

Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

Sun. December 28

8:00am - All Souls

9:30am - Prayers & intentions of the
Children & Grand Children of the Newton
Family by the Newton Family

Sun. January 4

8:00am - All Souls

9:30am - Joseph Locke & Deceased
Members of St. Martin de Porres
by Phyllis Wiggins

Mass requests for 2026 are now available.
Mass is the highest and greatest form of
prayer. Contact the office. The offering is
\$15.

January Lectors

8:00am Mass

January 4 - TBA

January 11 - TBA

January 18 - TBA

January 25 - TBA

9:30am Mass

January 4 - Nikkei Goodwin

January 11 - Youth

**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Remembrance Celebration**

January 18 - TBA

January 25 - Bridgette Satchell

Readings for the Week of

January 7, 2026

Sun., Dec. 28 – The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Mon., Dec. 29 - 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Tues., Dec. 30 - 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Wed., Dec. 31 - 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Thurs., Jan. 1 - Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7
/Lk 2:16-21

Fri. Jan. 2 - 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Sat., Jan. 3 - 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Sun., Jan. 4 - Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt
2:1-12

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 : Jessica Allen, Alice Bragg, Joyce Davis,
Shirley Hargro, Joyce Menifee, Christal John-Millin, Margie Lewis,
Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Louise Nolley, Josephine Williams & Elise
Wilson.

Christmas Volunteers Appreciated

*We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to
all who volunteered their time and talent in decorat-
ing the Church for our Christmas Celebration.
Without you ALL of this could not be accomplished.
Thank you!!!!*

PRACTICING) CATHOLIC BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini-reflection: If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect
from the Christian life, it is this: God had other plans.

Other Plans

I don't know exactly what kind of life Mary and Joseph envisioned when they
were first betrothed — back in those simple times when they were just like
any other couple who had hopes, dreams and no angels telling them what to
do.

Whatever their plans were, I think it's safe to say that the future God had in
store for Mary and Joseph was not one either of them expected. I would
imagine they both anticipated something a little quieter. A little more stable
(no pun intended). A little less tumultuous.

It exhausts me simply to read through the chaos of their movements in to-
day's Gospel. Flee to Egypt, return to Israel (but not Judea! Herod's son is
there! Divert to Galilee! Divert!). Settle in Nazareth (let me remind you, this is
all happening with a baby in tow, and without the aid of a minivan). Take a
deep breath, but don't get too comfortable — now it's almost time to lose
your kid in Jerusalem. Then you'll have about 20 years off before he starts
raising people from the dead, and that's when things start to get really crazy.
The story of the Holy Family is the ultimate example of the phrase "God had
other plans." If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect
from the Christian life, it is this.

I thought I was meant for that job, but God had other plans. I thought I would
live in this place, but God had other plans. I thought I was supposed to be-
come this person, but God had other plans.

We can do all the right things. We can make all the right choices. We can
say, over and over again until our voice wears out, "Thy will be done." But all
we can know for sure is that God has other plans.

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

December Collections			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
December 7	\$2864.00	\$1030.00	\$45.00
December 14	\$2507.00	\$998.00	\$348.00
December 21			
December 28			
Total Income	\$5371.00	\$2028.00	\$393.00

"At A Glance"

Family 21 Events Calendar

Wed., Dec. 31st - New Years Eve - Mary the Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation - Ss. Columba-Brigid - 11pm

Thurs., Jan. 1st - New Years Day - Solemnity of Mary

- ♦ Blessed Trinity - 10am
- ♦ Holy Cross - 10am

Sat., Jan. 3rd - House Blessing - 3 Kings will visit you! After the 4pm Mass at Ss. Columba-Brigid we will have a party in the hall, please bring a dish to pass.

Mon., Jan. 12th - "Subs 'N Suds" Lecture Series- "The Vatican Position on the "Two State Solution" - Blessed Trinity @6:30pm. (see flyer posted)

Sun., Jan. 18th - Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at St. Martin de Porres at 9:30am. There will not be an 8am Mass on this day.



Are you unable to get to Mass? Do you know someone who cannot join us on the weekend? Or would like home visits and Holy Communion? Are you aware of someone who would like a visit? Please let the office know or complete the survey form found on the information table at the ramp entrance. Though this is an ongoing effort to identify individuals who would like a visit from someone in the parish family, you are encouraged to let us know as soon as possible so that we can plan. Please place the completed forms in the collection basket.

Buffalo Urban League: Scholarship applications for High School Seniors.

Applications are due on Friday, January 23, 2026. Applications can be found in the Gathering Space. If you have any question, you can contact the Scholarship Department at 716- 250-2412 or by email at scholarships@bulny.org.

2026 Church donation envelopes will be available in the Gathering Space after today's Mass. Be sure to get yours.

The Church office will closed at 12n on Dec. 24th

and will reopen

on Tuesday Dec, 30th.

Have a Blessed & Peaceful Christmas

Jesus is Here! Trials and Resurrection Conference. The Renewal Office is excited to present this conference on Saturday, January 17, 2026 from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. at St. Stanislaus, 389 Peckham St., Buffalo. The keynote speaker is Fr. Carl Gales, SVD, pastor of Our Lady of Africa Parish in Chicago. This parish was formed from merging together 5 parishes. Fr. Gales is a musical prodigy. In his youth, he performed as a concert pianist at Carnegie Hall in New York City. This conference will be filled with presentation, interactive small-group conversations, music and a lunch with fellow participants. Cost is \$25 per person (lunch included). Registration deadline is January 14. To register, visit <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/qsmpecxj>.