



**Please pray for:** Chad, Marshall Maxwell, Michael Brady, Jerome Singletary, Dennis Adams, Alex Talowski, Carol Duffie, Michael Farkas, Mary Lou Acevedo, Louise Solomon, Ken Mrozik, Pauline Steward, Chris Pinto, Aida Mercado, Roland Autry, Steve Polichette and Peggy Wolf. 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). We study the readings for Mass. Call Betty at 716-322-1185.

**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.

**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)

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**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

**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



**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)

**December 24-25, 2022**  
**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



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

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**December 24-25 Christmas**

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week for the intentions of the Heinz & Hunt Families by Paula & Dennis Hunt.

**Saturday, December 24, 2022 Bilingual**

**6:00 p.m.** Special intentions for all our Priests and Religious Orders by Paula & Dennis Hunt

**Sunday, December 25, 2022 Bilingual**

**10:00 a.m.** +Juan B. Irizarry, Leonard V. Kruszka and Encarnacion Irizarry-Cruz by Luz Morales

**Saturday, December 31, 2022 Bilingual**

**4:00 p.m.** Wedding blessings for Maximillian Shr0yer & Ryan Naso by Paula & Dennis

**Sunday, January 1, 2023 Bilingual**

**10:00 a.m.** For the people of the parish

**Start 2023 Right!** Come to the social on Sun., Jan. 1 after the 10 a.m. Mass. Bring a finger food item to share.

**New Life** for refugees, immigrants and asylees . Jan. 4th at 5:30 in the church hall. We will discuss how we can help. Please RSVP Fr. Roy by the 30th 852-2076. This will be an informative gathering. Pizza will be provided.

**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.

**Sign a Petition to Bring Wegmans to Towne Gardens Plaza** in the back of church. 592 have signed, plus 98 online on Change.org

**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 .

**Thank You!** Last weekend's collection was \$1,831. We also received \$50 for HOPE/ Outreach, \$50 in restricted or special donations and \$15 for Christmas flowers. *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.

**New Year's Mass Schedule:** We will celebrate the New Year with Mass on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 at 4 p.m., and on New Year's Day, Jan. 1 at 10 a.m. Both Masses are bilingual.

**March for Life, Washington, DC: Jan. 19-20, 2023:** Bus reservation deadline: Mon., Dec. 26; you must register and send payment by the deadline (money non-refundable if payment received after deadline). The hotel deadline, and the permission form for youth, have passed. For registration form, visit <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/pro-life-services/> or email [Pro-lifeoffice@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:Pro-lifeoffice@buffalodiocese.org).

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

**Three Kings:** Please join us for a Three Kings celebration on Saturday, Jan. 7 after the 4 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. Please bring some food to share.

**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.

**Fr. Roy's Nativity Sets** are at Our Lady of Fatima in Lewiston: (Closed Christmas and New Year's Eve/Day) Monday-Friday, until Dec. 30: 5-9 p.m. Sets are also on display at Our Lady of Victory in Lackawanna through Fri., Jan. 6, from 6:30 a.m.—7 p.m. (7:30 p.m. on Saturdays). For info: 716-852-2076 or [royhope@aol.com](mailto:royhope@aol.com)

**Inclusive Christmas Mass:** Wed., Dec. 28 at 7 p.m. at St. Bernadette Parish, 5930 S. Abbott Rd., Orchard Park. Fr. Joe Wolf will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6 p.m. Mass will be interpreted in American Sign Language, in a shorter, less crowded setting, allowing for freedom of movement as needed. Contact Sharon at 716-648-1720, ext. 3 or [sharonu@saintbopny.org](mailto:sharonu@saintbopny.org).

**Interested in working on Christian Unity Week** which takes place Jan. 17-20, 2023 with our friends from Friendship Memorial Baptist Church? See Paula or Fr. Jud

**Happy January Birthday** to our parishioners and friends: Senait Testamichael Oqbaslassie, Mary Lou Rivas, Natalia Burgos, Christine Ferrucci, Alan Gonzalez, Christine Joseph, Senait Kesete, Jackson Liriano, David Martinez, Jared Morales, Allyson Pinkowski, Benjamin Pinkowski, Rita Rodriguez, and Cecilia Ross.

**Our Food Pantry** We will be listing one food item per month, cereal is 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.

**3 Kings House Blessings on Sat., Jan. 7:** Sign the sheet in the church vestibule with your name, address, zip code and phone # so the Kings can come bless your front door. If you live more than 10 miles from the church, let Fr. Jud know and he will give you chalk so you can do the blessing yourself, or with your family.

**XMAS on our Sign:** Someone asked about why we had "XMAS" on our outdoor sign, not Christmas. To be truthful, it was to save on space so we could fit the whole message on the sign. But is it disrespectful? Actually, it is not. The origins of XMAS lie in the Greek language and alphabet. The letter that looks like an X is the Greek letter Chi which is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ. Most scholars agree the abbreviation was used as early as the year 1201!

**THANK YOU** to all who made this season beautiful, whether by decorating, singing, persevering through the weather, cleaning, donating, praying, or anything else that enabled us to have a Spirit-filled Christmas. I also wish to thank all of you who have been so generous, not just at Christmas but all through the year. If I did not get to thank you personally, please don't hesitate to remind me of how you helped make Christmas bright! - Fr. Jud



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-jkxOIFZpQIQD6TYwu\\_apBOr8MtFrrrjhQRWDFc1-w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmz8CT-jkxOIFZpQIQD6TYwu_apBOr8MtFrrrjhQRWDFc1-w/viewform)