



Please pray for: Bill Dunford, Margaret Frainer, Gary Maloney, Regina Lewis, Melinda Emminger, Stella Amadi, Marbel Davis, Linda Thaler, Dick Baldwin, Carol Duffie, Joe Moreno Sr., Katie Smith, Harold Harden, Peggy Wolf, Diane Hanny, 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.

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: We are at 68% of our parish goal of \$10,210 for this year's Catholic Charities Appeal.

Thanks to all who have already given! This weekend Carol Moran, Chief Development Officer of Catholic Charities, will be speaking after Communion at our 4:00 and 11:00 Masses.

STAFF DIRECTORY

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Sunday 11:00: Linda Appleby

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Saturday Mass:

4 p.m. Margaret Frainer 834-8296

Sunday Mass:

9 a.m. Carmen R. Rivera 847-1463
11 a.m. Sandy Villa 885-6706



March 20 & 21, 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. Our next Adoration will be on Holy Thursday after the 7 p.m. Mass until 11 p.m. The next First Friday Adoration will be May 7 due to Good Friday being April 2.

Our in-church capacity at Mass remains at 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.

We will not have baptisms at Mass for the time being. We are doing this for everyone's safety.

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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, 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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(near Summer)
886-5363

March 20 & 21, 2021 5th Sunday in Lent

Sanctuary Candle: Lit this week in remembrance of Frank Pytel by Joanne & Pat Montemarano

Saturday March 20, 2021

4:00 p.m. +Jim & Marge Gaglione by Joanne and Pat Montemarano

Sunday March 21, 2021

9:00 a.m. Special Intentions for healing of Carol Duffie by Ariyanna, Layla, Zoey & Ben
11:00 a.m. +Joe Ohl by Betty Kennedy

Saturday March 27, 2021

4:00 p.m. Frank & Theresa Skupski by Joanne and Pat Montemarano

Sunday March 28, 2021

9:00 a.m. +Andres Moreira by Cecilia Ross
11:00 a.m. +Carmen S. Muniz by Teddy and daughters.

Altar Servers: We are able to have servers at Mass again. Please call Sandy at 885-6706 to let her know when you are available to serve, or if you would like to become a server.

Men's Group: next meeting will be in April. Keep your eyes open for the date. Men, join us for faith sharing, prayer and music. Questions? Please see Deacon Jerry.

Can you help? The Liturgy committee can use your help when we decorate for Palm Sunday. Please join us this Sunday, March 21 at 12:30 p.m. (after the 11:00 Mass). Thank you in advance!

Buffalo Urban League Scholarship Program 2021

To be eligible for the scholarship you must be a High School senior or recent HSE/GED recipient (within the current academic year), who plans to attend college or vocational school in the fall of 2021. The deadline for returning this application is April 2, 2021. Please call the office if you would like an application. This is a great opportunity!

Thank You: Last weekend's collection of \$2,848.60 included a \$100 unrestricted donation and \$260.77 through our website Donate button. We also received \$750 for Capital Improvements, \$58 for our HOPE Fund, \$100 for Fuel, and \$220 in restricted donations. 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 2, Good Friday, for the Holy Land.

Bilingual Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7:00 p.m. (except for Good Friday when they will be at noon). You may also view by going to our website at sscolumbabrigid.org.

Lenten Penance Service: Monday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m., along with our sister CCCB parishes, here at Ss. Columba-Brigid. The **Zoom Rosary** on March 22 will be at 6 p.m., so Rosary prayers can also attend the Penance Service if they wish.

Parish Council: Group C will meet March 23 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Chrism Mass: the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral is March 30 at 7 p.m., but you must have a ticket. Call 854-5855 or email stjccathedral@buffalodiocese.org to reserve a ticket/express interest in attending.

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

Gardenin' Angels : We will meet April 10th to lay mulch! The time will be in next weeks bulletin. Contact Betsy Tirado or Melissa Weiksnar, or leave a message in the parish office and we will forward it.

Easter Flowers: We received \$120 last week. To donate, use the envelopes in the back of church that may be placed in the collection basket or donation boxes. The church will look beautiful again this year!

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Saturday/Sunday: Regular weekend Mass schedule.

Holy Thursday, April 1: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 p.m., then Adoration until 11 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2: Stations of the Cross at 12 noon; Passion of the Lord (bilingual) at 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 3: Easter Basket blessing 10 a.m. Easter Vigil (bilingual) 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4: Masses at 9 a.m. (Spanish) and 11 a.m. (English).

Notice: Beginning in 2015, The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc.

("Foundation") began soliciting donations to its "Upon this Rock" ("UTR") capital and endowment campaign. The UTR campaign raised funds for many purposes, including soliciting funds for making essential upgrades to classroom facilities and technology of Christ the King Seminary ("CKS"), expanding CKS's role as a center of retreat and religious celebration, and establishing an endowment fund for CKS. Unfortunately, in early 2020, CKS's Board of Trustees determined that CKS would close at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year. CKS's closure will make it impossible for the Foundation to use the UTR funds raised for CKS for their original intended purposes. However, under New York law, when the original purposes for which funds are donated become impossible to achieve, those purposes can be modified in a manner consistent with original intent by the New York State courts. For many years, CKS provided education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministers in the Diocese of Buffalo and beyond. Accordingly, the Foundation has asked the New York State Supreme Court for the County of Erie to approve a modification of the purposes of UTR funds raised for CKS so that those funds can be used to support the education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministry in the Diocese of Buffalo, as determined in the discretion of the Foundation's Board.

If you have donated to UTR and would like to be heard regarding this requested modification, you may send a letter to: The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc., attention Executive Director, 795 Main Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14203 or an email to donor.info@frcdb.org. Copies of letters or email received by the Foundation will be provided to the Court. You may also make a formal filing in the legal proceeding entitled *Matter of the Modification of Endowment Funds of The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., Inc.*, Erie County Index No. 814747/2020. In order for your submission to be available for the Court's consideration, please be sure to send any letter or email, or make any filing, no later than Friday, April 9, 2021

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.

Virtual Lent Prayer Service: "Walking with the Saints During Lent"

On Tuesday, March 23 from 7-8 pm, hosted and led by the African American Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo-Pastoral Ministries of Cultural Diversity. Zoom ID 704 569 6786; Zoom link; <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7045696786>; by phone 1-929-205-6099. To receive an email with the Zoom link, contact althea.porter50@gmail.com

The Church Moving Forward After Covid: (This reflection, edited for length, came from a parishioner in reaction to the homily at 11:00 Mass last Sunday.) Thank you for inviting us to reflect on your homily. First, I think it is fair to say that the Church (the people) is split on many issues and I doubt we will be unified with whatever direction is taken as we come out of exile. With that being said...The Mass and the sacraments are the cornerstone of our faith and appropriate emphasis needs to be maintained. However, I don't think it is necessary at all to focus on the trappings that sometime accompany the celebrations. Using your example --- no need to worry about the priest's vestments, there are far more important issues to deal with. I am pleased with the level of participation that lay people are allowed in the liturgy and parish activities. This certainly needs to continue and perhaps be expanded upon. I struggle, though, with how sisters and brothers have been minimized in the church. They are given less responsibility/authority than a permanent deacon even though they have dedicated their life to God. Especially as the church struggles with steadily diminishing numbers of clergy why are these religious people not utilized and recognized as the resource they can be?

Bigger picture is Catholic Social Teaching – what it means and how it can be implemented. This is a challenge for many. I think most of us agree with many of its tenets but it's also a challenge for many to accept all of it and then to act upon it. I also believe that the phrase is becoming more commonly known but there remains a lack of understanding as to what Catholic Social Teaching is. It is here where I believe the Church's emphasis needs to be – explaining it to the people and then encouraging/helping them to act on it as a means of expressing our faith. I think this will be a challenge because so many of us are comfortable just going to weekly Mass and adding to the collection basket. Actively engaging in CST can be uncomfortable and many (most) of us will need direction to be effective. It is my hope that during the time of transition the Church leadership will focus on engaging and energizing its people. Thank you again for pushing me to think and allowing me to share my thoughts.