



Please pray for: Jill Patric, Tom Glead, Erica Seymour, Joan Scott, Mark Nasal, The Kulpa Family, Mary Ann Logue, Sienna Bailey, Linda Nelson, Pat Montemarano, Barbara Maund, Aida Mercado, Roger Ristau, Cheryl Milicia, Barbara Johnson, Sharon Dettloff, Terry Pettengill, Mary Lou Acevedo, Tim Richter, Karen Dohn, Lynda Coleman, Linda Nelson, Concepcion Vega, Robert Dauer 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.

Thanks for Thanksgiving! We would like to thank the following for helping us make Thanksgiving a little more special for 57 of our families and friends:

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STAFF DIRECTORY

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Sunday 11:00: Linda Appleby

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4 p.m. Margaret Frainier 834-8296

Sunday Mass:

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



November 28 & 29, 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 25 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 between 1-3 p.m. Please wear a mask and sit (or kneel) socially distanced. Our next Adoration will be Friday, Dec. 4.

After the recent Supreme Court ruling, we are maintaining our Code Orange 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. Thank you for your cooperation. God bless you!

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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823-4812

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(near Summer)
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November 28 & 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020

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

Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020

9:00 a.m. +Amy Caruso by Andrew & Anne Forrestel & Family

11:00 a.m. +Juan B. Irizarry & Encarnacion Irizarry-Cruz by Luz Morales & Family

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020

4:00 p.m. +Jack Kennedy by Shirley Pattison

Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020

9:00 a.m. +Dr. John & Esther Curtin by Andrew & Anne Forrestel & Family

11:00 a.m. +Michael McCalla & Elanore Kent by Wilma McCalla

Sanctuary Candle: *Lit this week in remembrance of Michael McCalla & Elanore Kent*

La Rosary de Guadalupe: Sat., December 12 is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will be praying a Rosary in honor of Our Lady at 7 p.m. in church with social distancing. Please wear your mask. Or, you may pray with us from home as you view it on our website video section. We have a 25-person limit. Please be sure to call in your reservation. If Buffalo moves to Code Red, please check with our website or Facebook page or call the office to see if the public will be able to attend.

Flowers for the Advent-Christmas Season: We are now accepting donations for flowers.

Christmas Eve Masses: Our hope is to have Christmas Eve Masses at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., with limits of 25 in the church and 10 in the hall. If we move to Code Red, stay tuned as that schedule will change. If we need help taking people's temperatures as they enter the church, please contact the office if you could help.

Peaceprints Ornaments: We will be selling Peaceprints ornaments in honor of or in memory of a loved one. More information on this will be available soon.

House Blessings: will take place on Saturday, January 2 from 9 a.m. -3 p.m. for homes within a 10-mile radius of the church. We will do exterior blessings only this year.

Thank You: Last weekend's collection was \$1,223.00 We also received \$0 for the HOPE fund, and \$128.20 for the second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Our next special collection will be December 12-13 for the Religious Retirement Appeal. 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.

Did you go to these schools?: If you are an alum of these schools—St. Martin of Tours, St. Ambrose, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Teresa, St. Agatha, Holy Family, St. John the Evangelist, Trinity, St. Bonaventure or Notre Dame Academy—we'd love you to share your story with our current students and families via social media. Help us build on the traditions you loved so much while attending Catholic school. Reach us at GoodNews@NotreDameBuffalo.org

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.

Advent: If you would like an "Advent Miracles Abound" booklet that contains daily reflections, practices and prayers please send a self addressed envelope with \$.70 postage to the church.

Snow Mass! Our annual Snow Mass will take place in the Sister Karen Garden at 6 p.m. on the first day we have 6" of snow on the ground. We will announce it via Facebook and our website, or you can call the office to find out if it's happening that day.

Communion during Advent: 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. This idea was proposed at our staff meeting and we all agreed that it would be such a special blessing during Advent. Please call the office if you are interested, with your address, phone number and number of people who would receive Communion. This would take place during the day starting the 2nd week of Advent during daylight hours.

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.

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 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** with Monica or Rick at 716-553-1750, 716-512-1508, or 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 do not mingle indoors before or 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 your donations to the church on our website or on Facebook, or by mailing or dropping off your envelopes at the parish office.

Family Faith Formation: Due to lack of participation via Zoom the past two months, our next Family Faith Formation will take place after Christmas.

Bishop Scharfenberger's Pastoral Letter: Our Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger has issued a Pastoral Letter to the Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful of our diocese. The letter was mailed to registered Catholic households as well as being made available at all of our parishes and Catholic Institutions in time for the First Sunday of Advent. The purpose of the Pastoral Letter is to provide the spiritual foundation for our Diocesan Road to Renewal Initiative. Everyone in our diocese is encouraged to read the Pastoral Letter and to spend time reflecting and sharing with one another the significance of this call to renewal in the Diocese of Buffalo. There are links to the letter on our parish website and Facebook page.

Nativity Sets on Display: Fr. Roy Herberger will have 300 (of his 650) Nativity sets from 58 countries on display at the Fatima Shrine, Lewiston during their "Festival of Lights." **It will be open to the public from 5-9 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only from November 21 until January 3.**

Stamps: If you can help with stamps for the parish office, it would be greatly appreciated.

Let's Roll! Our youth are collecting toilet paper for Peace House. Please donate **single-ply** rolls only (other types clog up their drains). Collection boxes are in the church lobby. Thank you!

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. If we cannot be sure if rodents or pests have entered the bags, we have to discard them. The Food Pantry is in need of pasta, canned fruit, tuna fish, cereal, beans (all types), cake/brownie mixes and soups. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Prayer by Diana Butler Bass

God...this Thanksgiving, we choose gratitude. We choose to accept life as a gift from you, and as a gift from the unfolding work of all creation. We choose to be grateful for the earth from which our food comes; for the water that gives life; and for the air we all breathe.

We choose to thank our ancestors, those who came before us, grateful for their stories and struggles, and we receive their wisdom as a continuing gift for today.

We choose to see our families and friends with new eyes, appreciating and accepting them for who they are. We are thankful for our homes, whether humble or grand.

We will be grateful for our neighbors, no matter how they voted, whatever our differences, or how much we feel hurt or misunderstood by them. We choose to see the whole planet as our shared commons, the stage of the future of humankind and creation.

God, this Thanksgiving, we do not give thanks. We choose it. We will make this choice of thanks with courageous hearts, knowing that it is humbling to say "thank you." We choose to see your sacred generosity, aware that we live in an infinite circle of gratitude. That we all are guests at a hospitable table around which gifts are passed and received. We will not let anything opposed to love take over this table. Instead, we choose grace, free and unmerited love, the giftedness of life everywhere. In this choosing, and in the making, we will pass gratitude onto the world. Thus, with you, and with all those gathered at this table, we pledge to make thanks. We ask you to strengthen us in this resolve. Here, now, and into the future. Around our family table. Around the table of our nation. Around the table of the earth. We choose thanks. Amen.