



Please pray for: Dick Baldwin, Carol Duffie, Joe Moreno Sr., Katie Smith, Harold Harden, Peggy Wolf, Patricia Weihing, Diane Hanny, Gary Helinski 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.

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 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:

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Coordinator of Faith Formation:

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

Sunday 9:00: Pedro Rivera

Sunday 11:00: Linda Appleby

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Tera McIlwain 316-9833

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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



January 23 & 24, 2021
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
75 Hickory St. (near Clinton)
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: 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.

Starting this weekend, Jan. 23-24, we are increasing our in-church capacity at Mass from 25 to 35. We will no longer be using the church hall to show the Mass via video. You will still be asked to wear a mask, to sit only in the indicated pews, and to use hand sanitizer at Mass. 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 Monica, Rick and Carmen will only be taking reservations for the upcoming week's Masses. To give more people the chance to attend Mass, please understand that you might not be able to attend Mass on consecutive weeks. Thank you for your cooperation, and please pray that soon we can have a full church once again. Please stay posted, especially if Buffalo moves to Code Yellow or Red, as things can change from week to week.

For the 4:00 Saturday or 11:00 Sunday Mass contact 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. Please contact them at least a day in advance.

We will not have baptisms at Mass for the time being. We are doing this for everyone's safety.

VIEW MASS LIVE 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. 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

102 Linwood Ave.
(near Summer)
886-5363

January 23-24, 2021 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Sunday of the Word of God

Sanctuary Candle: Will be lit this week for a speedy recovery for Gary Helinski by Karen Helinski.

Saturday Jan. 23, 2021

4:00 p.m. + Kevin E. Vance Sr. (Birthday Remembrance) by The Vance Family

Sunday Jan. 24, 2021

9:00 a.m. For the people of the parish

11:00 a.m. +Patricia "Tish" Heinz (Birthday Remembrance) by Paula & Dennis Hunt

Saturday Jan. 30, 2021

4:00 p.m. +Ruth Junta by Pat & Joanne Montemarano

Sunday Jan. 31, 2021

9:00 a.m. For the people of the parish

11:00 a.m. +Clifford J. Emminger by Cliff & Donna Emminger

First Reconciliation: There will be a First Reconciliation class for children in second grade or higher beginning in March. If your child is interested in this class, please contact Deacon Jerry at 863-4800

The Voice: St. Paul shakes up our world view in the 2nd Reading from 1st Corinthians 7. Let us tune out the world's noise and listen to the still, small voice of God. If you're being called to a Church Vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

Amanda's Army: Many of you may have heard of the tragic death of Amanda Wienckowski in 2009. Amanda's body was recovered not far from our parish. Amanda's family is seeking to have the District Attorney re-open her case. If you would like more information, or if you would like to help Amanda's family in their efforts, please let us know in the parish office. Please keep Amanda's family in your prayers, and may Amanda rest in peace

Thank You: Last weekend's collection was \$3,438.25. We also received \$120 for our HOPE fund, and \$225 in special donations. 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.

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad.

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.

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

Family Faith Formation: We will have our next Family Faith Formation meeting via Zoom on Sunday, Feb. 7 from 4 - 5 p.m. Everyone is invited! Our topic will be Lent. The Zoom link will be on our website or you can contact Deacon Jerry at 863-4800.

Lent: Are you looking for a way for you and your family to put your faith into action this Lent? We are bringing Catholic Relief Services "Rice Bowl" program to our parish this year! Families participate with daily reflections and activities through Lent that include prayers, fasting and almsgiving to help change the lives of those who suffer in poverty around the world. Watch for more details in the next couple weeks and get ready to pick up your "Rice Bowl." Any questions, please contact Deacon Jerry at 863-4800.

Mass Restrictions UPDATE:

Starting this weekend, January 23-24, we will be increasing our in-church capacity at our weekend Masses from 25 to 35. Please see the cover of this bulletin for all the details. We try hard to listen to the voices of the parishioners, including the Parish Council and Parish Staff, in making these decisions.

Solar: We are starting to form a committee to find funding for solar panels for the church complex. Also we are looking for someone to do a site study to determine cost and feasibility. If you know of anyone that could do this study or if you are interested in joining this committee contact John Birks at clestates@aol.com Pope Francis would be very proud of our parish for doing this. All over the world, the Vatican is encouraging parishes to do things to implement *Laudato Si'*, the encyclical (papal letter) calling for us to care for our Common Home, Mother Earth.

Youth: We continue to be so proud of our youth here at Ss. Columba-Brigid. Check out the parish Facebook page or the parish website for a great video they made welcoming Bishop Mike! Also, did you know that Amanda Gorman, the Youth Poet Laureate who spoke at President Biden's inauguration, has something in common with us? She attends St. Brigid Church—in Los Angeles!

Appeal 2021 is underway! Bishop Michael Fisher, Appeal 2021 Chair Rick Cronin, and Deacon Steve Schumer launched the Appeal earlier this week and announced the \$10 million goal, as well as **HOPE for all seasons** as the campaign theme and St. Ignatius Loyola as this year's patron saint .

Food Pantry: We are so grateful for the recent donation from the Fr. Joe Moreno Foundation. If you would like to donate to the pantry, we could still use pasta, pancake mix, syrup and jelly. Please do not leave food outside. Call the office ahead of time or bring when you attend Mass.

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 sent a proposal named the Trinity Proposal to our newly appointed Bishop Mike. The proposal seeks to assure the long-term sustainability of our parish. Please send an e-mail to sscolumbrigid@gmail.com if you would like a copy of the proposal. Thanks to the 13 parishioners who joined Fr. Jud on the Zoom discussion about the proposal.

The pediatrics clinic at St. Lawrence Church has notified us that they will be administering the Covid-19 vaccine as it becomes available at various sites, including here at Ss. Columba-Brigid.

They have a simple one-page application form to fill out, which is available in the back of the church or in our parish office. As the vaccine becomes available individuals will be called by the St. Lawrence staff for appointments. Although anyone receiving a vaccine must meet current requirements, you can still register so that your name will be on file even if you do not meet those requirements. The clinics will be held on Friday mornings and Sunday and Monday afternoons. If you have questions you can add them to the application and someone from the staff will call you.

Parish Council: Parish Council Group A (Youth) minutes can be found on our bulletin board in the hallway, and on our parish Facebook page.