



Please pray for: Harold Harden, Peggy Wolf, Patricia Weihing, Diane Hanny, Mary Lou Acevedo, and Linda Appleby. 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.

Parish Council Schedule: Year 2021
Group A - (Youth) Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Group B - Feb. 16 at 7:00 p.m.
Group C - March 23 at 7:00 p.m.
Group D - April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Until further notice, all meetings will be held on Zoom.

STAFF DIRECTORY

Pastoral Associates:

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

Secretary:

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

Email: sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com

Coordinator of Faith Formation:

Deacon Jerry Hodson 852-3331

Business Manager:

Bill Marks 677-5656

Music Ministers:

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

Youth Group:

Tera McIlwain 316-9833
Mariah Gladden

Family Promise:

Paula Hunt 348-0154

Church Hall Rental: 852-3331

Communion Visitations:

Dennis Hunt 400-8204

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

Ministries Coordinators:

Saturday Mass:

4 p.m. Margaret Frainier 834-8296

Sunday Mass:

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

January 9 & 10, 2021
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
75 Hickory St. (near Clinton)
Buffalo, NY 14204
716-852-3331
sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com

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, Feb. 5.

We are maintaining our capacity at 25 in the church and 10 in the hall; 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. Our Masses are broadcast on our website, sscolumbabrigid.org, in the video section toward the bottom of the page.

To reserve a seat for the 4:00 Saturday or 11:00 Sunday Mass contact Monica Zielinski mzielinski@aol.com 716-553-1750 or Rick Zielinski rjz76@aol.com 716-512-1508. For the Spanish Mass call Carmen Rivera at 716-847-1463. Please contact them at least a day in advance. You may be asked to watch Mass from the church hall, or from home, so that others have a chance to attend Mass in person. Thank you for understanding!

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, near the bottom of the webpage.
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OUR FACEBOOK PAGE IS: [@sscolumbabrigidchurch](https://www.facebook.com/sscolumbabrigidchurch)

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, 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 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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(near Eggert Sheridan)
837-7100

3060 Abbott Rd.
(near Lake)
823-4812

102 Linwood Ave.
(near Summer)
886-5363

January 9 & 10, 2021 Baptism of the Lord

Sanctuary Candle: Cost of \$5 for the candle to be lit for a week for your intentions.

Saturday Jan. 9, 2021

4:00 p.m. + Betty Jones by Margret Frainier

Sunday Jan. 10, 2021

9:00 a.m. +Maria Rivera by Daughters Sandra & Otilia

11:00 a.m. +Jimmy Rivas by Paula & Dennis Hunt

Saturday Jan. 16, 2021

4:00 p.m. + Lucille Wood by Earl & Joyce Hunt

Sunday Jan. 17, 2021

9:00 a.m. +Alton Obrecht by Fr. Jud

11:00 a.m. +Marge Musial by Margret Frainier & Sandra Villa

Communion for Shut-Ins: 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. Please call the office if you are interested, with your address, phone number and number of people who would receive Communion.

Baptism of the Lord: Christ gives us the gift of Baptism, through which we each have a vocation in the Church. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their Baptismal commitment as religious brothers, sisters, deacons or priests. If God is calling you to this, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

Please join us at our next men's group meeting at Ss. Columba Brigid! We meet once a month to share faith, sing songs of praise and pray for each other. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 12th at 7 p.m. in the church hall. We practice social distancing by sitting 6 feet apart and we wear masks. Any questions, please call Deacon Jerry at 863-4800. We hope to see you there!

Financial Statement: If you desire a statement for your donations in 2020 please call the office at 852-3331 or send an email to sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com with your name and phone number.

Thank You: Last weekend's collection was \$2,046. Our Christmas collection was \$5,510, including a generous \$5,000 donation from a parishioner. We also received \$294 for the HOPE fund, and \$393 for the Solemnity of Mary. 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. Our next second collection will be on January 30-31 for the Catholic Relief Services.

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.

Cantors: If you would like to be a cantor (leader of song) at the 11:00 Mass, please see our choir director Linda Appleby. Linda hopes to return on January 17, but while she is out please welcome Monica Stankewicz who will lead the music this Sunday.

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.

Help For Your Marriage: Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times. For more information call (716) 474-9371 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org. The next weekend is February 26-28, 2021. All calls are confidential and pre-registration is required. Space is limited.


Bishop Mike's Installation: Bishop Mike Fisher's installation Mass next week on Friday, Jan. 15 at 2 p.m. will be livestreamed at <https://www.YouTube.com/SaintJosephCathedral/> Because of Covid, only people who have tickets will be able to attend the Mass in person. Welcome, Bishop Mike!

Thank You! to all of you who were so generous with your time, talent and treasure during the Advent and Christmas season, especially those of you who worked behind the scenes! Get ready now for the Blessing of the Throats on Feb. 6-7, and Ash Wednesday on Feb. 17. We will make some adjustments in how we do the blessings due to Covid.

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 or 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 minimize mingling indoors before and after Mass. We ask you to please consider staying home and watching Mass on the video section of our website sscolumbabrigid.org so that others have an opportunity to attend Mass. 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.

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 cereal, pasta and sauce. Thank you!

Trinity Proposal: in an effort to be proactive in the diocese's Road to Renewal process, members of our Finance Council, Parish Council, and Staff have sent a proposal named the Trinity Proposal to our newly appointed Bishop Mike. The proposal seeks to assure the long-term sustainability of our parish. Please send an e-mail to sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com if you would like a copy of the proposal. Thanks to the 13 parishioners who joined Fr. Jud on the Zoom discussion about the Trinity Proposal last Tuesday!



BISON
CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND
284 Delaware Avenue | Buffalo, NY 14202

Have you heard about the BISON Children's Scholarship Fund? We are a tuition assistance program helping economically eligible children attend private grammar schools of their choice. BISON was founded on the belief that parents should be able to choose the school that best fits their child's needs regardless of income or zip code.

If you have families who would benefit from our program, please pass this information along to them. Please discuss the program at meetings, and talk to community members about this wonderful opportunity for the families you serve.

The application process is now open for new families: parents can visit our website at www.bisonfund.com to complete a scholarship pre-application for the 2021-22 school year. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2021. All pre-applications will be entered into a lottery drawing on March 1, 2021. If a family's name is drawn in the lottery, they will receive an email with instructions on how to proceed with the application.

Scholarship amounts vary depending on the family's income, household size and the school's tuition cost. The highest scholarship amount for 2021-22 school year is **\$2,500** per child. Families will be expected to contribute partial tuition towards their child's education.

If you have questions or need further information – please contact the BISON Fund office at 716-854-0869 or email cmdonald@bisonfund.com. We thank you for assisting us in sharing important information about our program with the community.

Regards,

Cynthia L. McDonald
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