending a Catholic High School and did not participate in the recently ended Introduction to Sacred Scripture Class, please contact Pat Dyer at Blessed Trinity as soon as possible to discuss catching up.

**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.

**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.

**Catholic Relief Services Update:** Catholic Relief Services has provided a year end summary of its 2024 emergency relief efforts. See the Faith Formation Page of Blessed Trinity’s website to read the document. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help! Interested in joining our local chapter? Contact Dcn. Jerry or Dcn. Don.

**Aloha, Hawaiian Paradise Basket Auction** on Sunday, February 2 from 10 am-4 pm at St. Vincent de Paul Parish Center, 2748 Military Rd., Niagara Falls. Free admission; food available for purchase. Proceeds to benefit Faith Formation. Donations of baskets, gift items, and gift cards are greatly appreciated. Contact Sr. Joanne or Belinda Pappal at the Faith Formation Office, 716-297-4648, if you can donate.

**Alzheimer’s Association:** Please see the flyers in the vestibule about the upcoming lectors, Also if you plan on attending the one held at St. Martin de Porres be sure to sign the sheet, they need a count for refreshments.