

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. Jan 12
8:00am - All Souls
9:30am - Joseph Locke by Miriam Locke
Sun. Jan 19
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2025 dates are now available to have Masses said for loved ones and special intentions. Please arrange with the church office.

January Lectors
8:00am Mass
January 5 - Myrna Draper
January 12 - Patricia Howling
January 26 - Luke Dyer
9:30am Mass
January 5 - Carol Cole
January 12 - Holy Name
January 19 - Martine Luther King Jr. Mass
January 26 - Ndidi Nwabugwu

Readings for the Week of January 12, 2025
Sun., Jan 12 - Is 40:1-5, 9-11/ Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Mon., Jan 13 - Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
Tue., Jan 14 - Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
Wed., Jan 15 - Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
Thur., Jan 16 - Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
Fri., Jan 17 - Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
Sat., Jan 18 - Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
Sun., Jan 19 - Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

2025 Church Envelopes

2025 Church Envelopes are available in the Gathering .Please be sure to pick yours up.

Requests forms for 2024 End of the Year Tax Information can be found in the Gathering Space.

Special Intentions Prayer for Our Parish

- Our Deceased Members
Our 1st Responders,
Health Care Workers
Our Military Personnel
All those in need of our prayers especially our sick & shut-ins : Lula Bell, Robert Brown, Kathryn Chatmon, Shirley Hargro, Robert Harper, Susan Hutchins, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Antionette (Tonie) Newton, Vanessa Newton, Louise Nolley, Mary Preston, Helen Washington, & Josephine Williams.

First Communion classes begin January 16, 6 PM at Blessed Trinity in the school building. Parents MUST attend the first class. Please contact your parish office if you have not yet registered.

Mark your calendars for the Diocesan MLK Mass and scholarship award ceremony on January 19. Bishop Mike will celebrate this year's Mass at 9:30 AM at St. Martin de Porres.

The Diocese of Buffalo Catholic Schools have open positions available in our Western New York's Catholic Elementary Schools. A package showing the opportunities available is located in the Gathering Space.

"Together, we teach, serve, and evangelize so our students, their families, and our dedicated team grow in faith, knowledge, and love."

To apply: visit:
Visit: www.buffalodiocese.org/jobs-opportunities
Or email resume to Nancy DiBerardino at ndiberardino@buffalodiocese.org

Road to Renewal Update:

The New Year brings a renewed commitment to the road we travel as Family 21. A number of our Pillars will be meeting over the next two weeks to continue "Family" planning toward our future. These leaders are a backbone for us in their optimism and commitment to keep us moving in the right direction! Special thanks to the many in our parishes that worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations worthy of the Savior born for us - lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, greeters, decorators, music ministers, cleaners, coordinators, sacristans, clergy presiders, Christmas characters, bakers, worshippers! It is hard to believe that our Christmas Season already ends this weekend with the Baptism of the Lord. Time, already, to plan for the upcoming seasons of Lent and Easter!

Fr. Bob

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 12, 2025
The Baptism of the Lord
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— Father John Muir

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Parish Financial Information
***Weekly Totals Include E-Giving**

January 2025

	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
Jan. 5	\$3,092.00	\$2,165.00	\$30.00
Jan 12	\$	\$	\$
Jan 19	\$	\$	\$
Jan 26	\$	\$	\$
Total Income	\$3,092.00	\$2,165.00	\$30.00

Family 21 Events Calendar

Sun., Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King Mass - St. Martin de Porres @9:30am

Sat., Jan 25 - Jr. Knights, Get-together-St. Martin de Porres @ 1pm

Sat., Feb 8 - Eastside Partnership Workshop - St. Martin de Porres 12:30-2:30pm (more information to follow)

Sun., Mar. 2 - Women's Guild - "Fat Tuesday" @ St. Martin de Porres after 8am & 9:30 Mass.

Sun., May 4 - Women's Guild celebrates "Wear White-Women's Day" 8am & 9:30am Mass

*Flyers are located in Gathering Space

(The Catholic Question Box) Do you have a question for "The Catholic Question Box?" Send an email to: patriciadyemp@gmail.com or place your question in the collection, and someone from your parish will get it passed on.) or place your question in the collection, and someone from your parish will get it passed on.) . Have questions about becoming a Catholic? Email Dcn. Mike and have a conversation. deaconmike716@gmail.com

Catholic Charities So much has changed since our founding in 1923, but one thing has remained a constant: just as we have for 100 years, Catholic Charities is here and ready to help – now. If you have an urgent need or you or your family is facing a crisis situation, give us a call or visit www.ccnw.org to complete an online assistance form. Help and HOPE are available.

Catholic Health is currently seeking compassionate and enthusiastic volunteers of all ages to lend their time and talent at one of our sites. Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, Sisters of Charity Hospital, Kenmore Mercy Hospital, Mt. St. Mary's Hospital and Lockport Memorial Hospital are all seeking various roles. Please apply at <https://www.chsbuffalo.org/volunteer> or call Lisa Carey at 716-862-1106. Make a difference!

The Ladies of Charity is in need of children's clothing. The Ladies of Charity are a nonprofit organization, affiliated with Catholic Charities of Buffalo. One of the many programs they have to help those in need is a thrift store at 1122 Broadway, Buffalo. In addition to their neighbors who many rely on the store for nice clothing, shoes and household items at very discounted prices, the Ladies give Catholic Charities clients clothing for free. If you can help the Ladies of Charity by donating new or gently used children's clothing, it would be greatly appreciated so the Ladies can help those in need this winter. Drop off Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-3:30 pm

Catholic Relief Services Update:

Catholic Relief Services has provided a year end summary of its 2024 emergency relief efforts. See the Faith Formation Page of Blessed Trinity's website to read the document. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help! Interested in joining our local chapter? Contact Dcn. Jerry or Dcn. Don.

Our next **Subs 'N Suds** lecture will be on Monday, January 13 at 6:30 PM in St. Charles Hall. Dr. Dennis Castillo will discuss Fr. Nelson Baker. There will also be a display of Fr. Baker memorabilia. Free-will offerings support the Fr. George Reger Fund which makes this lecture series possible.

Scripture Studies - Our fall introduction class is complete and participants responded to a survey of different possible future topics, including the best day and time. This is the outcome of that survey. Prophets - in-person beginning January 27, 6:30 PM at Blessed Trinity. Zoom options will be available in the winter months. Bibles are available for anyone who needs one. You might want to read the first chapter of Isaiah before class. Notes are provided. It is suggested that you bring a three ring binder.

Confirmation 2025: If you are in at least the 9th grade (including adults) and would like to be Confirmed next fall, now is the time to talk to us! Those who are not attending a Catholic High School and did not participate in the recently ended Introduction to Sacred Scripture Class, please contact Pat Dyer at Blessed Trinity as soon as possible to discuss catching up.

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There will not be a 8am Mass
 on

Sunday, January 19, 2025.

The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 Mass will be at the 9:30am Mass