



**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.

**When you are hungry, we are hope.** Catholic Charities maintains nine food pantry and outreach centers in WNY. (Central, East and South Buffalo, Getzville and Lackawanna) and one each, in Allegany County in Wellsville, and Cattaraugus County in Franklinville. For more information on our pantries, go to [ccwny.org/food](http://ccwny.org/food). With your support, we can continue to **HOPE for All Seasons.**

### STAFF DIRECTORY

#### Pastoral Associates:

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#### Secretary:

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#### Coordinator of Faith Formation:

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#### Business Manager:

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#### Music Ministers:

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Sunday 9:00: Pedro Rivera  
Sunday 11:00: Linda Appleby

#### Youth Group:

Tera McIlwain 316-9833  
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#### Church Hall Rental: 852-3331

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**Fundraising Committee:** Monica Zielinski  
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#### Ministries Coordinators:

#### 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 6 & 7, 2021**  
**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

**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, 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](mailto:mzielinski@aol.com) 716-553-1750 or Rick Zielinski [rjz76@aol.com](mailto: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](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, and work for justice in our daily lives.

**Electronic Giving:** You can donate electronically at our website through [tithe.ly](http://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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886-5363

## March 6 & 7, 2021 3rd Sunday in Lent

**Sanctuary Candle:** Lit this week in remembrance of Fr. Joe by Paula & Dennis

### Saturday March 6, 2021

**4:00 p.m.** +Fred Parloto (1-year anniversary) by Mary & Steve Smith

### Sunday March 7, 2021

**9:00 a.m.** +Giuseppe Bufalino by daughter, Maria Bufalino

**11:00 a.m.** +Fr. Joe Gariolo (Birthday Remembrance) by Paula & Dennis

### Saturday March 13, 2021

**4:00 p.m.** +Patricia Wehing by Catherine Brady

### Sunday March 14, 2021

**9:00 a.m.** +Jane Gaglione Reitano by Joanne & Pat Montemarano

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

**Help with Teen Center:** Special thanks to all who helped us start organizing the Teen Center. We will get together again on Saturday, March 13 at 10 a.m. We will be socially distancing, so please wear your mask. We could use muscles and brains, as we will be doing a lot of moving and organizing paper work. Please call the office if you can help.

**Family Faith Formation:** Our next session will be Sunday, March 14 at 4 p.m. All are welcome to join us via Zoom. Our topic will be Standing For Life In All Ways. Email Deacon Jerry [jeremyhodson@gmail.com](mailto:jeremyhodson@gmail.com) for the Zoom link and with any questions. We hope to see you there!

**Men's Group:** next meeting is Tues., March 16 at 7 p.m. in the church hall. Men, join us for faith sharing, prayer and music. See you there! Questions? Please see Deacon Jerry.

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

**Thank You:** Last weekend's collection was \$3,174 with \$27 for our HOPE Fund. We received a Capital Improvement donation of \$25. 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. Last week's second collection for Black & Native Missions was \$332. Our next special collection will be April 2, Good Friday, for the Holy Land.

**Lenten Journey Masses:** March 8 will be at St. Lawrence. You can attend in person or view via Zoom. E-mail the parish office, and we will forward the Zoom link to you. The Mass on March 15 will be at St. Martin de Porres. Thanks to all who attended the Mass last week at Blessed Trinity!

**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](http://sscolumbabrigid.org).

**Lenten Penance Service:** Monday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m., along with our sister CCCB parishes, here at Ss. Columba-Brigid.

**First Reconciliation:** If your child (2nd grade or higher) is in need of First Reconciliation, our class begins in March. Please contact Deacon Jerry at 863-4800.

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

**Chrism Mass:** the Annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral is March 30 at 7 p.m., but you must have a ticket. Please call 854-5855 or email [stjccathedral@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:stjccathedral@buffalodiocese.org) to reserve your ticket or to express your 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.

**Solar:** Join our committee to find a way to do a site study and install solar panels for the church complex. To join, contact John Birks at [clestates@aol.com](mailto:clestates@aol.com) Pope Francis would be pleased our parish is doing this. All over the world, the Vatican is encouraging parishes to do things to implement *Laudato Si'*, the encyclical (papal letter) calling for us to care for our Common Home, Mother Earth.

**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](mailto: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 could still use pasta, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, beans (not green or black) and canned fruit. Please do not leave food outside the pantry. Call the office ahead of time or bring when you attend Mass.

**Lent:** If you didn't get a copy of our Lenten bulletin handout, please contact the parish office. Also please check out our parish Facebook page and website for even more ideas on things to do for Lent.

**Rice Bowl:** This year Ss. Columba-Brigid parish is participating in the CRS Rice Bowl fundraiser to help end hunger and poverty around the world. If you would like to participate, please pick up a Rice Bowl kit in the basket at the entrance of the church - one per family. Rice Bowl is a way for you and your family to put your faith into action this Lent with prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Please plan to return your Rice Bowl on either Holy Thursday, Easter or the following Sunday. Any questions please contact Deacon Jerry at 863-4800.

**Flowers:** Donations for Easter Flowers are now being accepted. If you wish to donate there are envelopes in the back of church that may be placed in the collection basket or donation boxes. If you're wondering, our Easter flower bill is about \$650. The church will look beautiful again this year!

**Catholic Charities:** We are at about 62% or our parish goal of \$10,210 for this year's Catholic Charities Appeal. Thanks to all who have already given! On March 20-21 Carol Moran, Chief Development Officer of Catholic Charities, will be speaking after Communion at our 4:00 and 11:00 Masses.

**Next weekend we move the clocks ahead. Don't want to be late for Mass!**