



Please pray for: Karen Kohlbacher, James Capizzi, Ken Mrozik, Tim Richter, Dennis Hunt, Sue Buttino, Oscar Huevo, Marla Gillette, Sophia Rose, Mike Nasal, Robert Fuqua, Mary Acevedo, Mary Richter, Joe Ohl, Dick Baldwin, Aida Mercado, Mary Ann Logue, Tiffany Marshall, and Marian Smith. Please call the office at 852-3331 if you would like to add a name to this prayer list, or to have it read in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass. Please call in if you wish to continue to have a name on the list. We will be starting a new list next week.

Sacraments

Baptism: Please call Carmen Rivera at 847-1463. Before any child receives the sacrament, parents and godparents are required to attend a pre-baptismal class.

Reconciliation: usually the 1st Saturday of the month, 3:00-3:45, but suspended due to Covid-19. Call Fr. Jud in case of dire need.

Confirmation/ First Communion/RCIA: Preparation for these sacraments happens yearly. Please call the office at 852-3331.

Weddings: Appointment with the Pastor should be made at least six months before desired date. **Engaged couples are required to 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 are requested to notify our Church office immediately. Because of privacy regulations, institutions no longer notify parish communities.

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.

Catholic Charities: Please help the diocese reach its goal of \$10 million by contributing or pledging today. As of last weekend over \$7.5 million was raised. (Our parish is up to 66.5% of our \$13,200 goal.) Your donation helps strengthen, protect and empower thousands of people across Western New York through Catholic Charities services and a number of ministries through the Fund for the Faith. (See www.ccwny.org for updates on which services are still being provided at this time.) Secure donations can be made online at ccwny.org/donation or by calling Catholic Charities at 716-218-1400. For all kinds of Covid-19 assistance (food, counseling, etc.) call 716-218-1419. The theme of this year's Appeal is **Think of Me.**

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9 a.m. Carmen R. Rivera 847-1463

11 a.m. Sandy Villa 885-6706



Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (Spanish/Español)
11:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 pm **Bilingual**

Last Sunday of the Month: we have not made plans yet for how we will celebrate Mass on the last Sunday of June.

Adoration: We will resume having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on a limited basis on the first Friday of the month. Please e-mail us at sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com or leave a message in the parish office if you are interested in attending.

During this time when we are all struggling with the corona virus pandemic, we are sorry that we are not able to celebrate liturgies together as a faith community until further notice. We encourage you to stay home and watch our liturgies online via Livestream, and to support our parish if you are able. Instructions are found below. As New York State moves toward Stage 4 at the end of June, when churches should be able to resume services in some form, we will keep you informed. God bless you!

VIEW MASS LIVE ONLINE: 1. Go to www.livestream.com/accounts/2315534 2. If you have never viewed a Ss. Columba-Brigid event before you need to login with Facebook or create a Livestream account with your email. You can also view past Masses in the archives.
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OUR FACEBOOK PAGE IS: [@sscolumbabrigidchurch](https://www.facebook.com/sscolumbabrigidchurch)

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, and work for justice in our daily lives.

Electronic Giving is Here

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, especially in these days when we cannot have everyone here in person.

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837-7100

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823-4812

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(near Summer)
886-5363

June 6 & 7, 2020 8th Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Saturday June 6, 2020

4:00 p.m. In Honor of Katherine & John by Ezio DiFrancesco

Sunday, June 7, 2020

9:00 a.m. +Fr. Joe Gariolo by Cheryl Milica

11:00a.m. +Lisa Stephan Kozlowski (Birthday Remembrance) by Cliff & Donna Emminger

Saturday June 13, 2020

4:00 p.m. +Ronald Wade by Mary Keller

Sunday, June 14, 2020

9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

11:00a.m. +Ted P. Weiksnar by Family

+Tony & Anna DiFrancesco by Catherine Detmers

Bible Study: Reflect on the Word—and pray—with your family!

RCIA: Classes will resume eventually!

Racism and Our Response: We hope you have internet access, and have seen Deacon Jerry's and Fr. Jud's homilies about racism. We hope to have a parish Zoom discussion about racism very soon, with a moderator to guide us. If you do not have internet access, you can still read Melissa Weiksnar's reflection on the following page. As our parish sign in front of the church says, "Come Holy Spirit, Heal Our Nation from Racism."

Rosary: If you are connected to the internet, please join us for our House Rosaries which are held on Zoom at 7 p.m. on Mondays. (If you don't know how to pray the Rosary, log in at 6:55 and we will teach you!) If you look on our website or Facebook you can find the link. Or, contact Carmen or Pedro Rivera, Deacon Jerry, or Fr. Jud who could all help you log on. It's good to pray together, and the only thing we're missing is the yummy snacks!

Thank You: for your continued support. The weekend of May 24, 2020 the collection was \$2,194.00. \$250.00 was received for Hope/Outreach. We understand if you are not able to donate at this time. If that's your situation, please just say an extra prayer for our parish! Also, let us know if the parish might be able to help you with any special needs during this difficult time.

Sanctuary Candle: *Can be lit for the week for your intentions or in memory of for \$5.*

FB Group: The Facebook group Ss. Columba-Brigid Parishioners and Friends has 56 members. Nobody joined last week. We have room for you! If you search for the group and ask to join, you'll have one more way to be able to keep in touch with everyone.

Parish Food Pantry: Our food pantry continues to distribute food on the third Sunday of the month. Our volunteers are reaching out to our regular food pantry patrons. If you need extra food to get you through these difficult times, please leave a message with the parish office and one of our volunteers will contact you. Donations of canned and other non-perishable items are always welcome. We are all in this together!

Care for Creation Corner

We have 10 regular "Gardenin' Angels" helping with our gardening at the parish. Please contact Melissa Weiksnar or Betsy Tirado, or leave a message in the Parish Office, if you'd like to join us!

If you are on the internet, search for "Laudato Si' Revolution," a new program introduced by the Franciscans around the world.

Gratitude and Outrage—A reflection by Melissa Weiksnar

I remember hearing a definition of emotional adulthood as being able to "hold" two conflicting emotions simultaneously. For example, we can celebrate a loved one's life, AND grieve their loss deeply. We can always be furious with someone for what they did, and still always love them.

I am realizing the Gratitude I feel fuels my Outrage at the pandemic and the murders of George Flynn, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and too many others, and the underlying racism and injustice.

In listening to this morning's news, I heard about the situation at the Bailey Ave. police station. Tear gas. Bullets. An SUV breaking barriers. I thought back with gratitude to Slow Rolls in that neighborhood, bringing together people of so many backgrounds from all over WNY, getting to know each other -- as well as members of the Buffalo Police, both embedded in the ride and at intersections. The Gratitude for what has been possible fuels my Outrage at how our Monday rides have been stolen by the pandemic.

Meanwhile, I bike and run in my neighborhood with Gratitude. And I feel Outrage that if I were black or brown, I might be thinking three or four times before heading out. As an older white woman, I perhaps feel Guilty that I only have to think twice.

I feel Outrage at not having been able to visit my 96 year old mother for almost three months, and Gratitude that no COVID-19 cases have been reported at her assisted living. I feel Gratitude for those caring for her, and Outrage that visible racial disparities in staffing go unspoken. I feel Outrage at my mom being deprived of the ability to meet her first great grandchild, and Gratitude for FaceTime, and that the US mail is going through.

I feel Outrage that an evening gardening event at my parish has to stop at 7:30 p.m. due to an 8 p.m. curfew, and that any of our volunteers, especially those of color, might not feel safe driving to / from the church. I feel Gratitude that the deep connections our parishioners have allowed me to feel this Outrage, and that our leadership has innovated to keep us connected.

I feel Outrage that the full scope of the fledgling East Side Garden Walk will be limited. And Gratitude that the leaders are finding a way to make its connecting power happen by adopting new ways.

I feel Outrage that Buffalo String Works has had to suspend in-person after-school classes for our students, most of whom are from immigrant and refugee families. And I feel Gratitude for how the staff has rallied with technology to provide some continuity to their music education and sense of community.

I feel Gratitude for all the goodness I know is possible, and Outrage that those who haven't experienced such deep blessings might not have those points of reference to fuel Outrage.

I must feel hopeful that we will again be able to Slow Roll, visit family, Garden Walk, worship, and make music together. I hope I will sustain the courage to do so in a deeper, more understanding, more just, more compassionate way. And I will be Grateful to my communities for keeping me honest, and Outraged.