



Please pray for: Sharon Dettloff, Margaret McGrath, Terry Pet-tengill, Mary Lou Acevedo, Tim Richter, Adam Kutas, Karen Dohn, Dennis Hunt, Linda Nelson, Concepcion Vega and Pat Hart. 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.

Reconciliation: 1st Saturday of the month, 3:00-3:45, but call Fr. Jud in case of dire 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.

Catholic Charities: are you a young or expectant family that has suffered income loss due to the pandemic? You may now qualify for the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) federal nutrition program. Catholic Charities administers the program in Erie, Niagara and Chautauqua counties. Through WIC, you and your family can access nutrition education and counseling, prenatal and postpartum support, referrals and eWic benefit cards. Call 716-218-1400 for more information.

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Sunday Mass:

9 a.m. Carmen R. Rivera 847-1463
11 a.m. Sandy Villa 885-6706



September 26 & 27, 2020
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
75 Hickory St (near Clinton)
Buffalo, NY 14204
716-852-3331
sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com

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

Last Sunday of the Month: because we are limited to having just 65 people in church, for now we will not be having the 10 a.m. bilingual Mass the last Sunday of the month.

Adoration: We have resumed Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on a limited basis on the first Friday of the month, in a new format. All are welcome between 1-3 p.m. this Friday, Oct. 2, but please wear a mask and sit (or kneel) socially distanced.

We are keeping the same Covid-19 procedures as in previous weeks: our capacity is 65 in the church and 25 in the hall; Mass is broadcast on our website, sscolumbabrigid.org. If you come to Mass you need to register and wear a mask. Someone will take your temperature and instruct you where to sit. Communion will be distributed only in the hand. If the church is at capacity you may sit in the church hall, and if it's full too, in your car or the Sister Karen Garden until Communion. Thank you for your cooperation. God bless you!

Our parish is facing a great challenge in terms of finances. The Finance Council is working on various ways to help the parish become more aware of those challenges and respond to them. In the meantime, if you have ideas on how to help our financial situation, please contact the parish office.

VIEW MASS LIVE ONLINE: View Mass directly on our website, sscolumbabrigid.org, near the bottom of the webpage.

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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, and work for justice in our daily lives.

Electronic Giving: You can donate electronically at our website through [tithe.ly](https://www.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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3060 Abbott Rd.
(near Lake)
823-4812

102 Linwood Ave.
(near Summer)
886-5363

September 26 & 27, 2020 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020

4:00 p.m. +Alice Gzyl by Family

Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020

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

11:00 a.m. +Rita Capece by Linda Lewis & Margaret McGrath

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020

4:00 p.m. +Julia Gard by Janne & Paul Pirk

Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020

9:00 a.m. Special Intentions for Fr. Jud
Birthday Wishes by Paula & Dennis Hunt

11:00 a.m. +Clinton Jordan by Johnnie M. Bingly

Sanctuary Candle: Cost \$5. The candle will be lit for the week for your intentions. Call the parish office to reserve your week.

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity at Ss. Columba-Brigid to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. We will cover the teachings and experience of Church with a special focus on justice, peace and the integrity of creation. Sessions prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting. For info please contact Deacon Jerry at 863-4800.

Let's Roll! Our youth will be collecting Scott toilet paper to donate to Peace House. More details coming soon. Thank you in advance!

Family Faith Formation will be held this Sunday, September 27, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. via Zoom. Details will be on the parish website and sent to families by text. All are invited including families with children preparing for Sacraments. See Deacon Jerry for more info. The topic is "Proclaiming Hope".

Thank You: Last week's collection was \$3,480 and \$75 for HOPE/Outreach as well as \$4,695 in miscellaneous donations. We understand if you can't give now due to financial hardship. Please let us know if we might be able to help you with any special needs during this difficult time through our HOPE fund. Please pray daily for our parish, and consider joining our Fundraising Committee by contacting Monica at 553-1750 or mlzielinski@aol.com The second collection Oct. 5 & 6 will be for Respect for Life.

Parish Safety: for your safety, we are keeping track of who attends Mass should we need to do contact tracing if an attendee tests positive for Covid-19. We are using a pre-Mass registration list to make it easier for you to check in at Mass. Monica and Rick Zielinski, our greeters, can be notified in advance that you will be attending a particular Mass at: mlzielinski@aol.com 716-553-1750 (Monica) or rjz76@aol.com 716-512-1508 (Rick).

St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute is hosting a Fall Open House, Sun. Oct. 18 & Mon. Oct. 19. The event is pre-registration only with limited capacity. Parents may reserve a time slot at sjci.com or 874-4953.

Parish Council Please see the meeting minutes on the church bulletin board, or on our social media. You will soon see the youth more involved at Mass every week, not just the Youth Mass. One youth lector will be assigned along with an adult lector for many of our Masses. Please affirm our youth when you see them for stepping up to make our parish more vibrant and hopeful. Parish Council Group B will meet the second Tuesday of October.

Parish Unity While I am not able to comment on personnel matters, I ask you all to pray for parish unity. I am always willing to meet with any parishioner. Please just set up an appointment—Fr. Jud.

Road to Renewal: the diocese invites you to an online ***Renewal Consultation Session*** to learn about the new *Road to Renewal* Initiative. Discuss your needs, concerns and hopes for your faith community. Join on Zoom on **Thursday, Oct. 1 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** to share your experience of Church. The link will be on www.roadtorenewal.org. Look for the Oct. 1 date and click on the **N.W. Buffalo** button. Or email your ideas about our Church's mission and ministry to renewal@buffalodiocese.org or mail them to Road to Renewal, Diocese of Buffalo, 795 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203.

Confirmation: Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are strengthened to be Jesus's witnesses in the world. Confirmation classes will begin soon here at Ss. Columba-Brigid on Sunday evenings from 6:30 pm – 8 pm. There will be six classes followed by a one-day retreat. Confirmation will be in November (date to be announced). We will maintain social distance and masks will be worn. Classes are open to anyone of the Catholic faith entering grades 10 – 12 for the 2020-2021 school year and older. Call Deacon Jerry at 863-4800 to sign up for classes.

A tisket, a tasket... Donate a theme basket for one of the year's biggest fundraisers. Pick a theme: pets, Christmas, baking, gardening/cleaning supplies, Bills & Sabres, friars, etc. Drop your basket off at church before or after Mass or bring it to the office (call ahead of time). This will be fundraising *and* FUNraising. Once we get enough donations we'll pick a date, hoping for October. Baskets will be displayed in the hall for a few weekends giving you the opportunity to place your tickets. There will be no in-person drawing of the winning tickets, but will broadcast it live on our website and contact winners by phone.

Evening Prayer to Welcome Fr. Gabe We are so pleased to have Fr. Gabriel Scarfia join us at Ss. Columba-Brigid. A special prayer service will take place Tues., Sept. 29 at 6:15 p.m. in the church with light refreshments to follow. Please wear your mask. We will have the chance to mingle with Father Gabe outside the church after the prayer service (if it rains bring an umbrella!).

May You Rest in Peace! We learned this week that our dear friend Cathy Gress, who passed away earlier this year, kindly remembered us in her will. May you rest in peace, Cathy!

Livestream: Our Livestream plan has expired and we now stream Mass on our website. Videos of Masses as of 7/25/20 can be seen on our website.

Annual Blessing of Animals will take place Saturday, Oct. 3 at 1 p.m. in front of the church. Please wear a mask, and keep your pet socially distanced (i.e., on a leash or in a cage)!

Happy Birthday! Sally Maund, Peter Scott, Leonard Cammarata, Colleen Beuler, Teodoro Muniz, Jose C. Calderon, Ferdinand Montes, Dawn Talty, Elisa Valdes, Elizabeth Kennedy, Rocio Jimenez, Elisa Valdes, Ana Morales, Marina Quiroa and Fr. Jud celebrate their birthdays in October. May your special day be filled with much love and happiness! Get your November birthdays in to the parish office ASAP!

Food Pantry: open the 3rd Sunday of the month. We need canned veggies, spaghetti sauce, tuna & rice. Thanks!

Season of Creation

Eucharistic Adoration: One of the most meaningful ways we give thanks as Christians is through the sacrament of the Eucharist, a word which means "thanksgiving." As Laudato Si' teaches, through "the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God." to celebrate this sacred reality during the Season of Creation, we recommend attending Eucharistic Adoration for one hour on the first Friday of the month here at Ss. Columba Brigid and offering special prayers for the care for creation. Please visit bit.ly/PCJP-EA to access a resource created by the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace for this purpose.

Cool Fact about our Parish: We replaced many of our lights in the church with LED energy efficient lights. This reduces our electricity consumption, saving valuable resources along with reducing our electricity bill.

This Week's Care for Creation Questions: *How can we grow in an ecological spirituality, and discover and deepen our sense of wonder, praise, joy and gratitude before God in creation?* Please send your answers to sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com, or mail them to the parish office. We will print one of the responses in next week's bulletin.

What Creation means to me: Send us a picture of what you think creation looks like (a beautiful flower, the smile on your child's face, a wonderful sunset or snowfall - anything that makes you think of Creation). Send these pictures to the parish email: sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com and we will post them and use them as altar decorations this Season of Creation. THANKS!