



**Please pray for:** Cindy Adams, Margaret Frainer, Tom Gleed, Erica Seymour, Joan Scott, Mary Ann Logue, Sienna Bailey, Linda Nelson, Barbara Maund, Aida Mercado, Roger Ristau, Cheryl Milicia, Barbara Johnson, Sharon Dettloff, Terry Pettengill, Mary Lou Acevedo, Tim Richter, Karen Dohn, Lynda Coleman, Linda Nelson, Concepcion Vega, Robert Dauer and Pat Hart. 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.

Pope Francis has published a book of his reflections during the Covid pandemic, *Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future*. It is available at most major booksellers. Reviewers have called it hopeful and prophetic. As Austen Ivereigh, who collaborated on the book with Pope Francis, said: "The pope used the mechanism of dreaming, which is a way of thinking open to the possibility of something new the Holy Spirit offers you."

### STAFF DIRECTORY

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#### Sunday Mass:

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



December 12 & 13, 2020  
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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

**Because we are limiting our attendance to 25 people in church, for now we are not having a 10 a.m. bilingual Mass the last Sunday of the month.**

**Adoration: We have resumed Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on a limited basis on the first Friday of the month between 1-3 p.m. Please wear a mask and sit (or kneel) socially distanced. Our next Adoration will be Friday, Feb. 5. (On Jan. 1, there will be Mass at 10 a.m., but no Adoration in the afternoon.)**

Despite the Supreme Court decision on church attendance, our staff has decided for now to maintain our capacity at 25 in the church and 10 in the hall; Mass is broadcast on our website, [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://sscolumbabrigid.org). You MUST call in for reservations, wear a mask, have your temperature taken, and sit where instructed. If the church and hall are full you can stay in your car or, if weather permits, in the Sr. Karen Garden until the time to receive Communion. Please stay posted, especially if Buffalo moves to Code Red, as things can change from week to week. (Note: already several of our Christmas Masses are nearly full!)

Call to reserve a seat for the 4:00 Saturday or 11:00 Sunday Mass by contacting Monica Zielinski [mzielinski@aol.com](mailto:mzielinski@aol.com) 716-553-1750 or Rick Zielinski [rjz76@aol.com](mailto:rjz76@aol.com) 716-512-1508. For the Spanish Mass call Carmen Rivera at 716-847-1463. To reserve a seat you must contact them at least a day in advance. For space reasons we will not have baptisms at Mass for the time being. We are doing this for everyone's safety. Thanks for cooperating. God bless you!

**VIEW MASS LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE** [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://sscolumbabrigid.org), near the bottom of the webpage.

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

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

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## December 12 & 13 Third Sunday of Advent

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020

**4:00 p.m.** Special intentions for Alba Luz by Paula & Dennis Hunt

#### Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020

**9:00 a.m.** +Aurelia Rivera and deceased family members by Carmen Rivera and family

**11:00 a.m.** +Joe Ohl by Fran & Dorothy Beaman

#### Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020

**4:00 p.m.** +Alice Gzyl by Family

#### Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020

**9:00 a.m.** +All deceased members of the Weiksnar family by Andrew & Anne Forrestel & family

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

Sanctuary Candle: *Lit this week in memory of Fr. Joseph Gariolo CRSP by Paula Hunt*

#### A Message from our parishioner Cindy Adams:

Thank you very much for praying for me. I hope I can get better and I hope I see you soon, and I mean really soon! I miss you and love you! (*Cindy has Covid-19; please keep praying for her!*)

**Let's Roll!** Our youth are still collecting toilet paper for Peace House. Please donate **single-ply** rolls only (other types clog up their drains). Collection boxes are in the church lobby. We will continue collecting until after New Year's.

**Christmas Masses:** Our hope is to have Christmas Eve Masses at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., and a Christmas Day Mass at 10 a.m. with limits of 25 in the church and 10 in the hall. If we move to Code Red, stay tuned as that schedule will change. If we need help taking people's temperatures as they enter the church, please contact the office if you could help. As of this week, we could still use a volunteer or two. **Also, as of the printing of this bulletin, several of the Christmas Masses are nearly full. Please make sure you call in your reservations, using the contact information on the front of bulletin!**

**Thank You:** Last weekend's collection was \$1,819.00 We also received \$258 for the HOPE fund. We need income of about \$6,000 per week to pay all our bills. We understand if you can't give now due to financial hardship. Please let us know 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.

**Religious Retirement Appeal:** "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of U.S. religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Thank you for your generosity in the second collection this weekend.

**St. Ann's Update:** Fr. Jud is still having conversations with people or organizations interested in the possibility of purchasing St. Ann's Church, School and Convent. Please pray that the Holy Spirit helps us find the right person to save St. Ann's.

**Advent:** If you would like an "Advent Miracles Abound" booklet that contains daily reflections, practices and prayers please send a self addressed envelope with \$.70 postage to the church. Please indicate if you would like the English version, Spanish version, or Children's version.

**Snow Mass!** Our annual Snow Mass will take place in the Sister Karen Garden at 6 p.m. on the first day we have 6" of snow on the ground. We will announce it via Facebook and our website, or you can call the office to find out if it's happening that day.

**Cantors:** If you would like to be one of our cantors (leaders of song) at the 11:00 Mass, please see our choir director Linda Appleby. While Linda is out the next few weeks, please welcome Monica Stankewicz who will be leading the music at the 11:00 Mass until Linda returns in January.

**House Blessings** will take place on Saturday, January 2 from 9 a.m. -3 p.m. for homes within a 10-mile radius of the church. We will do exterior blessings only this year on your front or side door with chalk. We hope to have a special addition this year to the blessing. Hint: when we use it in church, some people love it and some people don't!

**Mass Restrictions:** While Buffalo is in Code Orange, we will be limiting the number of people in the church for Mass to 25. We will limit the number of people viewing Mass on the screen in the church hall to 10. In order to attend the 4 p.m. Saturday or 11 a.m. Sunday Mass in person, you **must make a reservation** by calling Monica or Rick at 716-553-1750 or 716-512-1508 or e-mailing [mlzielinski@aol.com](mailto:mlzielinski@aol.com) or [rjz76@aol.com](mailto:rjz76@aol.com) For the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Spanish Mass, call Carmen Rivera at 716-847-1463. If you come to Mass, please do not mingle indoors before or after Mass. We ask you to please consider staying home and watching Mass on the video section of our website [sscolumbabrigid.org](http://sscolumbabrigid.org) You can make donations to the church on our website or on Facebook, or by mailing or dropping off your envelopes at the parish office.

**Family Faith Formation:** Due to lack of participation via Zoom the past two months, our next Family Faith Formation will take place after Christmas.

**Welcome to Buffalo Bishop Michael William Fisher!** Pope Francis has given the gift of Auxiliary Bishop Michael William Fisher (Bishop Mike) to the Diocese of Buffalo as the 15th bishop of our diocese. We look forward to his first visit to Ss. Columba-Brigid! Fr. Jud has already sent a note to Bishop Mike offering to show him the best places to go for pizza, wings and donuts. Please keep Bishop Mike in your prayers as he prepares to arrive in Buffalo!

**A note from Bishop Mike:** "I am deeply humbled and grateful to the Holy Father for this gift to serve the people of Buffalo as their bishop. I am eager to become part of this vibrant faith community, with a proud and distinguished legacy of Catholic education, ministry and civic service."

**Never Underestimate the Power of Prayer!** Thank you to a special angel who helped a family when they needed it most!

**Read All About It!** Do you miss the *Western New York Catholic*? If you have access to the internet, you can still read it at [wnycatholic.org](http://wnycatholic.org)

**Parish Council:** Parish Council Group D will meet via Zoom on Tues., Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. Please check your e-mail or voicemail for further information.

**Flowers for the Advent-Christmas Season:** We are now accepting donations for flowers. Last week we received \$40. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

**Food Pantry:** We appreciate the food donated for the Food Pantry, but ask that you bring it into the church or the parish office, not leave it outside the Food Pantry door. The Food Pantry is in need of tuna, brownie mix, pancake mix and syrup. Thank you! **The next Food Pantry pick up date has been changed to Monday, December 21.**

**Peaceprints Ornaments:** We will be selling Peaceprints ornaments in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Cost is \$10. Personalized ornaments are available in the vestibule until Dec. 20. You may also call into the office if you are not able to come to church. The ornaments will be placed on our "Peace Tree" on the altar until decorations come down. At that time you will receive your ornament back.

**Nativity Sets on Display:** Fr. Roy is displaying 300 (of his 650) Nativity sets from 58 countries at the Fatima Shrine, Lewiston during their "Festival of Lights." **It is open to the public from 5-9 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays until January 3.** Private tours are available during the week. Call Paula at 348-0154 or Fr. Roy at 852-2076 for a reservation.

**Communion during Advent:** If you can't make it to church due to Covid-19 and you have a door that allows direct access to the outside, we can bring Communion to you. This idea was proposed at our staff meeting and we all agreed that it would be such a special blessing during Advent. Please call the office if you are interested, with your address, phone number and number of people who would receive Communion. This would take place during Advent during daylight hours.

**Year of St. Joseph** Pope Francis has declared the year spanning Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021 the Year of St. Joseph. Pope Francis did so recalling the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. St. Joseph is also the Patron of the Diocese of Buffalo!

**New Year's Masses:** Did you know the primary reason we have Masses on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day is to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God? On Thursday, Dec. 31 we will have a Mass at 4 p.m. in English and will celebrate a bilingual Mass at 11 p.m. We will also have a "Quiet Mass" (less singing, more contemplative) at 10 a.m. on New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1.