



Please pray for: Stephanie Gladden, Chris Ferrucci, Chad, Marshall Maxwell, Michael Brady, Jerome Singletary, Dennis Adams, Alex Talowski, Carol Duffie, Michael Farkas, Mary Lou Acevedo, Louise Solomon, Ken Mrozik, Pauline Steward, Chris Pinto, Aida Mercado, Roland Autry, Steve Polichette and Peggy Wolf. Previous names are in our pray for book. Call the office to add a name to this prayer list, or to include it in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

Bible Study: Study the Mass readings Sunday mornings 10:00-10:45 (except when we have 10:00 Mass). Call Betty at 716-322-1185 for more info.

Sacraments

Baptism: Call Carmen at 716-847-1463. Parents and godparents must attend a pre-baptismal class. We baptize children at Mass to welcome them to our community!

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 must 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, please notify our parish office immediately. Because of privacy regulations, institutions no longer notify us.

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.

Ordination: Interested in becoming a deacon? See Deacon Jerry. Interested in becoming a priest or entering religious life? See Fr. Jud.

STAFF DIRECTORY

Pastoral Associates:

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Secretary:

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Coordinator of Faith Formation:

Deacon Jerry Hodson 716-852-3331

Business Manager:

Bill Marks 716-677-5656

Music Ministers:

Sat: Cory Gallagher 716-868-2047 (Weddings & Funerals)
Sunday 9:00: Pedro Rivera
Sunday 11:00: Linda Appleby

Youth Group:

Please call the Parish Office, 716-852-3331 to leave a message for our leaders Tera McIlwaine and Chris Augustine.

Church Hall Rental: 716-852-3331

Communion Visitations:

Dennis Hunt 716-400-8204

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

Ministries Coordinators:

Saturday Mass: 4 p.m. Evy Adams 716-481-0736 & Carol Vance and Sandy Villa

Sunday Mass: 9 a.m. Carmen R. Rivera 716-847-1463, 11 a.m. Sandy Villa 716-885-6706



Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m. (Spanish/Español)
11 a.m.

Last Sunday of Month: 10 a.m. (bilingual)

Dec. 31, 2022 & Jan. 1, 2023
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
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Buffalo, NY 14204
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Pastor: Fr. William "Jud" Weiksna, OFM
Deacon: Mr. Jerry Hodson
Br. Tim Dauenhauer, OFM (in residence)
In Heaven: Sr. Karen Klimczak

*Merry Christmas
and a Happy new Year*

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO LIVESTREAM OUR WEEKEND MASSES. You can view them on our webpage sscolumbabrigid.org near the bottom of the page.

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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, care for God's creation and work for justice in our daily lives.

Nosotros, la iglesia de San Columba-Santa Brígida, somos una comunidad católica acogedora, inclusiva y multicultural inspirada por el Espíritu Santo para celebrar a Cristo Resucitado en la forma en que adoramos, amamos a nuestro prójimo, cuidamos de la creación de Dios y trabajamos por la justicia en nuestra vida diaria.

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!

Trilingual Rosary: join our English/Spanish/Igbo Rosary on Mondays via Zoom at 7 p.m. All are welcome! To join, check our Facebook page, see Pedro, or call the office so we can send you the link. The Rosary lasts till 7:45.

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December 31-January 1 The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

The Sanctuary Candle If you would like it lit in memory of someone, please contact the parish office.

Saturday, December 31, 2022 Bilingual

4:00 p.m. Wedding blessings for Maximillian Shroyer & Ryan Naso by Paula & Dennis

Sunday, January 1, 2023 Bilingual

10:00 a.m. For the people of the parish

Saturday, January 7, 2023

4:00 p.m. +Gregory Fisher by Susan Jagosh

Sunday, January 8, 2023

9:00 a.m. For the souls in purgatory by Dat Tran

11:00 a.m. +Pat Hart by Susan Jagosh

New Life for refugees, immigrants and asylees. We will have a meeting Wed., Jan. 4 at 5:30 in the church hall to discuss how we can help. Please RSVP to Fr. Roy ASAP at 852-2076. This will be an informative gathering. Pizza will be provided.

Sign a Petition to Bring Wegmans to Towne

Gardens Plaza in the back of church. 592 have signed, plus 98 online on Change.org We learned right after the blizzard how important it is to have a grocery store in our neighborhood.

Important Health Survey: Castner Incorporated, with funding support from the National Institute On Minority Health And Health Disparities, is recruiting adults aged 62 or older who suffer from respiratory problems to take a survey about at-home emergency preparedness. Please see <http://www.rmsresults.com/prepared> for more details.

Thank You! to all of you who helped others during the blizzard: The Lirianos, who likely saved a man from freezing to death; Cory, who rescued geese; Pat from Midas, who came to the aid of Family Promise; and Avery, who came through the snow to clear our sidewalks. If you know of others to be thanked, please let us know in the parish office.

Since Masses were only online last week there was no in-person collection. The previous weekend's collection was \$1,831. We also received \$50 that week for HOPE/ Outreach, \$50 in restricted or special donations and \$15 for Christmas flowers. *We understand if you can't give at this time due to financial hardship. Let us know if we can help you with any critical needs through our HOPE fund. Please pray daily for our parish.*

Our Next Special Collection will be Jan. 28-29, 2023 for Catholic Relief Services.

Buffalo Urban League 2023 Scholarship

Applications are available. To be eligible you must be a high school Senior graduating during the 2022-23 academic year or a recent HSE/GED recipient (within the current academic year) and planning to attend college or a vocational school in the fall of 2023. Applications are on the table in the vestibule.

Good Luck, Sister Thu as you begin your studies at Loyola Marymount University. We will miss you, and we are wondering if you will miss the snow!!!

Check the Easel in the main entrance, or our Facebook page, for events going on in our Family 21 parishes.

Three Kings: Please join us for a Three Kings celebration on Saturday, Jan. 7 after the 4 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. Please bring some food to share.

Our next Men's and Women's Group meeting will be Tuesday, January 10 at 7 p.m. in the church hall. We are going to try to meet on the second Tuesday of each month. We gather to sing songs of praise and worship, discuss topics that are important to our faith, and share our faith journey with others. It is a time for lifting each other up and remembering who we are and to whom we belong! All are welcome! Any questions, please see Deacon Jerry.

Road to Renewal Updates: Family 21 (Ss. Columba-Brigid, Blessed Trinity, St. Lawrence and St. Martin de Porres) hopes to formally begin Jan. 15. We will have many meetings, but there will probably not be any major changes taking place until the summer.

Fr. Roy's Nativity Sets are at Our Lady of Fatima in Lewiston: Fri., Jan. 6 from 5-9 p.m. and Sat. & Sun., Jan. 7-8 from 1-9 p.m. Some are also displayed at Our Lady of Victory in Lackawanna from 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m. through Jan. 8. Contact Fr. Roy for more info at 716-852-2076 or royhope@aol.com

Snow Mass 2023 will take place the first day in the New Year that 6 inches of snow are on the ground. It will start at 6 p.m. in the Sister Karen Garden, with hot cocoa to follow.

Interested in working on Christian Unity Week which takes place Jan. 17-20, 2023 with our friends from Friendship Memorial Baptist Church? See Paula or Fr. Jud

Happy January Birthday to our parishioners and friends: Senait Testamichael Oqbaslassie, Mary Lou Rivas, Natalia Burgos, Christine Ferrucci, Alan Gonzalez, Christine Joseph, Senait Kesete, Jackson Liriano, David Martinez, Jared Morales, Allyson Pinkowski, Benjamin Pinkowski, Rita Rodriguez, and Cecilia Ross. Much love to you on your bday!

Our Chili Cook-Off will take place in February, date to be determined. The price of admission will be \$5, which will include three tastings. Additional tastings are \$1 apiece, six for \$5. Bring a crock pot of chili and get three free tastings, and be eligible for prizes!

Our Food Pantry We will be listing one food item per month. **Cereal is our item for January.** Please do not leave food outside the pantry. If donating food, please call the office ahead of time or bring your food donations to Mass.

3 Kings House Blessings on Sat., Jan. 7: Sign the sheet in the church vestibule with your name, address, zip code and phone # so the Kings can come bless your front door. If you live more than 10 miles from the church, let Fr. Jud know and he will give you chalk so you can do the blessing yourself, or with your family.

XMAS on our Sign: Someone asked about why we had "XMAS" on our outdoor sign, not Christmas. To be truthful, it was to save on space so we could fit the whole message on the sign. But is it disrespectful? Actually, it is not. The origins of XMAS lie in the Greek language and alphabet. The letter that looks like an X is the Greek letter Chi which is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ. Most scholars agree the abbreviation was used as early as the year 1201!

THANK YOU to all who made this season beautiful, whether by decorating, singing, persevering through the weather, cleaning, donating, praying, or anything else that enabled us to have a Spirit-filled Christmas. I also wish to thank all of you who have been so generous, not just at Christmas but all through the year. If I did not get to thank you personally, please don't hesitate to remind me of how you helped make Christmas bright! - Fr. Jud



The Diocese of Buffalo is looking at options for opening a tuition-free elementary school in 2024. Please scan the QR code or use the link to take a short survey designed for interested parents and East Side community members.

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