



Please pray for: Stella Amadi, Marbel Davis, Timothy Jackson Jr., Linda Thaler, Dennis DePerro, Dick Baldwin, Carol Duffie, Joe Moreno Sr., Katie Smith, Harold Harden, Peggy Wolf, Patricia Weihing, 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



January 30 & 31, 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

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.

Our current in-church capacity at Mass is 35, and 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 Monica, Rick and Carmen will only be taking reservations for the upcoming week's Masses. To give more people the chance to attend Mass, please understand that you might not be able to attend Mass on consecutive weeks. Thank you for your cooperation. Since Governor Cuomo has lifted the Code Orange and Yellow restrictions for our area, our staff will discuss this week the possibility of increasing our capacity at Mass once again. New York State has set a limit of 33% of capacity.

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.

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

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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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January 30 & 31, 2021 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sanctuary Candle: Will be lit this week for a Birthday Remembrance for Elizabeth Kennedy by Family

Saturday Jan. 30, 2021

4:00 p.m. +Ruth Junta by Pat & Joanne Montemarano

Sunday Jan. 31, 2021

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

11:00 a.m. +Clifford J. Emminger by Cliff & Donna Emminger

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

Lent: Next Sunday after 11 a.m. Mass we will be decorating for Lent. If you are able, please consider staying after Mass and helping. Thank you in advance.

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: We will have our next Family Faith Formation meeting via Zoom on 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.

Thank You: Last weekend's collection was \$1,917. We also received \$233.58 for restricted donations, and \$20 for our HOPE Fund. 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.

This week's second collection for Catholic Relief Services helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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

Lent: Are you 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 the next couple weeks and get ready to pick up your "Rice Bowl." Any questions, please contact Deacon Jerry at 863-4800.

Blessing of Throats: We will be blessing throats after the Masses this weekend and next weekend (Feb. 6-7) to commemorate the Feast of St. Blase (which falls on Feb. 3). The blessing with unlit candles will be done in a similar manner to how we distribute communion. If you wish to be blessed with lit candles, you will approach the altar one by one. Please bring a towel or cloth to place over your shoulders so wax does not drip on your clothing. If you are not able to come to Mass, Fr. Jud will be in church to bless throats Sun., Feb. 7 from 12-12:30 p.m.

Mass Attendance Update:

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 of Feb. 1 to reserve a place for Mass on Feb. 6th or 7th. 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. It is usually easier to reserve a spot for the Saturday 4 p.m. Mass than the Sunday 11 a.m. Mass. It is possible you won't be able to attend the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass on consecutive weeks, unless you are one of the lecturers, cantors, ushers, or Eucharistic Ministers that week. Please note that the parish staff, parish council and liturgy committee re-evaluate our policies on an ongoing basis as conditions change. If you have a disagreement with any of these policies please contact Fr. Jud, not Rick or Monica. Please see the cover of this bulletin for more details.

Solar: We are starting to form 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.

Vocation: St. Paul writes about a celibate life in this weekend's second reading from 1st Corinthians 7. Even in his time, there were those who decided to forego marriage in order to give themselves entirely in service to God. Could Jesus be calling you to serve Him in this way? If so, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

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

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 sent a proposal named the Trinity Proposal to 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 proposal.

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.**

Happy February Birthdays! Christine Ferrucci, Marta Rodriguez Perez, Edward Lee, Mary Ann Gruber, Dan Kielaszek, Linda Lewis, Sam Gray, Mary Teresa Losi, Anthony Dimiyo, Cory Gallagher and Carlos Rodriguez. May your special day be filled with much love.