



**Please pray for:** Fr. Gabe, Scarlett Schratz, Rene & Jay Plodzik, Betty Bryant, Sr. Donna Anthony, Andrew Hendel, Rick Heist, Al Knight, Bob Meister, Karen Dake, Pauline Steward, Wilma McCalla, Nicolas Rivera and Mary Lou Acevedo. The previous names listed have been written in our Pray For book. 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.

### 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. We are resuming baptizing children at Mass, but will be limited to one family per Mass.

**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 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.

**Rosary:** Every Monday join our bilingual Rosary via Zoom at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to pray together. To join, let us know in the office and we will forward your e-mail to Pedro so he can send you the link. The Rosary is partly in English and partly in Spanish, with a third language sometimes included. It lasts about 45 minutes. Children are welcome to join as well!

### STAFF DIRECTORY

#### Pastoral Associates:

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

#### Youth Group:

Please call the Parish Office, 716-852-3331

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

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#### Ministries Coordinators:

**Saturday Mass:** 4 p.m. Evy Adams 716-481-0736 & Carol Vance

**Sunday Mass:** 9 a.m. Carmen R. Rivera 716-847-1463, 11 a.m. Sandy Villa 716-885-6706



#### Mass Schedule:

**Saturday:** 4:00 p.m.

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

**Holy Days:** 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

**December 4 & 5, 2021**  
**Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church**  
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**Pastor:** Fr. William "Jud" Weiksna, OFM

**Deacon:** Mr. Jerry Hodson

Fr. Gabe Scarfia, OFM

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**In Heaven:** Sr. Karen Klimczak

The latest Covid protocols from the diocese, based on the recent Erie County guidelines: At this time, masks are mandated for all participants in liturgies held in Catholic churches and worship spaces located in Erie County. As in the past, the only exception given to this will be for clergy and other liturgical ministers when they are fulfilling a significant speaking role (they should maintain at least six feet of physical distance from others during these limited occasions) and when you place communion in your mouth. Though we believe nobody has caught Covid at our church, four parishioners have died of Covid. Let's be cautious.

Our coffee socials after Sunday Masses have these restrictions for now: beverages only are served; we do not set up tables and chairs, but ask people to stand; and we recommend that only vaccinated parishioners attend. Our parish staff and Parish Council approved this policy and will reassess it at our January Parish Council meeting. Thank you to Cliff and all who assist him in this ministry.

**VIEW SUNDAY MASS LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE** [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://sscolumbabrigid.org), near bottom of webpage. Permission to Pod-Cast/stream the music in the service obtained from One License with license number a/-729593. All rights reserved.

**OUR FACEBOOK PAGE IS:** [@sscolumbabrigidchurch](https://www.facebook.com/sscolumbabrigidchurch)

**OUR FACEBOOK GROUP IS:** Ss. Columba-Brigid Parishioners and Friends

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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.

**Electronic Giving:** You can donate electronically at our website through [tithely](https://tithely.com). Just go to [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://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!

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## December 4 & 5 2021 2nd Sunday of Advent

**Sanctuary Candle:** Will be lit this week in remembrance of Florence Sally Heist by Catherine M. Detmers

### **Saturday, December 4, 4:00 p.m.**

+Maureen Curtin by +Helen Weiksna

### **Sunday, December 5**

**9:00 a.m.** For the people of the parish

**11:00 a.m.** +Kathy Chapman by Marge & Anthony DeJames

### **Saturday, December 11, 4:00 p.m.**

+Joseph Tran Quynh by Teresa Tran & Family

### **Sunday, December 12 Bilingual Feast of**

#### **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**10:00 a.m.** +Helen Weiksna by Layla, Zoey, Stormy, Ariyanna, & Bently

+For souls who have no relatives by Teresa Tran & Family

**Advent Is Here!** While you are awaiting the Messiah, please use the JPIC (Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation) Advent calendar as part of your everyday preparation for Christmas. You might even personalize it specifically toward your own family at any time if you choose. The calendar can be found on our parish's Facebook and website pages. Copies can also be found on the tables in back of the church. Sincerely, Don Thompson. (Thanks to Immaculate Conception Church in Durham, NC for letting us use this calendar.)

### **Plan Ahead for Christmas Masses:**

**Christmas Eve,** Friday, Dec. 24: 2 p.m. Family Mass; 4 p.m.; 10 p.m. Bilingual Mass with Posadas

**Christmas Day,** Saturday, Dec. 25: 10 a.m. Bilingual Mass

**Feast of the Holy Family,** Sunday, Dec. 26: 10 a.m. Bilingual Mass

**New Year's Eve,** Friday, Dec. 31: 4 p.m. Mass, 11 p.m. Bilingual Mass

**New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary),** Saturday, January 1: 10 a.m. Quiet Mass

**Epiphany of Our Lord,** Sunday, January 2: 9 a.m. Spanish Mass, 11 a.m. Mass

**Thank You** for last weekend's collection of \$1,901. We also received \$25 in restricted/special donations, and \$10 for HOPE/Outreach. We also received donations for the past several weeks from our website for \$840.47 and from Facebook for \$3,237. We understand if you can't give due to financial hardship. Please advise us if we might be able to help you with any special needs through our HOPE fund. Also, please pray daily for our parish.

**Our next Special Collection:** December 11-12 for the Religious Retirement Appeal.

**Bible Study!** We study the Scriptures for each Sunday so that we feel prepared when we go into Mass. Come join us from 10-10:45 Sunday morning (except the last Sunday of the month). Questions, call Betty: 322-1185. Readings for any Sunday or weekday can be found at bible.usccb.org

**Buffalo Peace House, Father Roy's Refugee & Immigration Program:** Our Youth Group is collecting Fabuloso cleaner, laundry detergent (pods only), bleach, dish soap, Scott's tp & paper towels. Bins are placed in the church lobby. Thank you in advance!

**Roses for Our Lady:** On Sunday, Dec. 12 for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, please bring a rose to place before her at the 10 a.m. bilingual Mass.

**Advent Penance Service** for our family of parishes will be at St. Lawrence on Monday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. The van will be available for rides. Please see the sign up sheet.

**Streaming:** We need volunteers to stream our 4:00 Saturday or Holy Day Masses on our website. If you have a tablet/device that can stream video and would like to help, please let us know.

**Scholarships:** The Albert Lenhard Family Scholarship helps undergrad and graduate students who reside within the boundaries of the Catholic Churches of Central Buffalo. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship helps 8th graders who want to attend a Catholic high school. Certain requirements apply for these scholarships. Applications must be submitted in full by January 3. For an application form, please contact our parish office.

**JPIC:** Can you help our parish efforts for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation, based on our Catholic Social Teaching? Please see Don Thompson or Fr. Jud.

**Is Your Information Up to Date?** Please let Karen know in the parish office if you have moved or have a new phone number. We like to keep our parish records up to date!

**Men and Women of the Parish:** We have a Men's Group and a Women's Group that meet monthly at Ss. Columba Brigid. We meet on the same night and begin together with songs of praise and worship. Then we split into our two groups for a time of faith sharing. We finish together with a couple more hymns. All are welcome to come and we look forward to seeing you there! Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 7 at 7 p.m. Any questions, please see either Deacon Jerry or Betty Reiter.

**Snow Mass:** We will have Mass outdoors in the Sister Karen Peace Garden at 6 p.m. the first day we have 6" of snow on the ground. Bundle up! Hot chocolate will be served after Mass. Check our parish Facebook page and website, or call the parish office, if you are not sure if we received six inches!

**Catholic Charities:** Despite a joyful time for many, we know the holiday can bring out feelings of sadness, grief and anxiety. Catholic Charities Helpline 716-218-1419 is available for your needs.

**Our Food Pantry:** needs cereal. Please do not leave food outside the pantry. If donating food, please call the office ahead of time or bring the donations to Mass.

**News from the Road to Renewal:** Our Family of Parishes has been finalized, and Ss. Columba-Brigid (CB) is in the same Family as Blessed Trinity (BT), St. Martin de Porres (SMdP), and St. Lawrence (STL). We have already been working together over the years as the Catholic Churches of Central Buffalo (CCCB). If you are interested in attending upcoming meetings, please let Fr. Jud know.

### **Events going on this week in our Family of Parishes include:**

-Monday, Dec. 6: Zoom Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke, Meeting ID: 819 4038 6134, Passcode: 931309 (every other Monday).

-Wednesday, Dec. 8: Food Pantry 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. BT; Bingo 12:30 p.m. STL, doors open 11 a.m.; Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be at Noon at SMdP, 6 p.m. at STL, 7 p.m. at BT, and 7 p.m. (bilingual) at CB.

-Thursday, Dec. 9: Food Pantry 9 a.m. - Noon STL; Bingo 8 p.m. BT, doors open 7 p.m.

-Friday, Dec. 10: Food Pantry 10 a.m. - Noon STL; Adults Only Movie Night, Miracle on 34th Street, 6:30 p.m., CB

**CCCB Advent Penance Service:** Monday, Dec. 13, 6:30 PM at St. Lawrence.

**3 Kings House Blessings:** We will bless your house with the traditional 3 Kings blessing with chalk on Thursday, Jan. 6 from 10 a.m. until we finish. Please sign up on the list in church if you live within 10 miles of the church. If you live more than 10 miles away, let us know and we will give you a kit to use to bless your house.