



**Please pray for:** Meghan Hodson, Mike D'Alessandro, Helen Weiksna, Milo Dillard, Linda Appleby, Pat Weihsing, Cindy Adams, Margaret Frainier, Joan Scott, Aida Mercado, Roger Ristau, Cheryl Milicia, Barbara Johnson, Mary Lou Acevedo, Tim Richter, Lynda Coleman, and Pat Hart. 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 A - (Youth) Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

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:

Karen Helinski 852-3331 (hours Tues., Thurs., Fri. 12-4)

Email: [sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com](mailto:sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com)

#### Coordinator of Faith Formation:

Deacon Jerry Hodson 852-3331

#### Business Manager:

Bill Marks 677-5656

#### 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:

Paula Hunt 348-0154

#### 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



#### **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

# Merry Christmas!

Despite the Supreme Court decision on church attendance, our staff has decided for now to maintain our capacity at 25 in the church and 10 in the hall; Mass is broadcast on our website, [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://sscolumbabrigid.org). You MUST call in for reservations, wear a mask, have your temperature taken, and sit where instructed. If the church and hall are full you can stay in your car or, if weather permits, in the Sr. Karen Garden until the time to receive Communion. Please stay posted, especially if Buffalo moves to Code Red, as things can change from week to week.

Call to reserve a seat for the 4:00 Saturday or 11:00 Sunday Mass by contacting 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. For the Spanish Mass call Carmen Rivera at 716-847-1463. To reserve a seat you must contact them at least a day in advance. For space reasons we will not have baptisms at Mass for the time being. We are doing this for everyone's safety. Thanks for cooperating. God bless you!

**VIEW MASS LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE** [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://sscolumbabrigid.org), near the bottom of the webpage.

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**OUR FACEBOOK PAGE IS:** [@sscolumbabrigidchurch](https://www.facebook.com/sscolumbabrigidchurch)

**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, and work for justice in our daily lives.

**Electronic Giving:** You can donate electronically at our website through [tithe.ly](https://www.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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## **December 24, 25, 26 & 27 Christmas Eve, Christmas, and Holy Family**

### **Thursday Dec. 24, 2020**

**2:00 p.m.** +Deceased members of the Hunt & Heinz Families by Paula & Dennis

**4:00 p.m.** +Mr. & Mrs. Richard Forrestel by Andrew & Anne Forrestel & Family

**8:00 p.m.** +Fr. Joseph Gariolo CRSP by Paula & Dennis (Bilingual)

**10:00 p.m.** +Christopher Hammer by Andrew & Anne Forrestel & Family

### **Friday Dec. 25, 2020**

**10 a.m.** +Juan B. Irizarry, Encarnacion-Irizarry-Cruz, Leonard V. Kruska by Luz Morales & Family (Bilingual)

### **Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020**

**4:00 p.m.** +Carmen S. Muniz by Teddy & daughters

### **Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020**

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

**11:00 a.m.** +Joe Ohl by Family

***Sanctuary Candle:** Lit this week in memory of Joe Ohl by Family*

### **Thursday Dec. 31, 2020**

**4:00 p.m.** For the people of the parish (English Mass)

**11:00 p.m.** For the people of the parish (Bilingual)

### **Friday Jan. 1, 2021 The Octave Day Of The Nativity Of The Lord, Solemnity Of Mary, Mother Of God**

**10:00 a.m.** In Thanksgiving for Girlfriends by Paula (Quiet Mass)

### **Saturday Jan. 2, 2021**

**4:00 p.m.** + In loving memory of Barbara Nicpon by Roxanne & Dan Kielaszek

### **Sunday Jan. 3, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.** +Ann J. Morsheimer by Andrew & Anne Forrestel

**11:00 a.m.** +Marge Musial by Joe Tebo

**Family Promise:** Please remember in your prayers our families at Family Promise during this Christmas Season.

**Thank You:** Last weekend's collection was \$2,044.14. We also received \$227 for the HOPE fund, \$600 for the Religious Retirement Appeal, \$775 for capital improvements, \$300 in restricted donations and \$120 for Christmas flowers. 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.

**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.

**Snow Mass!** Our annual Snow Mass will take place in the Sister Karen Garden at 6 p.m. on the first day we have 6" of snow on the ground. We will announce it via Facebook and our website, or you can call the office to find out if it's happening that day.

**Cantors:** If you would like to be one of our cantors (leaders of song) at the 11:00 Mass, please see our choir director Linda Appleby. While Linda is out the next few weeks, please welcome Monica Stankewicz who will be leading the music at the 11:00 Mass until Linda returns in January.

**House Blessings** will take place on Saturday, January 2 from 9 a.m. -3 p.m. for homes within a 10-mile radius of the church. We will do exterior blessings only this year on your front or side door with chalk. We hope to have a special addition this year to the blessing. Hint: when we use it in church, some people love it and some people don't!

**Let's Roll!** Our youth are still collecting toilet paper for Peace House. Please donate **single-ply** rolls only (other types clog up their drains). Collection boxes are in the church lobby. We will continue collecting until after New Year's.

**Because we are limiting our attendance to 25 people in church, for now we are not having a 10 a.m. bilingual Mass the last Sunday of the month.**

**Christmas Message from Fr. Jud:** Merry Christmas! Feliz Navidad! Over 2,000 years ago Isaiah foretold that the people who walked in darkness would see a great light. Today, despite Covid, despite no hugs, despite losing so many of our parishioners and friends to Sister Death, despite high unemployment, despite our nation's turmoil, and despite all we've been through as a parish, we still celebrate that great Light. We rejoice that a Child **is** born to us. He is our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace-- Christ our Lord! I thank God for all of you who have not just hung in there, but have risen to the occasion and helped our parish grow in faith and love in new and profound ways. (Br. Tim, Fr. Gabe and I also thank all of you for the cookies, candy, cards and all the Christmas cheer you have given us!) While we are counting the days until 2020 is over, we pray with joyful hope that 2021 will be a much better year for all of us! And, Go Bills!

**Mass Restrictions:** While Buffalo is in Code Orange, we will be limiting the number of people in the church for Mass to 25. We will limit the number of people viewing Mass on the screen in the church hall to 10. In order to attend the 4 p.m. Saturday or 11 a.m. Sunday Mass in person, you **must make a reservation** by calling Monica or Rick at 716-553-1750 or 716-512-1508 or e-mailing [mlzielinski@aol.com](mailto:mlzielinski@aol.com) or [rjz76@aol.com](mailto:rjz76@aol.com) For the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Spanish Mass, call Carmen Rivera at 716-847-1463. If you come to Mass, please minimize mingling indoors before and after Mass. We ask you to please consider staying home and watching Mass on the video section of our website [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://sscolumbabrigid.org) You can make donations to the church on our website or on Facebook, or by mailing or dropping off your envelopes at the parish office.

**Family Faith Formation:** Due to lack of participation via Zoom the past two months, our next Family Faith Formation will take place after Christmas.

**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. (On Jan. 1, there will be Mass at 10 a.m., but no Adoration in the afternoon.)**

**Food Pantry:** We appreciate the food donated for the Food Pantry, but ask that you bring it into the church or the parish office, not leave it outside the Food Pantry door. The Food Pantry is in need of tuna, brownie mix, pancake mix and syrup. Thank you!

**Nativity Sets Still on Display:** Fr. Roy is displaying 300 (of his 650) Nativity sets from 58 countries at the Fatima Shrine, Lewiston during their "Festival of Lights." **It is open to the public from 5-9 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays until January 3.** Private tours are available during the week. Call Paula at 348-0154 or Fr. Roy at 852-2076 for a reservation.

**Communion for Shut-Ins:** If you can't make it to church due to Covid-19 and you have a door that allows direct access to the outside, we can bring Communion to you. Please call the office if you are interested, with your address, phone number and number of people who would receive Communion.

**Scholarships:** The Albert Lenhard Scholarship was developed to assist applicants who want to continue their formal education beyond high school at the undergraduate and graduate levels. To be eligible for the Scholarship the candidate must reside in the geographic boundaries of the Catholic Churches of Central Buffalo: Blessed Trinity, Ss. Columba-Brigid, St. Katherine Drexel, St. Lawrence and St. Martin De Porres.

The MLK Scholarship was developed to help an 8th grade student attain a Catholic High School Education. Our goal is to support our recipients so they may continue to serve in their churches, in their communities and in their world. To be eligible for the scholarship the candidate must be a member of an ethnic minority group, and must meet the criteria stated in the letter found with the application packet available in the church. Deadline to hand in applications and all supporting information is Monday Jan. 4, 2021. You may also call the office for an application.

**Thank You!** to all of you who helped with decorating the church, donating for flowers, distributing food and toys, and the 101 other things that go into having a beautiful Christmas celebration! With only one full-time paid staff member (Fr. Jud), we could not do this without all of our dedicated volunteers!