



Please pray for: Luz Morales, Fr. Gabe, Scarlett Schratz, Rene & Jay Plodzick, Betty Bryant, Sr. Donna Anthony, Andrew Hendel, Rick Heist, Al Knight, Bob Meister, Karen Dake, Pauline Steward, Wilma McCalla, Nicolas Rivera 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. We are resuming baptizing children at Mass, but will be limited to one family per 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 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.

Rosary: Every Monday join our bilingual Rosary via Zoom at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to pray together. To join, let us know in the office and we will forward your e-mail to Pedro so he can send you the link. The Rosary is partly in English and partly in Spanish, with a third language sometimes included. It lasts about 45 minutes. Children are welcome to join as well!

STAFF DIRECTORY

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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

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Ministries Coordinators:

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

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



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)

December 18 & 19, 2021
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
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Pastor: Fr. William "Jud" Weiksna, OFM

Deacon: Mr. Jerry Hodson

Fr. Gabe Scarfia, OFM

Br. Tim Dauenhauer, OFM

In Heaven: Sr. Karen Klimczak

The latest Covid protocols from the diocese, based on the recent Erie County guidelines: At this time, masks are mandated for all participants in liturgies held in Catholic churches and worship spaces located in Erie County. As in the past, the only exception given to this will be for clergy and other liturgical ministers when they are fulfilling a significant speaking role (they should maintain at least six feet of physical distance from others during these limited occasions) and when you place communion in your mouth. Though we believe nobody has caught Covid at our church, four parishioners have died of Covid. Let's be cautious.

Our coffee socials after Sunday Masses have these restrictions for now: beverages only are served; we do not set up tables and chairs, but ask people to stand; and we recommend that only vaccinated parishioners attend. Our parish staff and Parish Council approved this policy and will reassess it at our January Parish Council meeting. Thank you to Cliff and all who assist him in this ministry.

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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 [tithely](https://tithely.com). 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!

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December 18 & 19, 2021 4th Sunday of Advent

Sanctuary Candle: will be lit this week in remembrance of Tom Kutas by Paula & Dennis Hunt.

Saturday, December 18, 4:00 p.m.

+Birthday Remembrance for Josephine Villa by daughter, Sandy

Sunday, December 19

9:00 a.m. +Souls that have no family by Teresa Tran & Family

11:00 a.m. +Tom Kutas by Paula & Dennis

Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve

2:00 p.m. For the people of the parish

4:00 p.m. For deceased members of the Heinz & Hunt Families

10:00 p.m. (Bilingual) For the people of the parish

Saturday, December 25 Merry Christmas!

10:00 a.m. (Bilingual) +Juan B. Irizarry, Encarnacion Irizarry-Cruz, Leonard V. Kruszka by Luz Morales

Sunday, December 26, Feast of the Holy Family

10:00 a.m. (Bilingual) For our parish family

Plan Ahead for Masses:

New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31: 4 p.m. Mass, 11 p.m. Bilingual Mass

New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary), Saturday, January 1: 10 a.m. Quiet Mass

Epiphany of Our Lord, Sunday, January 2: 9 a.m. Spanish Mass, 11 a.m. Mass

A prayer from our youth:

We pray for world peace, happiness, togetherness and love. We pray for the people who have passed away in Kentucky because of the tornado. We pray for those that are hungry and do not have enough to eat. We pray for the Afghan refugees, so they can find a safe home. We pray for people that will be traveling during the Christmas season, so they can have safe travels. We pray for all the people that died from COVID.

Thank You for last weekend's collection of \$2,938.33. We also received \$175 in restricted/special donations, \$285 for HOPE/Outreach and \$197 for Christmas flowers. We understand if you can't give 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.

Last Week's Special Collection: \$214 was donated for the Religious Retirement Appeal. Thank you for your generosity. Our next special collection will be January 29-30 for Catholic Relief Services (American BPS Overseas Relief).

Bible Study: We study the Scriptures for each Sunday so that we feel prepared when we go into Mass. Come join us from 10-10:45 Sunday morning (except the last Sunday of the month). Questions, call Betty: 322-1185. Readings for any Sunday or weekday can be found at bible.usccb.org

Buffalo Peace House, Father Roy's Refugee & Immigration Program: Our Youth Group is collecting Fabuloso cleaner, laundry detergent (pods only), bleach, dish soap, Scott's tp & paper towels. Bins are placed in the church lobby. Thank you in advance!

Streaming: We need volunteers to stream our 4:00 Saturday or Holy Day Masses on our website. If you have a tablet/device that can stream video and would like to help, please let Fr. Jud or Rick Zielinski know.

Calendars: We will **not** be collecting calendars this year for the incarcerated.

March for Life 2021: The Office of Pastoral Ministries has announced that the annual diocesan trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the March for Life has been cancelled. Smaller, local activities will take place instead. Call 716-847-2205 for more info.

Scholarships: The Albert Lenhard Family Scholarship helps undergrad and graduate students who reside within the boundaries of the Catholic Churches of Central Buffalo. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship helps 8th graders who want to attend a Catholic high school. Certain requirements apply for these scholarships. Applications must be submitted in full by January 3. For an application form, please contact our parish office.

The Men's Group and Women's Group

meet here monthly. They begin together with songs of praise and worship, and then split into our two groups for a time of faith sharing. They finish together with more hymns. All are welcome to come and we look forward to seeing you there! Next meeting, Tues., Jan. 4.

Annual Snow Mass: We will have Mass outdoors in the Sister Karen Peace Garden at 6 p.m. the first day we have 6" of snow on the ground. Bundle up! Hot chocolate will be served after Mass. Check our parish Facebook page and website, or call the parish office if you are not sure if we received 6".

3 Kings House Blessings: We will bless the front door of your house with the traditional 3 Kings blessing with chalk on Thursday, Jan. 6 from 10 a.m. until we finish. You need not be home at the time. Please sign up on the list in church if you live within 10 miles of the church. If you live more than 10 miles away, let us know and we will give you a kit to use to bless your own house.

Fr. Roy Herberger's collection of International Nativity Sets from 59 countries: are on display at the Fatima Shrine, 1023 Swann Rd., Youngstown during their Festival of Lights. You may visit from 5-9 pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until January 2 (with exception of December 24-25 and December 31). Bonus dates January 14th from 11am-7pm, January 15th from 9am-6pm and January 16th from 2pm-5pm.

Our Food Pantry: needs cereal. Please do not leave food outside the pantry. If donating food, please call the office ahead of time or bring the donations to Mass.

Events going on this week in our Family of Parishes include:

(BT=Blessed Trinity, STL=St. Lawrence, CB=Ss. Columba-Brigid)
Sunday, Dec. 19—Lessons in Carols, 2 p.m. (BT) by the St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum (the group that has performed at Ss. Columba-Brigid in the past).

Monday, Dec. 20— 7 p.m. Zoom Bible Study begins Gospel of Luke, Meeting ID: 819 4038 6134, Passcode 931309 <https://blessedtrinitybuffalo.org/faith-formation/> (BT)

Wednesday, Dec. 22—12:30 p.m. Bingo (STL). Doors open 11 a.m.

4 – 6 p.m. Silent Vigil open for private reflection (BT)

8 p.m. Bingo (BT) Doors open 7 p.m.

Is Your Information Up to Date? Let Karen know in the parish office if you have moved or have a new phone number. We like to keep our parish records up to date!

Road to Renewal: next steps for Families of Parishes in Phase 1 (including ours):

- Begin sharing events of your parish with the parishes in your family. If the opportunity presents itself, feel free to collaborate. (Penance services, retreats, etc.)
- Pray the prayer for renewal
- Experience, discuss and begin to evaluate each other's programs identifying strengths and possible models to use for the family
- Identify strengths and weaknesses in your parishes
- Identify what needs there are in the parishes/family
- Staffing – what is needed, are there any changes in staffing coming up, positions that need to be filled?