

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. Dec. 22
 8:00am - Special Intentions of Erik Counts
 by Nikkei Goodwin
 9:30am - Tamiko R. Ferguson
 by Shirley Hargro

Tues., Dec. 24
 8:00pm - Sick & Shut-ins of
 St. Martin de Porres by Phyllis Wiggins

Sun. Dec. 29
 8:00am - Sonya R. Wilkins
 By Pamela German and Family
 9:30am - Family 21 & 23

2025 dates are now available to have Masses said for loved ones and special intentions. Please arrange with the church office.

December Lectors

8:00am Mass

December 1 - Stephen Williams
 December 8 - Luke Dyer
 December 15 - Andre Allen
 December 22 - Barbara Smith
 December 29 - Pat Dyer

9:30am Mass

December 1 - Cynthia Davis
 December 8 - Holy Name Society
 December 15 - Lurita Boyd
 December 22 - Alice Bragg
 December 29 - Nikkei Goodwin

Christmas Eve Mass - Dec. 24 @ 8:00pm
 Lector

**Readings for the Week of
 December 22, 2024**

Sun., Dec. 22 - Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
 Mon., Dec. 23 - Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
 Tue., Dec 24 - 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
 Wed., Dec 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
 Thur., Dec. 26 - Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
 Fri., Dec. 27 - 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Sat., Dec 28 - 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
 Sun., Dec. 29 - 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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, Shelby Thompson, Helen Washington, & Josephine Williams.



The Annual Toys for Tots project was a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped make a child's Christmas joyful.



An extremely grateful Thank You to everyone who helped decorate the Church yesterday. Everything looks wonderful



"Would you like the 3 Kings to bless your house at Epiphany?"

This wonderful tradition comes from Ss. Columba-Brigid and was extended to parishioners from all of Family 21 last January. If you would like one of the "Kings" to visit and bless your home on Sat., Jan. 4, 25, please use the sign-up sheets found in the Gathering Space. Later in the day, following the Saturday Vigil Mass, join us for the Three Kings Party at Ss. Columba-Brigid.

2025 Church Envelopes

2025 Church Envelopes will be available in the Gathering Space on Sunday, December 22nd. Please be sure to pick yours up.

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

The Church office will be closing @ 12n on Tuesday, December 24th and will reopen on Thursday, December 26th.

We will also be closing @ 12n on Tuesday, December 31st and will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd

Blessed Trinity will again commemorate the **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph** with special festivities. We will meet after Mass in St. Charles Hall for craft projects and a simple lunch. Bring grandchildren, nieces and nephews, invite the neighbors - this will be lots of fun. Craft projects include options for younger children. Make bells - edible and decorative. Projects for younger children are also available. Christmas carols. Families from other parishes are welcome to join us for Mass and festivities in the school building after or if attending Mass in their home parish, come at 11:30 AM. Donations of baked, but unfrosted sugar or gingerbread cookies shaped as a bell are needed.

Ss. Columba-Brigid's Chili Cook-off will be on Sunday, Jan 12, 2025 from 12:30-3:00pm. The price of admission will be \$5 which will include 3 tastings. Additional tastings are \$1 a piece or six tastings for \$5. Please sign up if you plan to bring a crockpot of chili. Those who bring one will get 3 free tastings, and be eligible for prizes. We will also have 50/50 split.

Family 21... Blessed by Christmas! As did Joseph & Mary, Shepherds tending a flock, Wise Men from afar... may we too to be open to the Love who breaks in and pours upon us its grace & blessing... and be lead blindly by its light... believing it will always point us in the right direction and take us to a place we're meant to go. Thank you all – Family 21! – for your willingness to journey the difficult road of these days together, trusting that the Incarnation of our Savior is worth our **keeping the faith** with our footing anchored on the One who is our Way. May we all find great joy in a Birth that, in its simple and poor beginnings, means everything for all time and place! Merry Christmas!! Fr. Bob



FOURTH SUNDAY
 OF
Advent

Parish Financial Information *Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
December 2024			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
Dec.,1	\$2,066.00	\$690.00	\$9.00
Dec. 8	\$3,256.00	\$822.00	\$0.00
Dec. 15	\$2,777.00	\$550.00	\$50.00
Dec. 22			
Dec. 29			
Total Income	\$8,099.00	\$2,062.00	\$59.00

(The Catholic Question Box) Do you have a question for "The Catholic Question Box?" Send an email to: patriciadyernp@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

St. Martin de Porres
Women's Guild & Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary
 Gives thanks and blessings to all who donated to our
Fall 2024 Service Project

Merry Christmas! The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world." (John 1:9) As we celebrate the wonder and joy of Christ's birth, we hope your hearts and homes are filled with peace, happiness, love, and the light of Christ our Savior. Merry Christmas from all of us at Catholic Charities!

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

Family 21 Events Calendar



Tues., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass-St. Martin de Porres @ 8pm
 Tues., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass-Ss. Columba-Brigid @ 6pm.
 Tues., Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Mass-Blessed Trinity @ 10pm
 Wed., Dec 25 - Christmas Day Mass-Blessed Trinity @10am
 Tues., Dec 31 - New Year's Eve Mass-Ss. Columbia-Brigid @11pm



Wed., Jan 1 - New Year Day Mass @ Blessed Trinity @ 10am
Sat., Jan. 4 - Three Kings - House Blessing -- See Gathering Spacer
Fri., Jan 10 - Christmas Caroling @ Holy Cross @7pm
Sun., Jan 12 - Chili Cook Off - Ss. Columba-Brigid @12:30pm-3pm
Sun., Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King Mass - St. Martin de Porres
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

Our next **Baptism Class** for parents of children under 7 will be 6:30 PM Monday, January 6, 2025 at **BT** in the school building. (The February class has been rescheduled to January 6.) Please register with your parish office.

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.

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.

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.

