



Please pray for: Fr. Gabe, Scarlett Schratz, Rene & Jay Plodzik, 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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Sunday 9:00: Pedro Rivera
Sunday 11:00: Linda Appleby

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Coming soon...

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

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



November 27 & 28, 2021
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
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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

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 [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!

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November 27 & 28, 2021 1st Sunday of Advent

Sanctuary Candle: Will be lit this week in remembrance of Joe Ohl by Carl & Cathy Di-Natala

Saturday, November 27, 4:00 p.m.

+Raphael Scarfia by Mr. & Mrs. Zink

Sunday, November 28 Bilingual

10:00 a.m. +Joe Ohl by Carl & Cathy DiNatala

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

+Maureen Curtin by +Helen Weiksnar

Sunday, December 5

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

11:00 a.m. +Kathy Chapman by Marge & Anthony DeJames

Advent Is Here! While you are awaiting the Messiah, please use the JPIC (Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation) Advent calendar as part of your everyday preparation for Christmas. You might even personalize it specifically toward your own family at any time if you choose. The calendar can be found on our parish's Facebook and website pages. Copies can also be found on the tables in back of the church. Sincerely, Don Thompson. (Thanks to Immaculate Conception Church in Durham, NC for letting us use this calendar.)

Special Family Faith Formation: Sat., December 4 from 12-2 p.m. for members of our family of parishes - Blessed Trinity, St. Lawrence, St. Martin de Porres and Ss. Columba Brigid. We begin with lunch at 12. All are welcome, with activities for all ages. Come have fun and learn about your Catholic faith. The topic is Advent. Please sign the sheet in the church vestibule so we know how many are coming for lunch. Any questions, please see Deacon Jerry or call him at 716-863-4800.

Happy December Birthday! Jeri Nolan, Evy Adams, Frederick Beavers, Don Marsh, Sherry Zeches, Luz Morales, Ian Joseph, Jasmine Morales, Donna Buckley and Leo Reiter. Let Karen know if your birthday is in January.

Thank You for last weekend's collection of \$2,694.47. We also received \$5,445.96 in restricted/special donations, and \$20 for HOPE/Outreach. 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 \$247 was collected for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Thank you for your generosity.

Our next Special Collection: December 11-12 for the Religious Retirement Appeal.

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!

Guadalupe: Sunday, Dec. 12 is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. **We will have a bilingual Mass that day at 10 a.m.** Please bring a rose to place before her!

Advent Penance Service for our family of parishes will be at St. Lawrence on Monday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. The van will be available for rides. Please see the sign up sheet.

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 us know.

Prayer Written by our Youth Group for this Holiday Season: We pray for peace, kindness, love and God's protection during this holiday season. We pray for the elderly and people in general that are in hospitals and nursing homes that cannot be with their family to know that they are loved, so that they have a good holiday season. We pray for those fighting for our country and while they are in service so that they can feel joy even though they cannot see their family during the holiday season. We pray for those that do not have enough food, shelter or money so they can find what they need during the holiday season. We pray for everyone to have a nice Christmas. We pray for everyone to stay safe during this season. We pray that everyone can be good, take care of themselves and be happy for the holiday. We pray for everyone who does not have a place to sleep during this holiday season. We pray for everyone to be nice and happy. Amen!

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.

Fans of "The Chosen": there will be a special Christmas special shown at the AMC theatres downtown on Thursday, Dec. 2. Cost is \$12.50. Call the office this week if interested.

JPIC: Can you help our parish efforts for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation, based on our Catholic Social Teaching? Please see Don Thompson or Fr. Jud.

Is Your Information Up to Date? Please 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!

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.

Celebrating Black Catholic History Month: Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA (1937-1990), a self-proclaimed "old folks' child," was the only child born to middle-aged parents, Dr. Theon Bowman, a physician, and Mary Esther Bowman, a teacher. At birth, she was given the name Bertha Elizabeth Bowman. She was born in 1937 and reared in Canton, Mississippi. As a child, she converted to Catholicism through the inspiration of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration and the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity who were her teachers and pastors at Holy Child Jesus Church and School. During her short lifetime, many people considered her a religious sister undeniably close to God and who lovingly invited others to encounter the presence of God in their lives. She is acclaimed as a "holy woman" in the hearts of those who knew and loved her and continue to seek her intercession for guidance and healing. **You can advocate for her canonization by signing the letter in the church vestibule.**

Coming Up in our Family of Parishes (BT=Blessed Trinity, STL=St. Lawrence, CB=Ss. Columba-Brigid)

Tuesday, Nov. 30: Advent Reflection by Barbara Shanahan, 6:30 p.m., BT Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 1: Food Pantry 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. BT; BINGO 12:30 p.m. STL, doors open 11 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 2: Food Pantry 9 a.m.— Noon, STL; BINGO 8 p.m. BT, doors open 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 3: Food Pantry 10 a.m.— Noon, STL

Saturday, Dec. 4: Intergenerational Faith Formation, Noon-2 p.m. CB

Monday, Dec. 13: Penance Service, 6:30 p.m. STL