

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

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

**Sun. Jan 5**  
**8:00am - Family 21 and 23**  
**9:30am - Joseph Locke by Miriam Locke**

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

**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, Paul McDougald, Jewel Marshall, Antionette (Tonie) Newton, Vanessa Newton, Louise Nolley, Mary Preston, Shelby Thompson, Helen Washington, & Josephine Williams.

**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

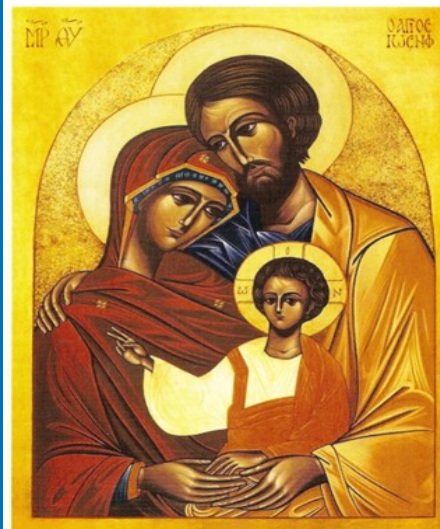
**Readings for the Week of December 29, 2024**

Sun., Dec. 29 - 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28  
 /1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52  
 Mon., Dec. 30 - 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40  
 Tue., Dec 31 - 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18  
 Wed., Jan. 1 - Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7  
 /Lk 2:16-21  
 Thur., Jan 2 - 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28  
 Fri., Jan 3 - 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34  
 Sat., Jan 4 - 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42  
 Sun., Jan 5 - Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
 /Mt 2:1-12

**2025 Church Envelopes**

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

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



**Feast of the Holy Family**

**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.

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**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.

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**The Holy Family & Our Family**

In one of the traditional readings, common to this feast day from the prophet Sirach, is captured the dynamic of love that should be the foundation for any family. As the Church of Buffalo explores new ways of being "Family," acting on the very attributes of our reading – care, kindness, honoring, reverencing of one another – we have the building blocks for new relationships in ministry, worship, and parish life. Family 21 has been a blessing of relationships for me, already engaged in the dynamic of Gospel Love, as I see the willingness to struggle forward together into whatever God has in store for us next, our future! We are truly blessed in one another. As we enter a new year and continue to build a new Family, may Joseph, Mary and Jesus be the model for everything we do to create a "Holy Family 21" in 2025! **Happy New Year everyone!** May it bring you the strength of faith found only in our Catholic family, conviction to the ways of radical Love, and an assurance that the Prince of Peace & Healing is reigning and will triumph!

--Fr. Bob

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	\$2,055.00	\$695.00	\$0.00
Dec. 29			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$10,154.00</b>	<b>\$2,757.00</b>	<b>\$59.00</b>

*(The Catholic Question Box) Do you have a question for "The Catholic Question Box?" Send an email to: [patriciadyernp@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:deaconmike716@gmail.com)*

Masses for the **Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**, a Holy Day with the obligation to attend Mass: Tuesday, December 31st at 11pm at Ss. Columba-Brigid and 10am, Wednesday, January 1st, 2025 at Blessed Trinity.

**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](http://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 31 - New Year's Eve Mass-Ss. Columba-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 @9:30am  
 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.

