



Please pray for: Terry Pettengill, Betty Jones, Mary Lou Acevedo, Tim Richter, Adam Kutas, Karen Dohn, Dennis Hunt, Linda Nelson, Concepcion Vega 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.

Catholic Charities: Is your child aged 12-17 and displaying chronic negative behaviors such as noncompliance, verbal and/or physical aggression, truancy, school failure, curfew violations, running away, illegal substance abuse and/or criminal activity? Our Multisystemic Therapy Program in Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus and Allegany counties can help. MST is a proven intensive, family-focused intervention program that's facilitated in the youth's natural environment. Think MST might be a good fit for you and your child? Call 716-204-0555, ext. 5025, or visit www.cwny.org.

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September 12 & 13, 2020
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
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Buffalo, NY 14204
716-852-3331
sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com

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

Br. Tim Dauenhauer, OFM

In Heaven: Sr. Karen Klimczak

Last Sunday of the Month: because we are limited to having just 65 people in church, for now we will not be having the 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, in a new format. All are welcome between 1-3 p.m. the first Friday of the month, but please wear a mask and sit (or kneel) socially distanced.

We are keeping the same Covid-19 procedures as in previous weeks: our capacity is 65 in the church and 25 in the hall; Mass is broadcast on our website, sscolumbabrigid.org. If you come to Mass you need to register and wear a mask. Someone will take your temperature and instruct you where to sit. Communion will be distributed only in the hand. If the church is at capacity you may sit in the church hall, and if it's full too, in your car or the Sister Karen Garden until Communion. Thank you for your cooperation. God bless you!

Our parish is facing a great challenge in terms of finances. The Finance Council is working on various ways to help the parish become more aware of those challenges and respond to them. In the meantime, if you have ideas on how to help our financial situation, please contact the parish office.

VIEW MASS LIVE ONLINE: We are not currently using Livestream. View Mass directly on our website, sscolumbabrigid.org, near the bottom of the webpage.
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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, 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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September 12 & 13, 2020 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020

4:00 p.m. +Alice Gzyl by Francis Perez

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020

9:00 a.m. For the people of the parish

11:00 a.m. +James Cooley by Margaret McGrath & Family

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020

4:00 p.m. +Marie Marconi by Rita Carbone

Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020

9:00 a.m. For the people of the parish

11:00 a.m. +Patrick Kwiatkowski by Br. Vianney

Sanctuary Candle: Cost \$5 will be lit for the week for your intentions. Call the parish office to reserve your week.

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity at Ss. Columba-Brigid to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. We will cover the teachings and experience of Church with a special focus on justice, peace and the integrity of creation. Sessions prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting. For info please contact Deacon Jerry at 863-4800.

Book of Prayer Intentions The book we bring up to the altar at the Offertory with our prayer intentions is missing. Please pray that whoever has it returns it!

Can you help?: College-age responsible young man seeking a room to rent or a small studio apartment in the downtown Buffalo area from November, 2020 to June, 2021. I'm coming to the Buffalo area to volunteer with Americorps in the downtown area. Please contact William at williamslaplane@gmail.com

Thank You: Last week's collection was \$2,399.92 and \$177 for HOPE/Outreach. We understand if you are not able to give at this time 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, and consider joining our Fundraising Committee by contacting Monica at 553-1750 or mlzielinski@aol.com

This week's 2nd collection is for the Holy Land. (It usually occurs on Good Friday.)

While the weather outside is delightful: To avoid a lot of people congregating in the church vestibule after Mass, please socialize outdoors if possible. We have done a great job of keeping everyone safe during this time of Covid-19, and we are always seeking to find the right balance for being close to the people we love, and keeping everyone safe. Thank you, and enjoy our garden!

Parish Safety: for your safety, we are keeping track of who attends Mass should we need to do contact tracing if an attendee tests positive for Covid-19. We are using a pre-Mass registration list to make it easier for you to check in at Mass. Monica and Rick Zielinski, who greet you at the door, can be notified in advance that you will be attending a particular Mass at: mlzielinski@aol.com 716-553-1750 (Monica) or rjz76@aol.com 716-512-1508 (Rick).

GET REGISTERED. MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN.

VOTE! Change happens, but only if you vote. If you are not registered to vote now, you can do so here on Sun., Sept. 20 in the church lobby. Olivia Marks & her Boy Scouts of America Troop 616 will be here from 12:30-3 p.m. to assist you. We will supply clean pens. Come fill out an application, which you can turn in to us (privacy guaranteed). The Board of Elections will contact you directly with your completed registration.

PARISH ISSUES: Despite Covid-19, our Parish Council has started meeting via Zoom. We still have some spots open, and your input is important. If you wish to speak with me about any parish issues, please set up a time to meet with me. There have been some statements made about me that might raise some questions among you. I'm happy to clarify issues of concern, though I am not at liberty to discuss personnel issues. Let's all keep praying for our parish, and for each other. — Fr. Jud

Parish Council: e-mail sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com to join Parish Council or be our note taker. The youth (Group A) meet on two Sunday evenings during the year, and the adult groups (Groups B, C and D) each meet on two Tuesday evenings.

Confirmation: Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are strengthened to be Jesus's witnesses in the world. Confirmation classes will begin soon here at Ss. Columba-Brigid on Sunday evenings from 6:30 pm – 8 pm. There will be six classes followed by a one-day retreat. Confirmation will be in November (date to be announced). We will maintain social distance and masks will be worn. Classes are open to anyone of the Catholic faith entering grades 10 – 12 for the 2020-2021 school year and older. Call Deacon Jerry at 863-4800 to sign up for classes.

Theme Basket: Let's do it! We are looking for donations. Pick your theme: Christmas, baking, pets, gardening or cleaning supplies. Place in basket and drop off at church before or after Mass or bring to the office (call ahead of time). We'd like to get started on Fundraising, and we can make this "FUN." Once we get enough donations we'll pick a date, hoping in October. Baskets will be displayed in the hall for a few weekends giving you the opportunity to place your tickets. There will be no in-person gathering to draw the winning tickets. We'll broadcast it live on our website, and contact winners by phone.

Welcome, Fr. Gabe! Fr. Gabriel Scarfia, ofm, joins Br. Tim and Fr. Jud in the Ss. Columba-Brigid friary this weekend. Fr. Gabe, a senior friar, will be helping in area parishes, and occasionally here at Ss. Columba-Brigid. Fr. Gabe taught at Christ the King Seminary for years, and we are happy to welcome him back to Western New York!

Scam: If you get a message or text from Fr. Jud asking you to buy gift cards or any other items, do not respond. It is a scam. Sorry for any inconvenience this has caused anyone.

HOPE Fund Update: we are very pleased to tell you that we wired \$3,333 from our HOPE fund to Muryuga Parish in the Archdiocese of Gitega, Burundi, East Africa. Those funds will allow them to install a concrete floor in their new church! Yea! Until Covid-19 subsides, our HOPE fund will still meet local needs, but larger projects here and abroad which would require committee meetings will be put on hold temporarily.

Food Pantry: open the 3rd Sunday of the month, Sept. 20. We need canned veggies, spaghetti sauce, tuna & rice. Thanks!

Livestream: Our Livestream plan has expired and we now stream Mass on our website. Videos of past Masses and other events are archived on our Livestream site <https://livestream.com/accounts/2315534> only until Sept. 21. To download a video, contact Fr. Jud.

Season of Creation

Throwaway Culture: Counteract the "Throwaway Culture." In Laudato Si', Pope Francis brings attention to our "throwaway culture," which "quickly reduces things to rubbish." Try to identify the ways in which you can choose reusables, rather than disposables, such as coffee mugs, reusable bags, or cloth napkins, and commit to making one change during this month.

Cool Fact about our Parish: We only use organic products, not harmful chemicals, in the care of our gardens. This improves the structure of the soil and increases its ability to hold water and nutrients.

This Week's Care for Creation Questions: *What do we most appreciate, enjoy and rely on in nature? How can we come to recognize it more as a gift from God?* Please send your answer to sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com, or mail them to the parish office. We will print one of the responses in next week's bulletin.

What Creation means to me: Send us a picture of what you think creation looks like (a beautiful flower, the smile on your child's face, a wonderful sunset or snowfall - anything that makes you think of Creation) Send these pictures to the parish e-mail: sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com and we will post them and use them as altar decorations this Season of Creation. THANKS!