



**Please pray for:** Marshall Maxwell, Michael Brady, Jerome Singletary, Dennis Adams, Alex Talowski, Fr. Gabe, Carol Duffie, Michael Farkas, Mary Lou Acevedo, Louise Solomon, Ken Mrozik, Pauline Steward, Chris Pinto, Dick Baldwin, Aida Mercado, Dennis Hunt, Roland Autry and Peggy Wolf. Previous names are in our pray for book. Call the office at 716-852-3331 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 716-847-1463. Before a child receives the sacrament, parents and god-parents have to attend a pre-baptismal class. We baptize children at Mass to welcome them to our community!

**Reconciliation:** 1st Saturday of the month, 3:00-3:45, but call Fr. Jud in case of special 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, please notify our parish office immediately. Because of privacy regulations, institutions no longer notify us.

**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.

**Trilingual Rosary:** join our English/Spanish/Igbo Rosary on Mondays via Zoom at 7 p.m. All are welcome! To join, check our Facebook page, see Pedro, or call the office so we can send you the link. The Rosary lasts till 7:45. There will be no Rosary on Monday, Dec. 12 as we will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**STAFF DIRECTORY**

**Pastoral Associates:**

Carmen R. Rivera 716-847-1463  
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**Secretary:**

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Deacon Jerry Hodson 716-852-3331

**Business Manager:**

Bill Marks 716-677-5656

**Music Ministers:**

Sat: Cory Gallagher 716-868-2047 (Weddings & Funerals)  
Sunday 9:00: Pedro Rivera  
Sunday 11:00: Linda Appleby

**Youth Group:**

Please call the Parish Office, 716-852-3331 to leave a message for our leaders Tera McIlwaine and Chris Augustine.

**Church Hall Rental:** 716-852-3331

**Communion Visitations:**

Dennis Hunt 716-400-8204

**Fundraising Committee:** Monica Zielinski  
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**Ministries Coordinators:**

**Saturday Mass:** 4 p.m. Evy Adams 716-481-0736 & Carol Vance and Sandy Villa

**Sunday Mass:** 9 a.m. Carmen R. Rivera 716-847-1463, 11 a.m. Sandy Villa 716-885-6706



**Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday:** 4 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9 a.m. (Spanish/Español)  
11 a.m.

**Last Sunday of Month:** 10 a.m. (bilingual)

followed by pot luck social

**Holy Days:** 7 p.m. (Bilingual)

**December 17-18, 2022**  
**Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church**  
**75 Hickory St. (near Clinton)**  
**Buffalo, NY 14204**  
**716-852-3331**  
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**Pastor:** Fr. William "Jud" Weiksna, OFM  
**Deacon:** Mr. Jerry Hodson  
Br. Tim Dauenhauer, OFM (in residence)  
**In Heaven:** Sr. Karen Klimczak

***Worship with us Christmas Eve at 6 p.m.  
or Christmas Day at 10 a.m.  
Both Masses are bilingual.  
O Come Let Us Adore Him!***

**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO LIVESTREAM OUR WEEKEND MASSES.** You can view them on our webpage [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://sscolumbabrigid.org) near the bottom of the page.

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**OUR FACEBOOK GROUP IS:** Ss. Columba-Brigid Parishioners and Friends

**OUR WEBSITE IS:** [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://sscolumbabrigid.org)

**OUR EMAIL IS:** [sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com](mailto: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, care for God's creation and work for justice in our daily lives.

Nosotros, la iglesia de San Columba-Santa Brígida, somos una comunidad católica acogedora, inclusiva y multicultural inspirada por el Espíritu Santo para celebrar a Cristo Resucitado en la forma en que adoramos, amamos a nuestro prójimo, cuidamos de la creación de Dios y trabajamos por la justicia en nuestra vida diaria.

**Electronic Giving:** You can donate electronically at our website through [tithe.ly](https://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!

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## December 17-18, 2022 4th Sunday of Advent

**The Sanctuary Candle** will be lit this week for the intentions of the Heinz & Hunt Families by Paula & Dennis Hunt.

### **Saturday, December 17, 2022**

**4:00 p.m.** Birthday Remembrance for +Josephine Villa by Sandy Villa

### **Sunday, December 18, 2022**

**9:00 a.m.** Special intentions of the Do Family by Chieu Do

**11:00 a.m.** Special intentions of the Do Family

### **Saturday, December 24, 2022 Bilingual**

**6:00 p.m.** Special intentions for all our Priests and Religious Orders by Paula & Dennis Hunt

### **Sunday, December 25, 2022 Bilingual**

**10:00 a.m.** +Juan B. Irizarry, Leonard V. Kruszka and Encarnacion Irizarry-Cruz by Luz Morales

**Start 2023 Right!** Come to the social on Sun., Jan. 1 after the 10 a.m. Mass. Bring a finger food item to share.

**Chili Cook-Off** coming to our parish hall on Sun., Jan. 8 after the 11 a.m. Mass. Please see the sign up sheet in the vestibule.

**Fr. Gabe** is now residing at the St. Elizabeth Motherhouse, Room 224, 115 E. Main Street, Allegany, NY 14706.

**Snow Mass 2023** will take place the first day in the new year that 6 inches of snow are on the ground. It will start at 6 p.m. in the Sister Karen Garden, with hot cocoa to follow.

**Donations for Christmas Flowers** are appreciated. Last week we collected \$247.75!

**Sign a Petition to Bring Wegmans to Towne Gardens Plaza** in the back of church. 592 have signed, plus 98 online (search Wegmans Buffalo on Change.org).

**Faith Formation**: For any faith formation questions see Deacon Jerry.

**Thank You!** Last weekend's collection was \$3,018. We also received \$210 for HOPE/Outreach, \$750 for Capital Improvements and \$4,066.40 in restricted or special donations. *We understand if you can't give at this time due to financial hardship. Let us know if we can help you with any critical needs through our HOPE fund. Please pray daily for our parish.*

**Our Next Special Collection** will be Jan. 28-29, 2023 for Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for last week's special collection of \$953 for the Religious Retirement Appeal.

**Buffalo Urban League 2023 Scholarship Applications** are available. To be eligible you must be a high school Senior graduating during the 2022-23 academic year or a recent HSE/GED recipient (within the current academic year) and planning to attend college or a vocational school in the fall of 2023. Applications are on the table in the vestibule.

**Christmas Community Concert**: Sun., Dec. 18, 3 p.m. at St. Martin De Porres, 555 Northampton. Featuring the combined voices of Ss. Columba-Brigid, St. John Vianney, St. Martin de Porres, The New Beginnings Choral Ensemble, and Mistress of Ceremony Marsha McWilson. Free.

**March for Life, Washington, DC: Jan. 19-20, 2023**: Bus reservation deadline: Mon., Dec. 26; you must register and send payment by the deadline (money non-refundable if payment received after deadline). Hotel deadline: Dec. 20. Call the Washington Plaza at 202-842-1300 and mention Buffalo Diocese. **Permission & Health Form for Youth**: deadline Dec. 20. **VERY IMPORTANT**: return original to the office before the deadline; this is required for final registration. For registration form, visit <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/pro-life-services/> or email [Pro-lifeoffice@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:Pro-lifeoffice@buffalodiocese.org).

**Road to Renewal Updates**: The target date for Family 21 (Ss. Columba-Brigid, Blessed Trinity, St. Lawrence and St. Martin de Porres) to formally begin is January 15. We will have many meetings, but there will probably not be any major changes taking place until the summer. Fr. Joe Rogliano has applied to be Senior Pastor for Family 21.

**Fr. Roy's Nativity Sets** will be displayed at Our Lady of Fatima in Lewiston as follows: Friday Jan. 6: 5-9 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays until Jan. 8: 1-9 p.m. (Closed on Christmas and New Year's Eve and Day.)

Monday-Friday, Dec. 19-30: 5-9 p.m. 150 sets are also on display in the lower level at Our Lady of Victory in Lackawanna through Fri., Jan. 6, from 6:30 a.m.—7 p.m. (7:30 p.m. on Saturdays). For more information about the Nativities contact Fr. Roy at 716-852-2076 or [royhope@aol.com](mailto:royhope@aol.com)

**Inclusive Christmas Mass**: Wed., Dec. 28 at 7 p.m. at St. Bernadette Parish, 5930 S. Abbott Rd., Orchard Park. Fr. Joe Wolf will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6 p.m. Mass will be interpreted in American Sign Language, in a shorter, less crowded setting, allowing for freedom of movement as needed. Sponsored by Open Doors Ministry which advocates for the inclusion of people with disabilities. Questions? Contact Sharon at 716-648-1720, ext. 3 or [sharonu@saintbopny.org](mailto:sharonu@saintbopny.org).

**Interested in working on Christian Unity Week** which takes place Jan. 17-20, 2023 with our friends from Friendship Memorial Baptist Church? See Paula or Fr. Jud

**Check the Easel** in the main entrance, or our Facebook page, for events going on in our Family 21 parishes,

**Catholic Medical Association Presents** Advent Lessons & Carols with St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum, Sat., Dec. 17, 7 p.m., Infant of Prague, 921 Cleveland Dr.

**Our Food Pantry** needs tuna, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, and cereal. Please do not leave food outside the pantry. If donating food, please call the office ahead of time or bring your food donations to Mass.

**Bible Study** is Sunday mornings 10:00-10:45 (except on Sundays when we have 10:00 Mass). We study the readings for Mass. Call Betty at 716-322-1185.

**January Birthday?** Notify the parish office so we can include your name in the bulletin at the end of next month.

**Christmas Schedule**: Christmas Eve Bilingual Mass with Posadas, Sat., Dec. 24, 6 p.m.; Christmas Day Bilingual Mass, Sun., Dec. 25, 10 a.m.

**Assistance with Christmas gifts for your children/teens**: Catholic Charities and the WNY Holiday Partnership can assist for your child/children ages 0-18. To receive a referral for the Christmas program, call 716-856-4494 or visit our Buffalo office at 525 Washington Street.

**Christmas Angels of Hope**: Concerts for the Soul presents a musical-poetic journey through the magic and mystery of the season, Wed., Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. here at Ss. Columba-Brigid. Come hear tenor vocalist Cory Gallagher and award-winning poet and writer Amy Gallagher. Please contact Cory (716-868-2047) to arrange a song dedication. Bring your friends to this uplifting and meaningful holiday concert event. Free will donations accepted.

**Since the 1923 founding of Catholic Charities** one thing remains constant: Catholic Charities is here and ready to help – now. If you have an urgent need or a crisis situation, visit [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org) to complete an online assistance form. Help and HOPE are available.