



Please pray for: Sharon Dettloff, Margaret McGrath, Terry Pet-tengill, 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 re-quired 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 request-ed 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: Facing a hardship? Call Catholic Charities. If you have an urgent, immediate need for as-sistance with clothing, food, shelter or medication, call your neighborhood Catholic Charities office. We are equipped to help you and your loved ones through a cri-sis. For more information on Catholic Charities and oth-er services and programs we provide, visit www.ccnny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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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)

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 ca-pacity 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. Com-munion 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 Coun-cil 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 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 wel-coming, 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 sscolum-babrigid.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 can-not have everyone here in person.

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September 19 & 20, 2020 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

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. Vi-
anney

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020

4:00 p.m. +Alice Gzyl by Family

Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020

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

11:00 a.m. +Rita Capece by Linda Lewis &
Margaret McGrath

Sanctuary Candle: Cost \$5. The candle 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 original book we were bringing up to the altar at the Offertory with our prayer intentions is missing. Please pray that whoever has it returns it!

Baby Walker: Family Promise is in great need of a baby walker. We have a 7 month old that is roaring to go! New (or slightly used) and the walker will stay at Family Promise once the family moves, so that other families coming into the program in the future will have access to it as well.

Thank You: Last week's collection was \$1,976.55 and \$61.00 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 mzielinski@aol.com

Our next special collection is next weekend, September 26 & 27 for Priests' and Deacons' Formation. October 5 & 6 weekend will be for Respect for Life.

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:
mzielinski@aol.com 716-553-1750 (Monica)
or rjz76@aol.com 716-512-1508 (Rick).

Family Faith Formation will be held next week, Sunday, September 27, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. via Zoom. Details will be on the parish website and sent to families by text. All are invited including families with children preparing for Sacraments. See Deacon Jerry for more info. The topic is "Proclaiming Hope".

Speaking of Hope... The youth (Group A) Parish Council meeting last Sunday was very productive. (Please see the meeting minutes on the church bulletin board, or on our social media.) The youth asked to be more involved at Mass every week, not just the Youth Mass. So starting soon, one youth lector will be assigned along with an adult lector for many of our Masses. Please affirm our youth when you see them for stepping up to make our parish more vibrant and hopeful. Adults who want to do the same are invited to e-mail sscolumbabrigid@gmail.com to join Parish Council. Group B will meet the second Tuesday of October.

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 Baskets: Let's do it! We are looking for donations for a big fundraiser. Pick your theme: Christmas, baking, pets, gardening or cleaning supplies, Bills & Sabres, friars, etc. Drop your basket off at church before or after Mass or bring it 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 for 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.

A note from Fr. Gabriel Scarfia, OFM--A New Arrival: When I arrived from Albany, N.Y. on Saturday-Sunday, 12-13 Sept., I received a wonderful welcome from my brother friars, Deacon Jeremy, parish staff & volunteers, and the Sunday eleven o'clock Mass community. I am very grateful for such an open-hearted welcome, and I look forward to living and working with you as partners in grace in the sharing of the Gospel (St. Paul, Phil. 1:5-7). I grew up in Queens, N.Y. and have served the local church of Buffalo as a teacher of theology and weekend assistant since 1965. After three years at St. Francis Chapel in Albany, I am very happy to be back home again.

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 by Sept. 20.

Congratulations to our newly baptized Sesen Fishahaye. We are already looking forward to your First Communion!

Next Gardenin' Angels date: Sat., Sept. 26, 9-10:30 a.m. Bring a mask, and your favorite gardening tools.

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

Season of Creation

Sacrament of Reconciliation/

Confession: In calling for a deep "ecological conversion," Pope Francis has emphasized the importance of examining one's own conscience, of recognizing one's sins against creation, however great or small. Seeing the interconnectedness of our world leads to an understanding that "every violation of solidarity and civic friendship harms the environment." We invite you to bring these sins to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to perform a spiritual work of mercy of our common home, such as an act of "grateful contemplation of God's world."

Cool Fact about our Parish: We are part of a community solar project through which we buy our electricity for the parish. Solar energy is clean energy which reduces the use of coal and natural gas for electricity and also saves the parish money.

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!