



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 met and surpassed 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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Sunday 9:00: Pedro Rivera
Sunday 11:00: Linda Appleby

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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



April 17 & 18, 2021
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

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.

Remember to do something green for Earth Day, Thursday, April 22!

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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, and work for justice in our daily lives.

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, especially in these days when we cannot have everyone here in person.

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3060 Abbott Rd.
(near Lake)
823-4812

102 Linwood Ave.
(near Summer)
886-5363

April 17 & 18, 2021 3rd Sunday of Easter

Sanctuary Candle: *Lit this week for special intentions for Mike D'Allesandro. "Good Luck," we're praying for you. By Joanne and Pat Montemarano.*

Saturday April 17, 2021

4:00 p.m. +Joe Chisholm and deceased family members by John McCaffrey and Elmer Chisholm and families

Sunday April 18, 2021

9:00 a.m. +Fr. Joe Moreno by Maria Bufalino

11:00 a.m. +Phyllis, Al and Diane Musial by +Marge Musial

Saturday April 24, 2021

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

Sunday April 24, 2021

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

11:00 a.m. +Joylee Warzel Moonan by Jeredith Nolan

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 \$2,423. We also received a special Easter unrestricted donation of \$5,000, and \$205 for Capital Improvements. 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 April 24-25 for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Family Promise of Western New York is an emergency shelter for families experiencing homelessness in our community:

After significant renovations last year, Family Promise re-opened to the community in September able to house twice as many families in a permanent shelter in the City of Buffalo. Since reopening, Family Promise has served 21 families and most of the guests served are children. **Family Promise is hosting a VIRTUAL Meat Raffle on Thursday, April 22 - tickets must be purchased in advance and you do not have to be present to win.** To purchase tickets, go to: <https://fpwny.org/virtual-meat-raffle> Help support the mission of Family Promise to keep families together!

Our Blessed Mother: During the month of May we remember our Blessed Mother Mary. A beautiful procession honoring Mary will take place at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Lewiston on Saturday, May 1. We will leave our church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. You are welcome to join us or drive yourself. If interested please sign the sheet in the vestibule. After honoring our Blessed Mother with praying the rosary and songs of joy, we will attend Mass. Lunch will not be provided, so please bring your own. Also, remember we have a Zoom Rosary every Monday at 7 p.m.. To join, look for the link on our Facebook page, or send an e-mail to the parish office at sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com and we will send you the link.

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

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

Ride for Roswell: Fr. Jud is riding in the Ride for Roswell once again this year on August 7 to raise funds for cancer research at Roswell Park. With just \$44 more in donations he'll hit the \$2,500 mark and be eligible to ride in the Peloton the night before from Roswell Park to UB. If you would like to donate you can 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.

Spring Sweep In commemoration of Earth Day (April 22), on Saturday, April 24 we have room for nine parishioners to participate in the Buffalo-Niagara Waterkeeper Spring Sweep. We will be cleaning up along the West River Bike Trail on Grand Island. We will leave the parish at 10:30 a.m. and return by 1 p.m. Reservations are required! If you are interested, send an e-mail to sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com or send a message to the parish Facebook page. We will take the parish van, but if you prefer to use your own transportation you are free to do so. Sorry that we are limited to the first nine people to sign up. (In 2019, 14 parishioners participated in a Buffalo-Niagara Waterkeeper cleanup of LaSalle Park, now known as Centennial Park and had a great time!) If you would like to sign up for as an individual or a family for another date or location, look for Spring Sweep at bnwaterkeeper.org

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.

SSJ Sister Karen Klimczak Center for Nonviolence: will present "Media Madness" online via Zoom and Facebook on Sunday, April 18 at 3 p.m. Rev. Frederick A. Gelsey, Sr. will present "Providing Youth Alternatives to Violence." We will also be introducing "The Youth Homicide Education and Prevention Media Arts Project."

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!

Vocations: Today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles begins Peter's first sermon in the streets of Jerusalem. Our Church is in need of good preachers today! Do you have a clever way with words? Maybe God is calling you to the pulpit! Find out by contacting the Vocations Office at 847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.