

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. November 30

8:00am - Deacon Ronald Walker

9:30am - Tracy Lindsay
by Margaret and Aaron

Sun. December 7

8:00am - Deacon Ronald Walker

9:30am - Dennis Riley
by Margaret and Aaron

Mass is the highest and greatest form of prayer. Contact the office to request a Mass for yourself, a loved one or for an intention, The offering is \$15.

Please check for a specific date.

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 : Shirley Hargro, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Louise Nolley, Jacquelynne Scott, Leinster West III, Josephine Williams & Elise Wilson.

Remember Dr. Sister Jamie Phelps, OP , who passed - Founding member of the National Black Sister's Conference, Past director of Xavier Institute of Black Catholics - New Orleans

The Diocese of Buffalo-Office of Cultural Diversity

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FORMS

Are now available in the
Gathering Space.

Applications must be
Submitted November 28, 2025



Because Christmas is on a Thursday and the Church will close early on Christmas Eve. Flowers are scheduled to be delivered on Monday, Dec. 22nd, volunteers will be needed to decorate on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd @ 9am. If your schedule allows, please volunteer to prepare the Church for Christmas.

Please sign up to volunteer.

December Lectors

8:00am Mass

December 7- Stephen William

December 14 - Luke Dyer

December 21 - Andre Allen

December 28 - Barbara Smith

Christmas

December 25 - 8pm—Alice Bragg

9:30am Mass

December 7 - Margaret Braun

December 14 - Youth

December 21 - Lurita Boyd

December 28 - Ndidi Nwaburwu



Toy Drive by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver will be collecting books and toys for children ages 10 to 14 in collaboration with St. Lawrence Vineyard Ministries. There is a collection bin located in the Gathering Space.

Deadline - December 14th, with distribution of items on Dec. 20th. At Blessed Trinity between 9am-12n



The Family 21 Advent Penance Service

will take place Monday, December 1st, at Ss. Columba-Brigid starting at 6:00 PM. Please join us for the beginning of the liturgical year as it draws us closer to Jesus by accompanying our blessed Mother during this period of waiting.

The Women's Guild will be collecting new undergarments for men and women in support of young adults transitioning out of Foster Care. Larger sizes greatly appreciated. The next Women's Guild meeting will be held on Saturday December 6th at noon at SMDP. Thank you,
Marianne Partee & Laurie Alford

Readings for the Week of

November 30, 2025

Sun., Nov. 30 - Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Mon., Dec. 1 - Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tues., Dec. 2 - Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wed., Dec. 3 - Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thurs., Dec. 4 - Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri., Dec. 5 - Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Sat., Dec 6 - Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sun., Dec. 7 - Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Road to Renewal Update

The Sacrament of Confirmation Celebrated

On this past Monday evening, the following four teens were confirmed at Blessed Trinity by Bishop Michael Fisher: Charlotte Sperandeo (Blessed Trinity), Seim Oqbaslassie, Ja'zier Smith (Ss. Columba-Brigid), and Isaac Awald (Corpus Christi). Special gratitude to: Bishop Mike for celebrating this special moment with and for us; Pat Dyer who planned and organized the liturgy and reception; the other clergy that concelebrated – Fr. Ron Sajdak, Fr. Sean Paul Fleming, Fr. Mariusz Dymek, Deacon Mike Dalessandro, Fr. Bob Gebhard; our sacristans – Jack Curtin, Dan Korchowsky; Deacon Jerry & Eileen Hodson who prepared the teens in our Family of parishes through our Confirmation Program; to parents, relatives, guardians, sponsors, and mentors who have been a guiding presence in the faith lives of our young Confirmands. As Bishop Mike encouraged our teens, we look forward to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that they will bring to the building up of the Church and the Kingdom of God.

Fr. Bob

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

November Collections

	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
November 2,	\$2,401.00	\$975.00	\$20.00
November 9	\$2,562.00	\$1,213.00	10.00
November 16	\$2,594.00	\$682.00	\$188.00
November 23	\$1,991.00	\$1,185.00	\$182.00
November 30			
Total Income	\$9,548.00	\$4,055.00	\$400.00

Baptism Information: Our next Baptism class for parents of children under 7-8 years of age will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 10 AM in St. Lucy room at Ss. Columba-Brigid. You do not need to wait until the birth of your baby to register and attend a class. Please contact your parish office to register

GOSPEL MEDITATION
 ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
 November 30, 2025
 First Sunday of Advent
 Matthew 24:37-44

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

— Father John uir

"At A Glance"

Family 21 Events Calendar

Mon., Dec. 1 - Family 21 Advent Penance Service

@ Ss. Columba-Brigid starting at 6pm

Tues., Dec. 2 - Subs & Suds at Blessed Trinity @ 5:30pm

Sat., Dec 6 - Meat Raffle at Former Woodside United

Methodist Church, 675 Abbott Rd At 6pm

Mon., Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception - Holy Day Mass @ Blessed Trinity—7pm

Fri., Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass @ Ss. Columba Brigid @7pm.

Sat., Dec. 13 - "Magnificat" the Rwandan Choir @Holy Cross-345 7th St., Buffalo @ 4pm. (see flyer posted)

Wed., Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve Mass

♦ **Ss. Columba-Brigid - 6pm**

♦ **St. Martin de Porres - 8pm**

♦ **Blessed Trinity - 10pm**

Thurs., Dec. 25th - Christmas Day Mass

♦ **Ss. Columba-Brigid - 10am**

♦ **Blessed Trinity - 10am**

Wed., Dec. 31st - New Years Eve

Ss. Columba-Brigid - 11pm

+Thurs., Jan. 1st - New Years Day - Blessed Trinity - 10am



Holiday Poinsettia's for sale.

Fresh from the Greenhouse! Small 4" pot \$6.00, Medium 6" pot - \$9.00.

To be delivered in December.

See or call Helen Smith-Porter to place an order.

Home # -716-626-6651

**The Albert Lenhard
Scholarship**

**Application is now available in the
Gathering Space. The completed applica-
tion and the Personal Statement Essay
should be sent to the Office of Cultural
Diversity/ Social Justice, 795 Main St,
Buffalo, NY 14203 to the attention of
Sister Roberta Fulton, SSMN, by
Monday, December 8, 2025.**