



**Please pray for:** Bill Dunford, Margaret Frainier, Gary Maloney, Regina Lewis, Melinda Emminger, Stella Amadi, Marbel Davis, Linda Thaler, Dick Baldwin, Carol Duffie, Joe Moreno Sr., Katie Smith, Harold Harden, Peggy Wolf, Diane Hanny, 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 case of emergency.

**Catholic Charities:** We are now at over 97% of our parish goal of \$10,210. Please give us that little push we need to get over the top! We would be the first parish in District 3, and one of the first in the diocese, to meet our goal. Considering the difficult times we are experiencing, that would be a beautiful achievement! Thank you!

### STAFF DIRECTORY

#### Pastoral Associates:

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

#### Secretary:

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#### Coordinator of Faith Formation:

Deacon Jerry Hodson 852-3331

#### 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:

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#### Church Hall Rental: 852-3331

#### Communion Visitations:

Dennis Hunt 400-8204

**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



April 3 & 4, 2021  
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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

## Happy Easter!

**Adoration: We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the first Friday of the month from 1-3 p.m. Please wear a mask and sit (or kneel) socially distanced. The next First Friday Adoration will be May 7.**

Our in-church capacity at Mass is 75. We are no longer using the church hall to show the Mass via video. At Mass you will still be asked to wear a mask, to sit only in the indicated pews, and to use hand sanitizer. You will also have your temperature taken. We ask that after Mass you leave the church as promptly as possible. If you wish to congregate after Mass, please do so outside. Please note that for now we will only be taking reservations for the upcoming week's 11:00 Mass. To give more people the chance to attend Mass, please understand that you might not be able to attend 11:00 Mass on consecutive weeks. Thank you for your cooperation. You will not need to register for 4 p.m. Saturday Mass or 9 a.m. Spanish Sunday Mass, as attendance in the past has not reached 75 for those Masses. The other procedures for those Masses will remain in place.

To reserve a spot for the 11:00 Sunday Mass contact Monica Zielinski [mzielinski@aol.com](mailto:mzielinski@aol.com) 716-553-1750 or Rick Zielinski [rjz76@aol.com](mailto:rjz76@aol.com) 716-512-1508.

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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](http://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

## April 3 & 4, 2021 Christ is Risen!

**Sanctuary Candle:** Lit this week for special intentions of Fr. Jud, Sandy Villa and Staff of Ss. Columba-Brigid by Catherine Detmers

### Saturday April 3, 2021 Holy Saturday

**8:00 p.m.** +Eleanor Kent by Wilma McCalla

### Sunday April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday

**9:00 a.m.** +Fr. Joe Gariolo by Paula & Dennis Hunt

**11:00 a.m.** +Juan B. Irizarry, Encarnacion Irizarry Cruz, Leonard V. Kruska by Luz Morales & Family

### Saturday April 10, 2021

**4:00 p.m.** +Albert Zwirlein by Donna Eminger

### Sunday April 11, 2021

**9:00 a.m.** +The Barnabite Fathers by Paula & Dennis Hunt

**11:00 a.m.** +T. Paul Weiksnar by Family

**Altar Servers:** We are able to have servers at Mass again. Please call Sandy at 885-6706 to let her know when you are available to serve, or if you would like to become a server.

**Men's Group:** next meeting will be April 13th at 7 p.m. Join us for faith sharing, prayer and music. Questions? Please see Deacon Jerry.

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

**Thank You!!!** A special thanks to everyone who worked so hard to clean, decorate, rehearse, sanitize, catechize, organize, pray, and everything else that goes into celebrating our Holy Days well. This is a remarkable parish, where so many of you do so much so that our celebrations are lively, prayerful, and—during this Covid time—safe for all. Happy Easter, everyone! I hope you can take Easter Monday off to rejoice in the Lord, and relax a bit! — Fr. Jud

**Thank You:** Last weekend's collection of \$3,270.49 included \$206.49 through our website Donate button, and \$742.00 through Facebook. We also received \$90 for our HOPE Fund, \$125 in restricted donations and \$412 for Easter Flowers. 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 April 24-25 for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

### **Family Promise of Western New York is an emergency shelter for families experiencing homelessness in our community.**

After significant renovations last year, Family Promise re-opened to the community in September able to house twice as many families in a permanent shelter in the City of Buffalo. Since reopening, Family Promise has served 21 families and most of the guests served are children. **Family Promise is hosting a VIRTUAL Meat Raffle on Thursday, April 22 - tickets must be purchased in advance and you do not have to be present to win.** To purchase tickets, go to: <https://fpwny.org/virtual-meat-affle> Help support the mission of Family Promise to keep families together through the crisis of homelessness!

**Nativity Miguel Middle School** is now interviewing students for the 2021-22 school year! Our school offers small classes for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students with personal attention from teachers, single-gender campuses, scholarships for all students, and continued support through high school graduation. To begin the application process for your child or to learn more about our program, call us at 716-836-5188 or visit [www.nativitymiguelbuffalo.org/how-to-apply](http://www.nativitymiguelbuffalo.org/how-to-apply).

**Fundraising Meeting:** We will be getting together on Saturday April 17 at 10 a.m. in the church hall to plan Fundraising events! Please come with your ideas!

### **Notice:** Beginning in 2015, The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc.

("Foundation") began soliciting donations to its "Upon this Rock" ("UTR") capital and endowment campaign. The UTR campaign raised funds for many purposes, including soliciting funds for making essential upgrades to classroom facilities and technology of Christ the King Seminary ("CKS"), expanding CKS's role as a center of retreat and religious celebration, and establishing an endowment fund for CKS. Unfortunately, in early 2020, CKS's Board of Trustees determined that CKS would close at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year. CKS's closure will make it impossible for the Foundation to use the UTR funds raised for CKS for their original intended purposes. However, under New York law, when the original purposes for which funds are donated become impossible to achieve, those purposes can be modified in a manner consistent with original intent by the New York State courts. For many years, CKS provided education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministers in the Diocese of Buffalo and beyond. Accordingly, the Foundation has asked the New York State Supreme Court for the County of Erie to approve a modification of the purposes of UTR funds raised for CKS so that those funds can be used to support the education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministry in the Diocese of Buffalo, as determined in the discretion of the Foundation's Board.

If you have donated to UTR and would like to be heard regarding this requested modification, you may send a letter to: The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc., attention Executive Director, 795 Main Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14203 or an email to [donor.info@frcdb.org](mailto:donor.info@frcdb.org). Copies of letters or email received by the Foundation will be provided to the Court. You may also make a formal filing in the legal proceeding entitled *Matter of the Modification of Endowment Funds of The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., Inc.*, Erie County Index No. 814747/2020. In order for your submission to be available for the Court's consideration, please be sure to send any letter or email, or make any filing, no later than Friday, April 9, 2021

**Food Pantry:** We can use pasta, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, beans (not green or black) and canned fruit. Do not leave food outside the pantry. Call the office ahead of time or bring to Mass.

**Rice Bowl:** Please return your rice bowls with your donation to Catholic Relief Services at any of the Masses the weekend after Easter, April 10-11. If you are unable to be at those Masses, please return them April 17-18. Thank you to all who participated in Rice Bowl this year.

**April 10th is Mulch Saturday!** From 9-11 a.m. we'll spread 12 cubic yards of mulch around the church - the equivalent of 162 2-cubic-foot bags! **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS WHO CAN SHOVEL THE MULCH IN THE PARKING LOTS INTO WHEELBARROWS, HAUL IT TO THE BEDS, AND/OR HELP SPREAD IT.** Please contact Jerry or Betsy Tirado, or Melissa Weiksnar, if you can help. We'd especially like to see our youth involved this year!

**SSJ Sister Karen Klimczak Center for Nonviolence:** will present "Media Madness" online via Zoom and Facebook on Sunday, April 18 at 3 p.m. Rev. Frederick A. Gelsey, Sr. will present "Providing Youth Alternatives to Violence." We will also be introducing "The Youth Homicide Education and Prevention Media Arts Project."

**"God Can Make Anything New":** a powerful message of hope for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, will be held on Monday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Pompeii Parish Ministry Center, 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster. Presented by Renee Villa, Campus Director of Spiritual Care at the Brothers of Mercy Wellness Campus. Due to social distancing restrictions, reservations are required so please call the parish office at 683-6522 to make a reservation.