



**Please pray for:** Wilma McCalla, Mary Lou Acevedo, Pat Rosenhahn, Dinh & family, Jerry Wszalek, Louise Solomon, Ken Mrozik, Vincent & Maryjane Messina, Fr. Gabe, Rene & Jay Plodzik, Betty Bryant, Andrew Hendel, Al Knight, Karen Dake, Pauline Steward, Chris Pinto, Karen Helinski and residents of the Buffalo Peace House. The previous names are now in our Pray For book. Call the office at 852-3331 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 a child receives the sacrament, parents and godparents have to attend a pre-baptismal class. We baptize children at 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, 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

**The Parish Zoom Rosary:** will not take place this Monday, March 28 due to our hosting the bilingual Lenten Journal Mass at 6:30 p.m. You can come before Mass though to pray in the church.

### STAFF DIRECTORY

#### Pastoral Associates:

Carmen R. Rivera 716-847-1463  
Paula Hunt 716-348-0154

#### Secretary:

Karen Helinski 716-852-3331 (hours Tues., Thurs., Fri. 12-4)

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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

#### Family Promise and Peace House:

Paula Hunt 716-348-0154

#### Church Hall Rental: 716-852-3331

#### Communion Visitations:

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**Fundraising Committee:** Monica Zielinski  
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#### 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



**March 26 & 27, 2022**  
**Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church**  
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**Buffalo, NY 14204**  
**716-852-3331**  
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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

**Masks are now optional for all participants in liturgies held in Catholic churches and worship spaces located in the Diocese of Buffalo. For those who wish more social distancing, we are setting aside the pews near the baptismal font for every -other-row seating. Please keep in mind that different people are dealing with the pandemic in different ways.**

**We have resumed the Men's and Women's Groups, Bible Study and Family Faith Formation. Wearing of masks is at your discretion. We have also resumed our Sunday coffee & donuts social, for all those who feel comfortable in that setting.**

**We update our policies in consultation with the Parish Council, the Parish Staff, and the diocese as conditions change. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.**

**VIEW SUNDAY MASS LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE** [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://sscolumbabrigid.org), near bottom of webpage. Permission to Pod-Cast/stream the music in the service obtained from One License with license number a/-729593. All rights reserved.

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

**OUR WEBSITE IS:** [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://sscolumbabrigid.org)

**OUR EMAIL IS:** [sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com](mailto: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](https://www.tithe.ly). 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!

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## March 26 & 27, Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Sanctuary Candle:** For a donation of \$5, the candle will be lit for a week in memory of a loved one or for special intentions. This week the candle will be lit in remembrance of Fred Parlato

### **Saturday, March 26**

**4:00 p.m.** + Catherine Chapman by Dan & Roxanne Kielaszek

### **Sunday, March 27**

**10:00 a.m.** Bilingual Mass

+Fred Parlato by Mary & Steve Smith

### **Saturday, April 2**

**4:00 p.m.** +Jim Walsh by Susan Jagosh

### **Sunday, April 3**

**9:00 a.m.** For Lost Souls

**11:00 a.m.** Juan B. Irizarry, Encarnacion Irizarry –Cruz & Leonard V. Kruszka by Luz Morales

**Bible Study:** Come join us Sundays at 10 a.m., except the last Sunday of the month.

**CRS Rice Bowls** are still available on the table in the church vestibule. Use them as part of your Lenten journey to donate to Catholic Relief Services and help people around the world. Available in English & Spanish.

**This Month's Prayer From Our Youth:** We pray for Ukraine and Russia and for all the people in both countries who are suffering from the war. We pray for the people who have recently gotten Covid. We pray for the people working in the hospitals and taking care of the sick. We pray for world peace. We pray for God's protection, guidance and love during these difficult times. We pray for the people that are sick and have been separated from their families. We pray for world hunger to end. We pray for the people who are in the hospital who are struggling and recovering and long to be reunited with their families. We pray that Ukraine is rebuilt and for the people in Poland, that they have good given to them for helping the children of Ukraine at the border. Amen!

**Thank You** for last weekend's collection of \$2,675.64. We also received \$75 in Restricted Donations and \$45 for HOPE/Outreach. 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 through our HOPE fund. Also, please pray daily for our parish.

**Donations for Ukraine:** As of Monday \$840 in cash has been donated by parishioners for the Franciscan Relief Fund for the friars still ministering in Ukraine. We know many other people have donated online, using the link on our parish Facebook page. Thank you for your generosity!

**Our Good Friday special collection** on April 15 is the annual Holy Land Collection.

### **Congratulations to our youth parishioners on making their First Reconciliation:**

Aia Morales, Ara Morales, Aaliyah Mendes, Betiel Ogbaslassie, Saron Ogbaslassie and Bently Virella. May you always know the importance of forgiveness and how much you are loved by God.

**Happy Birthday!** Michael Logue, Camila Rodriguez, Azure Gallagher, Beteil Ogbaslassie, Elizabeth Tucker, Carol Duffie, Alice Ohl, David Pawarski, Noreen Zaccagnino, John Oehler, Alexandrie Lee, Pedro Rivera, Margaret Frainier, Virginia Oehler, Mara Dijols, Seim Ogbaslassie, Judy Staszczyk. God bless you all!

**St. Ann's:** As you may have seen in local media, the diocese is close to finalizing a deal to sell St. Ann's. The articles state that plans call for a community center and health care facility. Ss. Columba-Brigid would be reimbursed for all our St. Ann's-related expenses. Fr. Jud will share an announcement at Mass. Please see our parish website and Facebook page for more details.

**Survey Says:** It's official! The Disciple Maker Index Survey is online, and will be available until April 4. **Please help us by completing the 15-minute survey at**

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y52x33>

You can request a paper copy of the survey by calling our secretary Karen Helinski at 716-852-3331 on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays from 12-4, or leaving a message. All responses are confidential. The results will help us in our planning for the Road to Renewal. As of Thursday we had 28 surveys completed online, and several more on paper.

**Check the Easel** in the main entrance of the church for Lenten events with our Family of Families, such as Friday Stations of the Cross and Monday CCCB (Catholic Churches of Central Buffalo) Lenten Journey Masses. It is also on our parish Facebook page and website, or you can take a picture of it on your phone so you'll have the schedule handy!

**Fish Fry:** Friday, April 1, 4-6 p.m. at SSJ Sister Karen Klimczak Center for Nonviolence, 80 Durham Ave. Call 716-393-2500 for reservations or purchase at the door. \$15. Includes fish, French fries, coleslaw, roll and dessert.

**Easter Flowers:** It is always nice to see our church decorated so beautifully for Easter. If you are able to donate toward the expense it will be greatly appreciated.

**Let Us Celebrate!** Join us to thank Sr. Maureen Harris for all her years dedicated to "us", the Catholic Churches of Central Buffalo. Our family of parishes is planning a dinner honoring sister on Fri., May 13 at 6 p.m. in our church hall. \$15/per person for dinner, beverages and homemade desserts. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule. RSVP will close on Sun., May 1.

**A Reminder:** Our younger parishioners may have never been taught that we don't leave wrappers, tissues, or other items in the pews after Mass. Thanks for your cooperation.

**Our Food Pantry** needs cereal, peanut butter and jelly, and mac & cheese. Please do not leave food outside the pantry. If donating food, please call the office ahead of time or bring the donations to Mass.

**Right Here:** The next CCCB (Catholic Churches of Central Buffalo) Lenten Journey Mass will take place here on Monday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 1 will be at Blessed Trinity on Leroy Ave. at 6:30 p.m.

**Lenten Retreat:** to find the link to Sr. Louise Alff's wonderful Lenten Retreat, check out the post on our parish Facebook page.

**Job Fair:** Monday, March 28, 1-4 p.m., at Bangladesh Plaza, 3101 Bailey Ave. Over 30 companies will be there from many different fields from entry to advanced. For a full list check [www.buffalony.gov/jobs](http://www.buffalony.gov/jobs) or contact [jjaskula@wdcinc.org](mailto:jjaskula@wdcinc.org)

**Catholic Charities:** Our parish is up to 65% of our goal of \$12,091. We are still 14 donors away from surpassing last year's total of 37. Donation forms are at the back of church or give at [ccwny.org](http://ccwny.org) (and make sure you note that you belong to Ss. Columba-Brigid. Thanks for your generosity!

**Weed, Edge, Mulch and Shred:** On Sat., April 2 join us to weed and edge our parish gardens from 9-11 a.m. The following Saturday, April 9 help us spread mulch in the gardens from 9-11 a.m. We especially need people who can shovel the mulch into wheelbarrows, haul it to the beds, and/or help spread it. Please let Betsy Tirado know if you can help, or let Melissa know at [mweiksnar@gmail.com](mailto:mweiksnar@gmail.com) Also on April 9 across the street in JFK Park there will be a free community shredding event (household/personal papers only) and clothing recycling donation drive from 9 a.m.-noon.