



Please pray for: Dorothy & Fran Beaman, Jerry Wszalek, Louise Solomon, Ken Mrozik, Vincent & Maryjane Messina, Fr. Gabe, Rene & Jay Plodzick, Betty Bryant, Andrew Hendel, Al Knight, Bob Meister, Karen Dake, Pauline Steward, and Wilson, The previous names are now in our Pray For book. Call the office at 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 847-1463. Before a child receives the sacrament, parents and godparents have to attend a pre-baptismal class. We baptize children at Mass.

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.

Rosary: Every Monday join our trilingual Rosary via Zoom at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to pray together. To join, let us know in the office and we will forward your e-mail to Pedro so he can send you the link. The Rosary is prayed partly in English, Spanish, and Igbo, and we have music in English and Spanish. It lasts about 45 minutes. Children are welcome to join as well!

STAFF DIRECTORY

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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



March 5 & 6, 2022
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
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Buffalo, NY 14204
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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

Masks are now optional for all participants in liturgies held in Catholic churches and worship spaces located in the diocese of Buffalo based on prevailing guidance from health officials and/or an individual's doctor or other medical professional. Masks may continue to be worn at the discretion of the individual. Out of pastoral concern, the safety of others should always be considered when making this choice.

In our parish we are resuming activities such as the Men's and Women's Groups, Bible Study and Family Faith Formation. Wearing of masks is at your discretion. We are also very pleased to be resuming our Sunday coffee & donuts social this weekend, for all those who feel comfortable in that setting.

We update our policies in consultation with the diocese as conditions change. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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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, 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. 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!

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March 5 & 6, 9th First Sunday of Lent

Sanctuary Candle: For a donation of \$5, the candle will be lit for a week in memory of a loved one or for special intentions.

Saturday, March 5

4:00 p.m.

+Lisa Wilczak by Mary Kazmark

Sunday, March 6

9:00 a.m. +Poor souls in purgatory by Dat Tran

11:00 a.m. +Fr. Joseph Gariolo by Paula & Dennis Hunt

Saturday, March 12

4:00 p.m. +Mary Ann Gatza by The Gzyl Family

Sunday, March 13

9:00 a.m. +Lost Souls by Dat Tran

11:00 a.m. +Marge Musial by the Musial Family

Bible Study: Come join us Sundays at 10 a.m., except the last Sunday of the month.

11:00 Choir: If you are interested in joining the Gospel Choir at the 11:00 Sunday Mass, please speak with our Choir Director Linda Appleby after Mass.

CRS Rice Bowl! Looking for something to do this year as part of your Lenten journey? Ss. Columba Brigid is participating again this year in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl activity. Take a Rice Bowl home today! It is filled with suggestions for prayer, fasting and of course almsgiving. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. We have Rice Bowls in both English and Spanish. They are available on the table in the church vestibule.

The HOPE Committee approved a request for \$1,800 to help a parishioner with immigration issues. In cases such as this, the recipient is encouraged to reimburse the parish when that becomes possible. Please pray for all our HOPE recipients.

Thank You for last weekend's collection of \$1,126. We also received \$375 in Restricted Donations and \$5 for HOPE/Outreach. 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 through our HOPE fund. Also, please pray daily for our parish.

This week our second collection will be for Black and Native Missions.

Are you thinking about sending your child to a Catholic High School ?

On the 27th of March the Director of Enrollment at Cardinal O'Hara High School will be speaking on enrolling your child into a Catholic High School. Please sign the sheet in the vestibule if interested. Thank you.

Spring Ahead: Next weekend we forward our clocks ahead! Yay!

Reminders for Lent

ABSTINENCE: All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

FASTING: Catholics between 18-59 are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day. Those who are excused from fasting include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

A Reminder: Our younger parishioners may have never been taught that it is customary for young men to not wear caps, hats or hoods in church, unless it is for a medical reason. Thanks for your cooperation.

Survey Says: It's official! The Disciple Maker Index Survey is online, and will be available until April 4. **Please help us by completing the 10-15 minute survey at**

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y52x33>

You can request a paper copy of the survey by calling our secretary Karen Helinski at 716-852-3331 on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays from 12-4, or leaving a message.

It will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and to give feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses are confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

This information will be invaluable to our parish as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish. Thank you for helping with this important project!

Our Family of Families Celebrate Lent: UPDATE! We now have an easel in the main entrance of the church with the list of events happening with our Family of Families, including our Friday Stations of the Cross and our Monday CCCB (Catholic Churches of Central Buffalo) Lenten Journey Masses. Please be sure to check it out. It will also be on our parish Facebook page as well as our website. You can also take a picture of it on your phone, so you'll have the schedule handy!

The Liturgy Committee is seeking to refresh, energize, & involve more people in liturgy, especially in decorating for the different liturgical seasons. We would like more people to help plan, BUT WE REALLY NEED HELP WITH THE PHYSICAL DECORATING. (Older teens and folks in their 20s, 30s and 40s would be a big help!) We often decorate after 11 a.m. Sunday Mass while people are already in church. There are other times when we are not able to decorate on Sunday due to what we are decorating for. (Holy Week is a very busy time with necessary decorating on Palm Sunday and Holy Saturday.)

Our Food Pantry: needs canned tuna & chicken, peanut butter and jelly. Please do not leave food outside the pantry. If donating food, please call the office ahead of time or bring the donations to Mass.

Catholic Charities:

As a parent, you want to do whatever you can to help your child. That is what brought one mother to Catholic Charities' Multisystemic Therapy Program (MST) after her daughter was exhibiting several alarming behaviors such as running away, self-harming, drinking and doing drugs. MST is an intensive, family-focused intervention that empowers parents or caregivers to find solutions quickly. "MST was the best decision I've ever made. They work closely with you and teach you the skills to get your child back. ... I lost her four years ago. My sweet, caring, polite daughter. She was heading down a path of self-destruction. **I went from being hopeless to hopeful.** And now with the time and dedication put in with MST, I have my child back. I cannot thank you enough." Your gift to Appeal 2022 helps families just like this one find HOPE when it doesn't seem possible. Visit ccwny.org/donation or text **GIVEHOPE22** to 44321 today!

Men and Women of the Parish: we have a Men's Group and a Women's Group that meet monthly at Ss. Columba Brigid. We meet on the same night and begin together with songs of praise and worship. Then we split into our two groups for a time of faith sharing. All are welcome to come and we look forward to seeing you there! Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 8th at 7 p.m. Any questions, please see either Deacon Jerry or Betty Reiter.

Summer Youth Internship and Employment Program: The on-line application for summer 2022 is now available at www.buffalony.gov. Applicants between ages of 14-21 are encouraged to apply.