



Please pray for: Diane Hanny, Mary Lou Acevedo, and Linda Appleby. 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.

Parish Council Schedule: Year 2021

Group A - (Youth) Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Group B - Feb. 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Group C - March 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Group D - April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Until further notice, all meetings will be held on Zoom.

STAFF DIRECTORY

Pastoral Associates:

Carmen R. Rivera 847-1463
Paula Hunt 348-0154

Secretary:

Karen Helinski 852-3331 (hours Tues., Thurs., Fri. 12-4)

Email: sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com

Coordinator of Faith Formation:

Deacon Jerry Hodson 852-3331

Business Manager:

Bill Marks 677-5656

Music Ministers:

Sat: Cory Gallagher 868-2047 (Weddings & Funerals)

Sunday 9:00: Pedro Rivera

Sunday 11:00: Linda Appleby

Youth Group:

Tera McIlwain 316-9833

Mariah Gladden

Family Promise:

Paula Hunt 348-0154

Church Hall Rental: 852-3331

Communion Visitations:

Dennis Hunt 400-8204

Fundraising Committee: Monica Zielinski
mzielinski@aol.com 716 553-1750

Ministries Coordinators:

Saturday Mass:

4 p.m. Margaret Frainier 834-8296

Sunday Mass:

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 p.m. (Bilingual)

January 2 & 3, 2021
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
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Buffalo, NY 14204
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Pastor: Fr. William "Jud" Weiksna, OFM

Deacon: Mr. Jerry Hodson

Fr. Gabe Scarfia, OFM

Br. Tim Dauenhauer, OFM

In Heaven: Sr. Karen Klimczak

Happy New Year

Despite the Supreme Court decision on church attendance, our staff has decided for now to maintain our capacity at 25 in the church and 10 in the hall; Mass is broadcast on our website, sscolumbabrigid.org. You **MUST** call in for reservations, wear a mask, have your temperature taken, and sit where instructed. If the church and hall are full you can stay in your car or, if weather permits, in the Sr. Karen Garden until the time to receive Communion. Please stay posted, especially if Buffalo moves to Code Red, as things can change from week to week.

Call to reserve a seat for the 4:00 Saturday or 11:00 Sunday Mass by contacting Monica Zielinski mzielinski@aol.com 716-553-1750 or Rick Zielinski rjz76@aol.com 716-512-1508. For the Spanish Mass call Carmen Rivera at 716-847-1463. To reserve a seat you must contact them at least a day in advance. For space reasons we will not have baptisms at Mass for the time being. We are doing this for everyone's safety. Thanks for cooperating. God bless you!

VIEW MASS LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE sscolumbabrigid.org, near the bottom of the webpage.

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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: 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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885 Niagara Falls Blvd
(near Eggert Sheridan)
837-7100

3060 Abbott Rd.
(near Lake)
823-4812

102 Linwood Ave.
(near Summer)
886-5363

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January 2 & 3, 2021 The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sanctuary Candle: *Lit this week in memory of Josephine Villa's 100th Birthday by daughter, Sandy*

Saturday Jan. 2, 2021

4:00 p.m. + In loving memory of Barbara Nicpon by Roxanne & Dan Kielaszek

Sunday Jan. 3, 2021

9:00 a.m. +Ann J. Morsheimer by Andrew & Anne Forrestel

11:00 a.m. +Marge Musial by Joe Tebo

Saturday Jan. 9, 2021

4:00 p.m. + Betty Jones by Margret Frainier

Sunday Jan. 10, 2021

9:00 a.m. +Maria Rivera by Daughters Sandra & Otilia

11:00 a.m. +Jimmy Rivas by Paula & Dennis Hunt

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y.
Case No. 20-10322

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date"). If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefbuffalo> or call (855) 292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

Thank You: Last weekend's collection was \$1,320, with on-line giving of \$2,000.73. Our Christmas collection was \$2,005. We also received \$150 for the HOPE fund and \$60 for Christmas flowers. We need income of about \$6,000 per week to pay all our bills. 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. Our next second collection will be on January 30-31 for the Catholic Relief Services.

Financial Statement: If you desire a statement for your donations in 2020 please call the office at 852-3331 or send an email to sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com with your name and phone number.

St. Ann's Update: Fr. Jud is still having conversations with people or organizations interested in the possibility of purchasing St. Ann's Church, School and Convent. Please pray that the Holy Spirit helps us find the right person to save St. Ann's.

Snow Mass! It was cold outside but 34 warm hearts attended the Snow Mass last Sunday in the Sister Karen Garden! Photos are on the parish Facebook page.

Cantors: If you would like to be one of our cantors (leaders of song) at the 11:00 Mass, please see our choir director Linda Appleby. While Linda is out the next few weeks, please welcome Monica Stankewicz who will be leading the music at the 11:00 Mass until Linda returns.

Let's Roll! Thank you for the donations of toilet paper for The Peace House.

Calendars: If by chance you took any extra copies of the 2021 Josephite Calendar, they ran out before some people had a chance to get one. If you could bring any extras back to church, it would be much appreciated. Thanks, and Happy 2021!

Because we are limiting our attendance to 25 people in church, for now we are not having a 10 a.m. bilingual Mass the last Sunday of the month.

Mass Restrictions: While Buffalo is in Code Orange, we will be limiting the number of people in the church for Mass to 25. We will limit the number of people viewing Mass on the screen in the church hall to 10. In order to attend the 4 p.m. Saturday or 11 a.m. Sunday Mass in person, you **must make a reservation** by calling Monica or Rick at 716-553-1750 or 716-512-1508 or e-mailing mlzielinski@aol.com or rjz76@aol.com For the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Spanish Mass, call Carmen Rivera at 716-847-1463. If you come to Mass, please minimize mingling indoors before and after Mass. We ask you to please consider staying home and watching Mass on the video section of our website sscolumbabrigid.org You can make donations to the church on our website or on Facebook, or by mailing or dropping off your envelopes at the parish office.

Please join us at our next men's group meeting at Ss. Columba Brigid! We meet once a month to share faith, sing songs of praise and pray for each other. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 12th at 7 pm in the church hall. We will practice social distancing by sitting 6 feet apart and we wear masks. Any questions, please call Deacon Jerry at 863-4800. We hope to see you there!

Communion for Shut-Ins: If you can't make it to church due to Covid-19 and you have a door that allows direct access to the outside, we can bring Communion to you. Please call the office if you are interested, with your address, phone number and number of people who would receive Communion.

Adoration: We have resumed Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on a limited basis on the first Friday of the month between 1-3 p.m. Please wear a mask and sit (or kneel) socially distanced. Our next Adoration will be Friday, Feb. 5.

Things to consider during one of the craziest years of our lifetime:

I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!

Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask and ask for money.

2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.

This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came into my house and told my cat. We laughed a lot.

Food Pantry: We appreciate the food donated for the Food Pantry, but ask that you bring it into the church or the parish office, not leave it outside the Food Pantry door. The Food Pantry is in need of cereal, pasta and sauce. Thank you!

Scholarships: The Albert Lenhard Scholarship was developed to assist applicants who want to continue their formal education beyond high school at the undergraduate and graduate levels. To be eligible for the Scholarship the candidate must reside in the geographic boundaries of the Catholic Churches of Central Buffalo: Blessed Trinity, Ss. Columba-Brigid, St. Katherine Drexel, St. Lawrence and St. Martin De Porres.

The MLK Scholarship was developed to help an 8th grade student attain a Catholic High School Education. Our goal is to support our recipients so they may continue to serve in their churches, in their communities and in their world. To be eligible for the scholarship the candidate must be a member of an ethnic minority group, and must meet the criteria stated in the letter found with the application packet available in the church. Deadline to hand in applications and all supporting information is Monday, Jan. 4, 2021. You may also call the office for an application.

Our January Birthdays! Senait Testamichael Og, Jared Morales, Rita Rodriguez, David Martinez, Jackson Liriano, Christine Joseph, and Ms.Christine Ferrucci. May your Birthday be filled with much love and happiness. Have a great celebration of you! (If you have a January birthday but your name does not appear here, make sure you are registered in the parish. You can call Karen at 852-3331 to make sure.)

Trinity Proposal: in an effort to be proactive in the diocese's Road to Renewal process, members of our Finance Council, Parish Council, and Staff have written a proposal named the Trinity Proposal for our newly appointed Bishop Mike. The proposal seeks to assure the long-term sustainability of our parish. Please send an e-mail to sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com if you would like a copy of the proposal, and/or if you would like to join a Zoom discussion about the proposal. The Zoom session will be led by Fr. Jud on Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. Any parishioner can join in, before we send the proposal to Bishop Mike.