



Please pray for: Wilma McCalla, Mary Lou Acevedo, Pat Rosenhahn, Dinh & family, Jerry Wszalek, Louise Solomon, Ken Mrozik, Vincent & Maryjane Messina, Fr. Gabe, Rene & Jay Plodzik, Betty Bryant, Andrew Hendel, Al Knight, Bob Meister, Karen Dake, Pauline Steward, Chris Pinto, 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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Sunday 11:00: Linda Appleby

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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 19 & 20, 2022
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
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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 have also resumed our Sunday coffee & donuts social, 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 19 & 20, Third 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. This week the candle will be lit in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bard.

Saturday, March 19

4:00 p.m. +Marge Musial by The Musial Family

Sunday, March 20

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

11:00 a.m. +Mary Golden by Jeanine Golden Nowell

Saturday, March 26

4:00 p.m. +Catherine Chapman Birthday Remembrance by Dan & Roxanne Kielaszek

Sunday, March 27

10:00 a.m. Bilingual +Fred Parlato by Mary & Steve Smith

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

CRS Rice Bowls are still available on the table in the church vestibule. Use them as part of your Lenten journey to donate to Catholic Relief Services and help people around the world. Available in English & Spanish.

Congratulations! We are pleased to announce that this weekend long-time parishioners Jerry and Betsy Tirado received the Lay Award of St. Joseph the Worker in recognition of their devotion and unselfish labors on behalf of the church. When you see Betsy and Jerry, please congratulate them! (And you might even want to give them a hand in the garden!)

WNY Catholic Men's Conference: Saturday, March 26, 8:30-3 at Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 O'Hara Road, Tonawanda. For info and to register visit cmfofwny.org

Lenten Retreat: to find the link to Sr. Louise Alff's wonderful Lenten Retreat, check out the post on our parish Facebook page.

Thank You for last weekend's collection of \$2,400.83. We also received \$100 in Restricted Donations, \$287 for HOPE/ Outreach, \$1,270.39 from Tithely (electronic giving on our webpage) and \$1,625.18 from electronic giving on our Facebook page. 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.

Donations for Ukraine: So far \$555 in cash has been donated by parishioners for the Franciscan Relief Fund for the friars still ministering in Ukraine. We know many other people have donated online, using the link on our parish Facebook page. Thank you for your generosity!

Our next special collection on April 15 (Good Friday) is the annual Holy Land Collection.

Thinking about sending your child to a Catholic High School? On March 27 the Director of Enrollment at Cardinal O'Hara High School will speak here about how affordable it can be. Please sign the sheet in the vestibule if interested. Thank you.

A Reminder: Our younger parishioners may have never been taught that when we walk in front of the altar and tabernacle, it is customary to genuflect (kneel down on one knee) or bow. Thanks for your cooperation.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for me."

Jesus calls us to help and love those who are most vulnerable and struggling. Catholic Charities offers basic and emergency services such as food, rehousing, medications and clothing. Your donation to Appeal 2022 today can help! If you have already given this year, thank you! **Give the gift of HOPE for all seasons.** Visit ccwny.org/donation or text **GIVEHOPE22** to 44321 today!

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 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. All responses are confidential. The results will help us in our planning for the Road to Renewal.

Check the Easel in the main entrance of the church for Lenten events with our Family of Families, such as Friday Stations of the Cross and Monday CCCB (Catholic Churches of Central Buffalo) Lenten Journey Masses. It is also on our parish Facebook page and website, or you can take a picture of it on your phone so you'll have the schedule handy!

Right Here: The next CCCB (Catholic Churches of Central Buffalo) events taking place here at Ss. Columba-Brigid will be the youth-led Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. (youth please come at 5:30 p.m. for a meatless pizza and rehearsal) on Friday, March 25 and the Lenten Journey Mass on Monday, March 28, also at 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Tenebrae Service: The St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum will present Tenebrae (they sang it here a few years ago) Friday, April 8 at 7 p.m. at Blessed Trinity Church, 317 Leroy Ave. in Buffalo. It includes seven readings relating the story of Jesus's passion and death, followed by a prayer and a sung response. It is beautiful and inspiring!

Parish Bake Sale: get ready for a parish bake sale after the Masses on Palm Sunday weekend (April 9-10).

Easter Flowers: Yes, flowers! It is always nice to see our church decorated so beautifully for Easter. If you are able to donate toward the expense it will be greatly appreciated.

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

Annulment Workshop: Saturday, March 26 from 9-11 a.m. at UB North Newman Center, 495 Skinnersville Rd., Amherst. The session will include information on the recent changes in the annulment process and step-by-step help in getting started. A nominal registration fee will cover the cost of materials. For additional info contact Barbara at 716-633-7786 or BJWTR@aol.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

Job Fair: Monday, March 28, 1-4 p.m., at Bangladesh Plaza, 3101 Bailey Ave. Over 30 companies will be there from many different fields from entry to advanced. For a full list check www.buffalony.gov/jobs or contact jjaskula@wdcinc.org

Catholic Charities: Our parish is up to 60% of our goal of \$12,091. We are still 18 donors away from surpassing last year's total of 37. Donation forms are at the back of church or give at ccwny.org (and make sure you note that you belong to Ss. Columba-Brigid. Thanks for your generosity!

Weed, Edge, Mulch and Shred: On Sat., April 2 join us to weed and edge our parish gardens from 9-11 a.m. The following Saturday, April 9 help us spread mulch in the gardens from 9-11 a.m. We especially need people who can shovel the mulch into wheelbarrows, haul it to the beds, and/or help spread it. Please let Betsy Tirado know if you can help, or let Melissa know at mweiksnar@gmail.com Also on April 9 across the street in JFK Park there will be a free community shredding event (household/personal papers only) and clothing recycling donation drive from 9 a.m.-noon.