



Please pray for: Joyce Kawa, Mary Kazmark, Joe Dauer, Jacques Crocker, Mary Lou Acevedo, Pat Rosenhahn, Dinh & family, Jerry Wszalek, Louise Solomon, Ken Mrozik, Vincent & Maryjane Messina, Fr. Gabe, Rene & Jay Plodzick, Betty Bryant, Andrew Hendel, Al Knight, Karen Dake, Pauline Steward, Chris Pinto, and residents of Buffalo Peace House. Previous names are in our Pray For book. Call the office at 852-3331 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 a child receives the sacrament, parents and godparents have to attend a pre-baptismal class. We baptize children at 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, 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.

Rosary: Every Monday join our trilingual 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 prayed partly in English, Spanish, and Igbo, and we have music in English and Spanish. It lasts about 45 minutes. Children are welcome to join as well!

STAFF DIRECTORY

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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.

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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



April 23 & 24, 2022
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
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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)

Pastor: Fr. William "Jud" Weiksna, OFM

Deacon: Mr. Jerry Hodson

Fr. Gabe Scarfia, OFM

Br. Tim Dauenhauer, OFM

In Heaven: Sr. Karen Klimczak

Masks are now optional for all participants in liturgies held in Catholic churches and worship spaces located in the diocese of Buffalo based on prevailing guidance from health officials and/or an individual's doctor or other medical professional. Masks may continue to be worn at the discretion of the individual. Out of pastoral concern, the safety of others should always be considered when making this choice.

In our parish we have resumed activities such as the Men's and Women's Groups, Bible Study and Family Faith Formation. Wearing of masks is at your discretion. We have also resumed our Sunday coffee & donuts social, for all those who feel comfortable in that setting.

We update our policies in consultation with the diocese as conditions change. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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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, 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!

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April 23 & 24, Second Sunday of Easter. Sunday of Devine Mercy

Sanctuary Candle: Candle may be lit for special intentions or in memory of for the week. Cost is \$5.

Saturday, April 23, 2022

4:00 p.m. +Poor souls in purgatory by Dat Tran

Sunday, April 24, 2022

9:00 a.m. +Poor souls in purgatory by Dat Tran

4:00 a.m. +Helen Weiksnar by Melissa Weiksnar

Saturday, April 30, 2022

4:00 p.m. +Matthew Tapia by The Tapia Family

Sunday, May 1, 2022

9:00 a.m. +Ann Alberalla by Pat & Joanne Montemarano

11:00a.m. +Helen Weiksnar by Melissa Weiksnar

Road to Renewal: Several members of our parish and the other parishes in Family 21 (St. Martin de Porres, Blessed Trinity and St. Lawrence) met with members of the diocesan Road to Renewal Team (Sr. Louise Alff, Fr. Bryan Zielenieski, and Deacon Greg Moran) this past week. Sister Louise informed us of opportunities to grow in evangelization through a 10-week program called Alpha. Orientation sessions will be held on Thursday, May 5 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of the Angels in Cuba and at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace in Clarence. A 4-part Zoom series “Fostering a Spirit of Renewal and Evangelization” by Fr. Frank DeSiano, CSP, President of Paulist Evangelization Ministries will be on May 10, 17, 25 and 31 from 2-3:30 p.m. Call Ted Musco at 716-0847-8374 for more info. Some parishioners are already interested in going.

We also spoke about issues regarding Phase 1, which Family 21 is part of and which begins this October. Soon the diocese will be asking among its priests who would like to apply to be the Senior Pastor and the Parochial Vicar for our Family of Parishes. We will let you know as those decisions are made. Also, there are six “pillars” that will be key to the Renewal: Liturgy, Spiritual Life, Forming Disciples, Out Reach/In Reach, Stewardship (which includes Care for Creation) and Administration. Let Fr. Jud, Marta, or Rick Z. know if you are interested.

Thank You for last weekend’s collection of \$3,196.65, and \$400 for HOPE/Outreach. We also received \$224 for the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land, \$545 for Easter Flowers, and \$200 in restricted donations. Thank you! We understand if you can’t give at this time 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 will be May 14-15 for the Church in Latin America and Africa.

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Jesus calls us to help and love our neighbors, especially those who are most vulnerable and struggling. Catholic Charities of Buffalo offers several basic and emergency services, such as food, rehousing, medications and clothing. Your donation to the Appeal 2022 today can help ensure that the hungry have food, the naked have clothing and those facing eviction have shelter.

We had two donors in the past week and our parish is up to 89% of our Catholic Charities goal of \$12,091. If you have given already this year, thank you! We are still 10 donors away from surpassing last year’s total of 37. Donation forms are at the back of church, or give at ccwny.org (and make sure you note that you belong to Ss. Columba-Brigid). Or text **GIVEHOPE22** to 44321 Thanks for your generosity!

Rest in Peace, Wilma: Our dear parishioner Wilma McCalla passed away on Tuesday. Her funeral will be Wed., April 27 at 11 a.m. here in the church. We will miss you, Wilma. May you rest in peace!

We are overjoyed that we will be baptizing two youth, Kimora and Amani, at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, May 1..

Survey Said: Thanks to all 34 parishioners who filled out the Disciple Maker Index Survey online, and about 30 who filled out paper surveys. Your responses will help us in our planning for the Road to Renewal.

Check the Easel in the main entrance of the church for Lenten events with our Family of Families, such as Friday Stations of the Cross and Monday CCCB (Catholic Churches of Central Buffalo) Lenten Journey Masses. It is also on our parish Facebook page and website, or you can take a picture of it on your phone so you’ll have the schedule handy!

Thank You! to everyone who helped prepare for our Holy Week Liturgies, including those who decorated, photocopied, read, sang, cleaned, scheduled, etc. We could not celebrate our liturgies the way we do without all your help. Special thanks to our Liturgy Committee, chaired by Olivia Marks.

Donations for Ukraine: As of Tuesday \$1,075 in cash has been donated by parishioners for the Franciscan Relief Fund for the friars still ministering in Ukraine. We know many other people have donated online, using the link on our parish Facebook page. Thank you for your generosity!

Let Us Celebrate! Join us to thank Sr. Maureen Harris for all her years dedicated to “us”, the Catholic Churches of Central Buffalo. Our family of parishes is planning a dinner honoring sister on Fri., May 13 at 6 p.m. in our church hall. \$15/per person for dinner, beverages and homemade desserts. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule. RSVP will close on Sun., May 1. For payment please put in an envelope with your name and amount attending and place in collection basket when you attend Mass, but still remember to sign your name on the sign up sheet in vestibule.

Thanks to our Bakers and all those who bought goodies at our Bake Sale last weekend. We raised \$1,041.50 for the parish!

Our Food Pantry needs cereal, peanut butter and jelly, and mac & cheese. Please do not leave food outside the pantry. If donating food, please call the office ahead of time or bring the donations to Mass.

Pot Luck Social: Yay! We will resume our pot luck social on Sunday, May 29 after the 10:00 Mass.

Rest in Peace, Fr. Ron: Fr. Ron Pecci, known to many as the former pastor of Sts. Rita & Patrick Church, passed away on April 11. Fr. Ron had been in a nursing facility prior to entering hospice for just a short time before he passed away. His funeral will be April 18 in Paterson, New Jersey. Details are on the parish Facebook page. We will have a memorial Mass for Fr. Ron here at Ss. Columba-Brigid on April 28 at 7 p.m., similar to the Mass we celebrated for Br. Vianney. May Fr. Ron rest in peace!

Men’s Group: will go see the movie “Fr. Stu” on Tuesday, April 26 in the evening. Let Fr. Jud or Deacon Jerry know if you would like to join them. The movie is highly recommended by Fr. Roy, but is rated R for language and violence.

Chicken Dinner Fund Raiser: If you can help in any way with the Chicken Dinner, we will be having a meeting on Saturday, May7th at 10am in the St. Lucy Room.

Friday, April 29—Online Walk for Life Rally: join in from 7-8 p.m. at Live.CompassCareWalk.com to learn about the New York State Abortion Reduction Plan and hear a life-changing patient story from a Compass Care Medical Center.

May Crownings will be celebrated at the Masses the weekends of May 7-8. Hail Mary!