



Please pray for: Regina Lewis, Melinda Emminger, Stella Amadi, Marbel Davis, Timothy Jackson Jr., Linda Thaler, Dennis DePerro, Dick Baldwin, Carol Duffie, Joe Moreno Sr., Katie Smith, Harold Harden, Peggy Wolf, Diane Hanny, 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.

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.

In addition to supporting Catholic Charities Appeal 2021 also helps to support the **Fund for the Faith**. Established in 1937 by Bishop John Duffy out of concern for those in need of spiritual comfort due to hardships of the Great Depression, the Fund for the Faith continues to provide spiritual nourishment throughout our diocese today.

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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)

February 6 & 7, 2021
Ss. Columba-Brigid R.C. Church
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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, March 5.

At last week's staff meeting we decided to increase our in-church capacity at Mass to 75. We are no longer using the church hall to show the Mass via video. At Mass you will still be asked to wear a mask, to sit only in the indicated pews, and to use hand sanitizer. You will also have your temperature taken. We ask that after Mass you leave the church as promptly as possible. If you wish to congregate after Mass, please do so outside. Please note that for now we will only be taking reservations for the upcoming week's 11:00 Mass. To give more people the chance to attend Mass, please understand that you might not be able to attend 11:00 Mass on consecutive weeks. Thank you for your cooperation. You will not need to register for 4 p.m. Saturday Mass or 9 a.m. Spanish Sunday Mass, as attendance in the past has not reached 75 for those Masses. The other procedures for those Masses will remain in place.

To reserve a spot for the 11:00 Sunday Mass contact Monica Zielinski mzielinski@aol.com 716-553-1750 or Rick Zielinski rjz76@aol.com 716-512-1508.

We will not have baptisms at Mass for the time being. We are doing this for everyone's safety.

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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. 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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February 6 & 7, 2021 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sanctuary Candle: Will be lit for the week for your intentions for \$5.

Saturday Feb. 6, 2021

4:00 p.m. +Catherine Bucki Gress and Terrence Gress by Ss. Columba-Brigid Community

Sunday Feb. 7, 2021

9:00 a.m. +Sarah Rivera by Donald Thompson

11:00 a.m. +Jose Rivera by Steve Spencer

Saturday Feb. 13, 2021

4:00 p.m. +Birthday remembrance for Peter Villa by daughter, Sandy.

Sunday Feb. 14, 2021

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

11:00 a.m. +Joe Ohl by Alice

First Reconciliation: There will be a First Reconciliation class for children in second grade or higher beginning in March. If your child is interested in this class, please contact Deacon Jerry at 863-4800

Family Faith Formation: Family Faith Formation meeting via Zoom this Sunday, Feb. 7 from 4 - 5 p.m. Everyone is invited! Our topic will be Lent. The Zoom link will be on our website or you can contact Deacon Jerry at 863-4800.

Fratelli Tutti is not the latest ice cream flavor. It's Pope Francis's latest encyclical about being brothers and sisters to each other. We will have a series of 30-minute Zoom presentations on *Fratelli Tutti* the Thursdays of Lent from 7-7:30 p.m., with time for questions and comments. Stay tuned for more details.

Cantors: If you would like to be a cantor (leader of song) at the 11:00 Mass, please see our choir director Linda Appleby

Thank You: Last weekend's collection was \$2,726.40, with \$400.00 for our HOPE Fund and other donations of \$898.00. 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. Thank you for your generous support of \$246.00 for the Catholic Relief Services Collection for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. Next week's second collection is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe & Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland.

Retiro de Cuaresma: The Lenten Spanish retreat will be Sat., Feb. 20 via Zoom, with room for 10 attendees in our church hall, first come-first serve. Look for flyers (in Spanish) next to the bulletins in church, and on our parish Facebook and webpage.

Lenten Journey Mass: We are happy to host the Catholic Churches of Central Buffalo Lenten Journey Mass on Monday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. The Mass will have a special dedication to St. Joseph, recognizing the Year of St. Joseph that the diocese is celebrating. We will also dedicate our Adoration on Friday, March 5 from 1-3 to St. Joseph..

Lent: Looking for a way for you and your family to put your faith into action this Lent? We are bringing Catholic Relief Services' "Rice Bowl" program to our parish this year! Families participate with daily reflections and activities through Lent that include prayers, fasting and almsgiving to help change the lives of those who suffer in poverty around the world. Watch for more details in coming weeks and get ready to pick up your "Rice Bowl." Any questions, please contact Deacon Jerry at 863-4800.

Mass Attendance Update:

Reservations are now required only for the 11:00 Sunday Mass. Monica and Rick will no longer take reservations earlier than the week before Mass. For example, you must call or e-mail them the week before to reserve a place for Mass. If Mass is full, you will be put on a waiting list and if there is a cancellation you will receive a call if you still wish to attend. We have now increased our capacity to 75 people for each Mass. See more details on the bulletin cover.

Solar: We are forming a committee to find funding for solar panels for the church complex. Also we are looking for someone to do a site study to determine cost and feasibility. If you know of anyone that could do this study or if you are interested in joining this committee contact John Birks at clestates@aol.com Pope Francis would be very proud of our parish for doing this. All over the world, the Vatican is encouraging parishes to do things to implement *Laudato Si'*, the encyclical (papal letter) calling for us to care for our Common Home, Mother Earth.

Prayer Partners update from the Prayer

Partner Committee: During this Lent, as the pandemic continues we feel it is still important to pray for one another. It was suggested that we keep the same partner as last year because not everyone is comfortable coming to church to sign-up. (We will have a sign-up sheet for any new people who wish to participate, or call Paula Hunt.) A member of the prayer partner committee will call you to remind you of your prayer partner's name and to see if you are able to continue. If you have any questions call Sr. Maureen at 897-9948 x 103. Thank you for your participation in this important ministry for one another.

Men's Group: The next meeting is Monday, Feb. 8, in the church at 7 p.m. All men are invited to pray, worship and share fellowship.

Food Pantry: We could still use pasta, pancake mix, syrup and jelly. Please do not leave food outside the pantry. Call the office ahead of time or bring when you attend Mass.

Upon This Rock: We have received our latest (January, 2021) Upon This Rock disbursement of \$2,215.35. This brings the total our parish has received to \$22,430.71 with more to come as more pledges are fulfilled. \$108 million has been raised across the diocese thanks to so many generous donors. Thank you!

The pediatrics clinic at St. Lawrence Church has notified us that they will be administering the Covid-19 vaccine as it becomes available at various sites, including here at Ss. Columba-Brigid.

They have a simple one-page application form to fill out, which is available in the back of the church or in our parish office. As the vaccine becomes available individuals will be called by the St. Lawrence staff for appointments. Although anyone receiving a vaccine must meet current requirements, you can still register so that your name will be on file even if you do not meet those requirements. The clinics will be held on Friday mornings and Sunday and Monday afternoons. If you have questions you can add them to the application and someone from the staff will call you.

You must be a resident of Erie County.

The Finance Council met this past week. Parish finances have improved from the comparable period last year. Collections and donations have stayed steady or shown a slight increase despite Covid. Several expenses are down, especially for buildings and maintenance. Please keep up your generous support! If you have any questions, please contact Rick Pinkowski, Bill Marks or Fr. Jud.