

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. December 21
 8:00am - Erik Counts by Mom
 9:30am - Sick & Shut-ins of St. Martin de Porres by Phyllis Wiggins

Sun. December 28
 8:00am - All Souls
 9:30am - Prayers & intentions of the Children & Grand Children of the Newton Family by the Newton Family

Mass requests for 2026 are now available. 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.

December Lectors
8:00am Mass
December 7 - Stephen William
December 14 - Luke Dyer
December 21 - Andre Allen
December 28 - Barbara Smith

Christmas Eve
December 24 - Nikkei Goodwin
9:30am Mass

December 7 - Margaret Braun
December 14 - Youth
December 21 - Lurita Boyd
December 28 - Ndidi Nwaburwu

Readings for the Week of

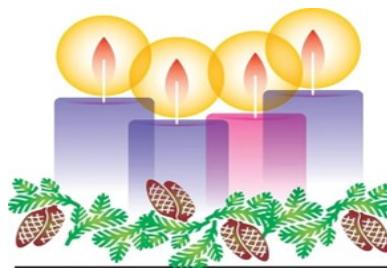
December 21, 2025

Sun., Dec. 21 - Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
 Mon., Dec. 22 - 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
 Tues., Dec. 23 - Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
 Wed., Dec. 24 - 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
 /Lk 1:67-79
 Thurs., 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
 Fri., Dec. 26 - Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
 Sat., Dec. 27 - 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 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

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, Christal John-Millin, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Louise Nolley, Josephine Williams & Elise Wilson.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Toy Drive
 exceeded our expectations and we would like to thank everyone who donated and helped in any way for making this event a success.

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.

Thank you,

Marianne Partee & Laurie Alford

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.

Please remember to put your Christmas Day envelopes in the Christmas Eve Mass collection, as there will not be a Mass at St. Martin de Porres on Dec. 25, 2025

Christmas Volunteers Needed

Christmas 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.



House Blessing

Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026

Please sign the sheet in the Gathering Space, if you live within a 10-mile radius of Ss. Columba-Brigid Church. We will be taking names, addresses and phone# 's until Sun., Dec. 21st. **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.

The Christmas Story...

*Foretold, Anticipated, Long-awaited
 – Then & Now!*

Our Advent longings celebrate the One who has already come and who promises to come again! The ancient journeying, that led to Birth, has set our path for current faith-steps toward the Light of a Second Birth at the end of all time.

The voice of angels fills these days with words of assurance of this, our Truth... To Mary, "Do not be afraid Mary. For you have found favor with God. (Lk 1)" ... To Joseph, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. (Mt 1)" ... To shepherds, struck with great fear while keeping night-watch over their sheep, "Do not be afraid; For behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy... (Lk 2)"... To us and to everyone throughout all the ages, "A Savior has been born for you who is Christ the Lord. (Lk 2)", the Conqueror of all fears.

May our Christmas longings find rich blessings in celebrating what has already happened once-for-all time and the fulfillment of our hopes for the day when we will see Jesus once again! May every fear be swaddled in our faith in an Infant Savior, every darkness brought to the Light, every hunger be satisfied in the Food that has come to us from Heaven. May we all experience the hope, peace, joy & love of our Savior in every Merry Christmas Moment wrapped in the giftedness of family, friends, and faith!

And, for the giftedness that you are...
 Merry-Blessed Christmas Family of Parishes!!

~ Fr. Bob

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

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.

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/gsmpcxj>.



A silent night, a star above, a blessed gift of hope and love. A Merry Christmas to you and your whole family. Family 21

"At A Glance"

Family 21 Events Calendar

Wed., Dec. 24th - **Christmas Eve Mass**

- ◆ Ss. Columba-Brigid - 6pm
- ◆ Holy Cross - 7pm
- ◆ St. Martin de Porres - 8pm
- ◆ Blessed Trinity - 10pm

Thurs., Dec. 25th - **Christmas Day Mass**

- ◆ Holy Cross - 10am
- ◆ Blessed Trinity - 10am

Wed., Dec. 31st - **New Years Eve**

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. Mass at St. Martin de Porres at 9:30am. There will not be an 8am Mass on this day.

2026 Calendars will be available in the Gathering Space after the Christmas Eve 8pm Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 24th, 2025.

Please take 1 calendar per family

The Church office will closed at 12n on Dec. 24th and will reopen on Tuesday Dec, 30th. Have a Blessed & Peaceful Christmas