



Please pray for: Bob Meister, Donna O'Connor, Bill Dunford, Gary Maloney, Regina Lewis, Melinda Emminger, Stella Amadi, Marbel Davis, Linda Thaler, Carol Duffie, Joe Moreno Sr., Katie Smith, Harold Harden, Peggy Wolf, Diane Hanny, Betty Bryant, Jackson Liriano 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 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.

Catholic Charities Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, friars and friends, we have attained 102% of our 2021 Catholic Charities goal of \$10,210. We also surpassed the amount we raised in last year's appeal, a great achievement considering the economic challenges caused by the pandemic. God bless you for your goodness!

STAFF DIRECTORY

Pastoral Associates:

Carmen R. Rivera 847-1463
Paula Hunt 348-0154

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Coordinator of Faith Formation:

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Bill Marks 677-5656

Music Ministers:

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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Fundraising Committee: Monica Zielinski
mzielinski@aol.com 716 553-1750

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



April 24 & 25, 2021
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

Adoration: We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the first Friday of the month from 1-3 p.m. Please wear a mask and sit (or kneel) socially distanced. The next First Friday Adoration will be May 7.

Our in-church capacity at Mass is 75. We are no longer using the church hall to show the Mass via video. At Mass you will still be asked to wear a mask, to sit only in the indicated pews, and to use hand sanitizer. 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 for now we will only be taking reservations for the upcoming week's 11:00 Mass. To give more people the chance to attend Mass, please understand that you might not be able to attend 11:00 Mass on consecutive weeks. Thank you for your cooperation. You will not need to register for 4 p.m. Saturday Mass or 9 a.m. Spanish Sunday Mass, as attendance in the past has not reached 75 for those Masses. The other procedures for those Masses will remain in place.

To reserve a spot for the 11:00 Sunday Mass contact Monica Zielinski mzielinski@aol.com 716-553-1750 or Rick Zielinski rjz76@aol.com 716-512-1508.

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations Weekend—Please Pray for Vocations

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

OUR WEBSITE IS: sscolumbabrigid.org

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 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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837-7100

3060 Abbott Rd.
(near Lake)
823-4812

102 Linwood Ave.
(near Summer)
886-5363

April 24 & 25, 2021 4th Sunday of Easter

Sanctuary Candle: *Lit this week in remembrance of deceased members of the DiFrancesco Family by Catherine M. Detmers*

Saturday April 24, 2021

4:00 p.m. For the people of the parish

Sunday April 25, 2021

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

11:00 a.m. +Joylee Warzel Moonan by Jere-dith Nolan

Saturday May 1, 2021

4:00 p.m. +Frances Lewandowski by Dan & Roxanne Kielaszek

Sunday May 2, 2021

9:00 a.m. +Diane Musial by +Marge Musial

11:00 a.m. +Ann Alberalla by Joanne & Pat Monemarano

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

Road to Renewal - We have not yet received a response from the diocese regarding our Trinity Proposal. We are still moving ahead though with creative ways to keep our parish renewed. The success of our past two Lenten series on *Laudato Si'* and *Fratelli Tutti* indicate that those documents could be important foundational pieces of the Road to Renewal. We plan to discuss that at our next two Parish Council meetings. If you would like a copy of the ideas, contact Fr. Jud.

Sister Karen's Garden! Be sure to check out the bricks in Sr. Karen's garden. They are all cleaned up! Anyone interested in purchasing a brick in remembrance of someone please call the parish office. Also, the Tree of Life in the vestibule has leaves available for people or groups making donations to the parish. Contact the parish office if you are interested in that as well.

Thank You for last weekend's collection of \$3,161.03. We also received \$750 for Capital Improvements, \$75 in restricted donations and \$55 for our HOPE fund. We need about \$6,000 per week to pay all our bills. 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 during this difficult time through our HOPE fund. Please pray daily for our parish. Our next special collection will be May 29 & 30 for the Church in Latin America & Church in Africa.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life—especially in our diocese. May Jesus raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you feel the call, talk with Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

Cardinal O'Hara High School Spring

Open House: take a virtual tour on April 27 at 6:30 p.m. O'Hara students will lead a tour of the 17-acre campus and discuss the opportunities available including more than 50 sports teams and clubs. Explore the school's culinary professional kitchen, new science labs, fine arts, engineering and world languages. For more information contact Thomas Wilkie at 695-2600 ext. 357 or visit www.cardinalohara.com.

Free cancer screenings offered in Erie

County: Don't let lack of health insurance or high out-of-pocket costs keep you from peace of mind. Mammograms, pap tests and colon cancer screen costs are covered by the Erie County Cancer Services Program as part of a statewide initiative for those with little or no health insurance. Call 858-7379 or visit www.cspwny.org. Regular screening tests can improve and save your life!

Parish Council: Group D will meet April 27th at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Ride for Roswell: Thanks to generous donors, Fr. Jud has surpassed his fundraising goal and is eligible to ride in the Ride for Roswell Peloton to UB the night before the actual Ride. Regardless of whether you donate, if you would like Fr. Jud to pray for you or anyone else affected by cancer while he rides, please let him know. If you would like to donate, please go to rideforroswell.org, click on "Find a Rider" and type in William Weiksnar. (Did you know William is Fr. Jud's real first name?) If you prefer, you could instead write a check to Ride for Roswell. Even better, maybe you would like to ride this year and raise money for Roswell Park! There are many routes and dates to choose from. Instructions are on that same website.

Mary's Day at Fatima Shrine: We will not have an official parish trip to Fatima Shrine in Lewiston the weekend of May 1-2. However, if you would like to go as an individual or a family, check their website at <https://fatimashrine.com/> to see the events for the weekend including the Rosary, Adoration, a procession, and a Healing Mass.

Mrs. Helen Weiksnar, Rest in Peace! Mrs. Helen Weiksnar, Fr. Jud's and Melissa's mother, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 22. The night before, all her children and one of her nieces were able to pray with her at her bedside as she was anointed and received Viaticum (Communion). An hour before she died, Helen opened her eyes briefly and Fr. Jud was able to say goodbye to her. He also told her that she would have a beautiful funeral Mass at Ss. Columba-Brigid. Thank you all for your prayers for Helen over these past months, which have been so difficult due to Covid and the isolation it brought about. She missed coming to church so much! (As of the printing of this bulletin funeral arrangements have not been made, but please check the parish Facebook page or call the Parish Office.)

Food Pantry: We can use pasta, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, beans (not green or black) and canned fruit. Do not leave food outside the pantry. Call the office ahead of time or bring to Mass.

Stamps: The office is in need of stamps. If you could help, it would be greatly appreciated.

Rice Bowl: Please place your Rice Bowls with your donations to Catholic Relief Services in the large baskets at any of the Masses this weekend. Thank you to all who participated in Rice Bowl this year.

East Side Garden Walk: If you live in the city north of the 190 and east of Main, consider registering your garden for the 2021 East Side Garden Walk which will be held on July 17th. It's free, low-key, and easy. Pick up an info card at church, or check out <https://www.gardensbuffaloniagara.com/esgw-2021>. Deadline is May 15th. Your garden needn't be big or fancy - even flower pots and hanging baskets on your front porch show your love and build community!

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthday in May!

Judy Staszczyk, Marguerite Kennedy, Anthony Liriano, Robert Klinko, Pedro Liriano, Anthony DeJames, Jerry Davis, Jean Marie Dimiyo, Arsema Teklzghi, Joan Scott, Karen Helinski, Sharon Wojtulski, Clifford Emminger, Minia Teklzghi, Katherine Nowak and Bentley Virella.

Western New York Catholic: Although the diocesan newspaper is no longer published in a print edition, you can still read it online at wnycatholic.org. It includes many articles and photos, and is updated regularly.