



**Please pray for:** Joseph, Al Knight, Bob Meister, Pauline Steward, Jackson Liriano, Wilma McCalla, Joe Stalteri, Milo Dillard 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. We are resuming baptizing children at Mass, but will be limited to one family per 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 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.

**Don't delay your goals!** If you're ready to earn your high school equivalency diploma or become career ready, contact Catholic Charities Department of Workforce and Education at 716-893-3500. Services offered for youths and adults in Erie and Niagara counties include tutoring, high school equivalency preparation instruction, basic skills upgrades, employment readiness preparation, post-secondary school education planning and more. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit [www.cwny.org](http://www.cwny.org). Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

### STAFF DIRECTORY

#### Pastoral Associates:

Carmen R.Rivera 847-1463  
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#### Secretary:

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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:

Coming soon...

#### Family Promise:

Paula Hunt 348-0154

**Church Hall Rental:** 852-3331

#### Communion Visitations:

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**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

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September 11 & 12, 2021  
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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: Until further notice, we will not be having Adoration on First Fridays. If a group of at least four parishioners is willing to organize a group that can be responsible for setting up and attending Adoration, we would be happy to resume monthly Adoration. Please contact Fr. Jud or Paula if you are interested.**

The diocese is in the process of drawing up new COVID-19 guidelines, but for now has encouraged us to follow local, state and federal guidance. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass has been lifted, and all practicing Catholics are invited to resume regular, in-person worship. We recommend that if there is room, attendees continue to sit in every other pew. We also recommend that you wear a mask while in church, out of pastoral concern for the safety of others. Though nobody has caught Covid-19 at our church, four parishioners have died of Covid. Let's be cautious as circumstances continue to change. We are no longer streaming the 4:00 Mass on our website, but will continue to stream the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. We have resumed having the 10:00 bilingual Mass the last Sunday of the month. Thanks for going with the flow as restrictions continue to change!

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

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

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**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.

**Electronic Giving:** You can donate electronically at our website through [tithely.com](http://tithely.com). 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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## September 11 & 12, 2021 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sanctuary Candle:** Candle lit this week in remembrance of Joe Ohl

### **Saturday, September 11 4:00 p.m.**

+Mr. & Mrs. Weiksna by Cliff & Donna Eminger

### **Sunday, September 12**

**9:00 a.m.** +Angela & Guisippe Bufalino (Wedding Anniversary) by daughter Maria  
**11:00 a.m.** +Joe Ohl by Family

### **Saturday, September 18 4:00 p.m.**

+Betty Jones by Carol Vance

### **Sunday, September 19**

**9:00 a.m.** +Mr. Thaddeus by Teresa, Nam, Hubert & Alison Kingston  
**11:00 a.m.** +Doloris DeJames by Anthony & Marge DeJames

**Rosary:** Monday, September 20th we will have our bilingual Rosary via Zoom at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to pray together. Let us know in the office if you are new to the Rosary, and we will forward your e-mail to Pedro so he can send you the link.

**Bible Study!** We study the Scriptures for each Sunday so that we feel very prepared when we go into Mass. Come join us 10-10:45 Sunday morning. Look for us in one of the classrooms or in the church hall. Questions, call Betty: 322-1185.

**Parish Council:** If you weren't on last year, call the Parish Office if you wish to serve. There are just two meetings/year for Group A (youth), B (English), C (Spanish) and D (English). There are also two all-group meetings in January and June.

**Welcome to Sr. Thu:** We welcome Sr. Thu (pronounced "to") Pham, CMR, of the Sisters of Mary, Queen who will be doing her semester internship in Human Services here at our parish. Sr. Thu and Sr. Doan joined us last year for Holy Thursday. Please say hi to Sr. Thu if you see her around the parish!

**Thank You** for last weekend's collection of \$2,996. We also received \$214.00 in restricted/special donations, \$262.00 for HOPE/Outreach and \$775 for capital improvement. We need about \$6,000 per week to pay all our bills. We understand if you can't give 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.

Thanks also for our successful Chicken Dinner/Basket Raffle fundraiser. We should know our grand total by next week.

**This week's second collection:** Is for Seminarian & Diaconate Formation.

**We have been asked to help:** The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops requests that we take up a collection for the humanitarian, long-term recovery, and Church needs arising from the earthquake in Haiti. **This Special Collection will take place September 18-19, 2021. Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

**Upcoming Movie Nights:** Hosted by Pat Dyer of Blessed Trinity. September 24th at 6:30 here at Ss. Columba-Brigid, featuring Peanut Butter Falcon. This is for Adults only (over 21- ID may be request) Wine and Cheese social afterwards.

**Ladies:** Save Sat., Oct. 23 for a Women's Retreat from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. here at Ss. Columba Brigid. Invite friends, sisters and daughters for a day to get away and share with other women. It will be blessed and fun! For info please call Betty, 322-1185.

**The Diocesan Hispanic Heritage Mass and Reception** is at Holy Cross Church at 11 a.m. next Sunday, Sept. 19. The theme is "Physically Distant but Spiritually Together." Bishop Mike will be the homilist. Please contact Carmen Rivera for more information.

**Confirmation:** This sacrament strengthens us to be Jesus's witnesses in the world. Confirmation classes will be held at St. Martin de Porres (not here at Ss. Columba-Brigid) on Sept. 19 and 26 and Oct. 3, 17, 24 and 31 from 6:30-8 p.m. There will be a retreat on Sat., Nov. 6. Confirmation will be in November at a Sunday Mass at Blessed Trinity. Classes are open to anyone of the Catholic faith entering grades 10-12 for the 2021-22 school year and older. Call Deacon Jerry at 863-4800 to sign up.

**40 fewer children since 2019?:** According to diocesan records, the number of children aged 6-12 in our parish decreased from 51 to 11 since 2019. We know this can't be right! If you have children aged 6-12, please contact Karen in the parish office so she can update our PDS (Parish Data System) and make sure you are registered.

**Season of Creation:** as we celebrate the Season of Creation from Sept. 1-Oct. 4, we will hear a lot about *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' major document on integral ecology and caring for our common home, the earth. A special department at the Vatican has come up with a *Laudato Si'* Action Plan that will address how to implement *Laudato Si'* in these areas: Families; Parishes and Dioceses; Educational Institutions; Healthcare Institutions; Organizations and Groups; Economic Sector (Workers, businesses, farms, co-operatives); and Religious Orders, Provinces and Communities. Please let Don Thompson know if you are interested in working on this.

**The Men's Group** meets Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the hall. The meeting will begin with some singing (led by Leo) followed by discussion. Deacon Jerry says to please invite any men you think might benefit from being with some holy men of God!

**Our Food Pantry:** needs tuna, pasta, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, and cereal. Please do not leave food outside the pantry. If you are donating food, please call the office ahead of time or bring the donations to Mass.

**Diocesan Road to Renewal:** for the latest news on the Road to Renewal, go to [roadtorenewal.org](http://roadtorenewal.org) If you didn't get the handout that was in last week's bulletin, please let us know in the parish office.

**Choctoberfest!** Support our neighbors Family Promise by attending their annual Choctoberfest on Thursday, Sept. 16 at Flying Bison Brewery. Tickets are \$40 at the door or \$35 online at [www.fpwny.org](http://www.fpwny.org) Enjoy great chocolate, and at the same time support a great cause. Flying Bison will have the limited edition "Friar Jud's Brown Ale" on tap for the occasion.

**FertilityCare:** Getting to the root cause of infertility issues is the goal of The Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System. Couples are taught to understand the naturally-occurring phases of fertility and infertility in a woman's cycle. Whether trying to conceive, avoid or space your pregnancies naturally, we can help! Professional instruction is available through Catholic Health. Please call with questions or to pre-register for any of these upcoming Introductory Sessions:

-Buffalo Mercy Hospital (828-2493) on Tues., 9/14, Tues., 10/5 or Tues., 11/9 at 7 p.m.

-Sisters Hospital (862-1944) on Sat., 9/25, Sat., 10/23 or Sat., 11/20 at 10:30 a.m.

Go to [Chsbuffalo.org/nfp](http://Chsbuffalo.org/nfp) for more info.

**National Migration Week 2021** takes place September 20-26, This year's theme is "Towards an ever wider 'we'".