



**Please pray for:** Barbara J., Bob Meister, Donna O'Connor, Michael O'Conner, Bill Dunford, Gary Maloney, Regina Lewis, Melinda Emminger, Stella Amadi, Marbel Davis, Linda Thaler, Carol Duffie, Annie Hirschbine, Harley Collette, Katie Smith, Harold Harden, Peggy Wolf, Diane Hanny, Betty Bryant, Jackson Liriano 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 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

**Catholic Charities Marriage Counseling Center** has served couples in Western New York for over 50 years. We understand that many couples are struggling during this current stressful time and we are here for you with marital counseling, pre-marital counseling, marital enrichment therapy, and other services. Most insurance is accepted and there is a sliding fee scale. Call 681-7394.

### STAFF DIRECTORY

#### Pastoral Associates:

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Paula Hunt 348-0154

#### Secretary:

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#### Coordinator of Faith Formation:

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#### Business Manager:

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#### 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

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**Fundraising Committee:** Monica Zielinski  
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#### 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



**May 15 & 16, 2021**  
**Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church**  
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**Buffalo, NY 14204**  
**716-852-3331**  
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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

**Adoration: Until further notice, we will not be having Adoration on First Fridays. If a group of at least four parishioners is willing to organize a group that can be responsible for setting up and attending Adoration, we would be happy to resume monthly Adoration. Please contact Fr. Jud or Paula if you are interested.**

We are no longer requiring you to register in advance to attend Mass. State and county regulations allow us to accommodate 150 people at Mass, and except for Easter Sunday we have had fewer than 100 any given Sunday. At Mass you will still be asked to wear a mask, to sit only in the indicated pews, and to use hand sanitizer. We will also continue to take the names of attendees, in case we need to contact you. We ask that after Mass you leave the church as

**Road to Renewal:** All parishes in the Diocese of Buffalo are participating in the Road to Renewal process. A number of our parishioners, including youth, attended the meeting for our vicariate (cluster of about 20 parishes) at St. Rosa of Lima this past Wednesday. Under this process there will be no closing of parishes. Rather there will be "families" of parishes which will collaborate in many areas. For example, parishes that have strong youth programs will assist those who do not. We will continue to meet to plan the best future for our parish and our diocese. If you are interested in being part of this process, please contact Fr. Jud, Paula Hunt, or Rick Pinkowski.

**VIEW MASS LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE** [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://sscolumbabrigid.org), near the bottom of the webpage.

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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, 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](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, especially in these days when we cannot have everyone here in person.

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886-5363

## May 15 & 16, 2021 Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Sanctuary Candle:** Will be lit this week in remembrance of Joe Ohl by Carol & Jerry Sentz

### **Saturday May 15, 2021**

**4:00 p.m.** +Maryanne Keller by Nancy Wade

### **Sunday May 16, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.** +Helen Weiksnar by Joe & Barb Strusienski

**11:00 a.m.** +Joe Ohl by Carol & Jerry Sentz

### **Saturday May 22, 2021**

**4:00 p.m.** +Joseph Villa (Death Remembrance) by Sandy Villa

### **Sunday May 23, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.** +Julia Rivera by Carmen & Family

**11:00 a.m.** Special Intentions on Fr. Roy's Anniversary by Paula & Dennis Hunt

**Cantors:** If you would like to cantor (be a leader of song) at 11:00 Mass, please see our choir director Linda Appleby.

**Scriptural Presentation on the Trinity:** The mystery of the Holy Trinity knits together the various ways that we express belief in the love and presence of God in our lives. The world renewed by the good news of Easter heralds this working of God, helping us to reflect on its meaning and power in our world, our church and our own lives. You are invited to a presentation by Barbara Shanahan - Catholic Biblical Studies Program on Tues., May 25 from 7-8 p.m. in person at Blessed Trinity Church on Leroy Ave. or on Facebook at Blessed Trinity R.C. Church.

**Summer Fun Program:** will start July 6 and end August 13, Monday-Friday from 12-4 for children ages 4-14. The registration fee is \$100 per child. In some cases, limited financial assistance is available. If you are interested please contact Monica Zielinski at 716-553-1750. We are hoping to have a 2-week Bible Camp from 10:30-11:45 as well. Stay tuned for more details.

**Thank You** for last weekend's collection of \$2,826.00. Donors also gave \$25 for capital improvements, \$400.00 for our HOPE fund, and \$405.17 in Restricted or Special Donations. We need about \$6,000 per week to pay all our bills. 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 during this difficult time through our HOPE fund. Please pray daily for our parish. Our next special collection will be May 29 & 30 for the Church in Latin America & Church in Africa.

### **Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension:**

Jesus has returned in glory to the Father in heaven, not to abandon us, but lead us where He hopes we will follow. How are you called to lead others to heaven? If it's through the priesthood, call Fr. Dave Baker at 847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

**Hearts and Hands:** We are pleased to share a message of support from Hearts and Hands, a not-for-profit, neighbors-helping-neighbors organization serving this community and suburban areas. Hearts and Hands links willing volunteers with older or physical challenged adults for basic services such as transportation to medical appointments, errands or social activities. It can also help with light housekeeping, yard work and caregiver respite visits. This support helps these neighbors remain independent in the home and community they love. Volunteers receive mileage reimbursements and supplemental insurance coverage. Volunteers take only the assignments which fit their schedule. If you're looking for a way to have a positive impact in your neighborhood, **Hearts and Hands needs you as a volunteer.** Please call Heidi at 406-8311 ext. 103.

**Baptism on Pentecost:** We hope to baptize an infant at the 11:00 Mass next Sunday, May 23. Try to wear something red, as it is Pentecost Sunday.

**Ride for Roswell:** Thanks to generous donors, Fr. Jud has surpassed his fundraising goal and is eligible to ride in the Ride for Roswell Peloton to UB the night before the actual Ride. Regardless of whether you donate, if you would like Fr. Jud to pray for you or anyone else affected by cancer while he rides, please let him know. If you would like to donate, please go to [rideforroswell.org](http://rideforroswell.org), click on "Find a Rider" and type in William Weiksnar. (Did you know William is Fr. Jud's real first name?) If you prefer, you could instead write a check to Ride for Roswell. Even better, maybe you would like to ride this year and raise money for Roswell Park! There are many routes and dates to choose from. Instructions are on that same website.

**Tech Help:** Please contact the office if you are technically Inclined and could help us with our many tech issues including computers, wi-fi, etc. We're hoping someone out there knows more than we boomers do!

**East Side Garden Walk:** If you live in the city north of the 190 and east of Main, consider registering your garden for the 2021 East Side Garden Walk which will be held on July 17th. It's free, low-key, and easy. Pick up an info card at church, or check out <https://www.gardensbuffaloniagara.com/esgw-2021>. Deadline is May 15th. Your garden needn't be big or fancy - even flower pots and hanging baskets on your front porch show your love and build community!

**Men's Group:** Our next Men's Group Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. We will meet in the church hall. All men are welcome. We will be wearing masks and keeping social distance. See you there!

**Corpus Christi Sunday** is June 6. We hope to have outdoor processions with the Blessed Sacrament after each Mass. If you would like to help with traffic safety or carrying the canopy that covers the Blessed Sacrament, please contact the Parish Office.

**Food Pantry:** We can use pasta, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, beans (not green or black) and canned fruit. Please do not leave food outside the pantry. If you are donating food, please call the office ahead of time or bring the donations to Mass.

**"SONGS FOR THE SOUL" INSPIRATIONAL CONCERT by Rev. Bill Quinlivan** Come hear Fr. Bill from 7-8 p.m., Monday, May 17 in Our Lady of Pompeii Church, 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster, NY 14086. **RSVP REQUIRED for Social Distancing Purposes—please call 716-683-6522**

Father Bill's Concert is part of Our Lady of Pompeii's Monthly Faith Enrichment Series. The music of musician and songwriter Rev. Bill Quinlivan, "The Singing Priest", can lift the heart and the mind. Come experience how the glory and healing of God can sing out through our lives despite our sufferings!

**Family Faith Formation:** Our next Family Faith Formation will meet via Zoom on Sunday, May 16th at 4 pm. Our topic is "Call and Vocation" and people of all ages are welcome to attend! Our meetings last about one hour and are intended to help us all learn about our faith and get to know others from our parish. Please go to our website for the Zoom link or contact Deacon Jerry for more information.

**Thank you!** Fr. Jud and his siblings would like to thank you once again for your prayers and support at the death of their mother, Helen Weiksnar. We truly appreciate your presence at the wake and funeral, and your generous donations to the parish in her memory. God bless you!

**Jack is coming!** From June 21 until early August, a rising senior from the University of Notre Dame, Jack Consolie, will join us as a summer intern. Let Fr. Jud know if you would like to have him over for dinner one night, or take him out for ice cream!