

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Sun. Nov. 17**  
 8:00am - Father's Day Remembrance  
 9:30am - John Bragg by Alice Bragg

**Sun. Nov. 24**  
 8:00am - All Souls  
 9:30am - Alberta Hood Williams  
 by Katherine Williams

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

**November Lectors**

**8:00am Mass**

November 3 - Myrna Draper  
 November 10 - Barbara Breckenridge  
 November 17 - Pat Dyer  
 November 24 - Pat Howling

**9:30am Mass**

November 3 - Ndidi Nwabugwu  
 November 10 - Holy Name Society  
 November 17 - Lurita Boyd  
 November 24 - Sr. Roberta Fulton

**Readings for the Week of November 17, 2024**

Sun., Nov. 17 - Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18 /Mk 13:24-32

Mon., Nov 18 - 28:11-16, 30-31/Mt 14:22-33

Tues., Nov 19 - Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10

Wed., Nov. 20 - Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28

Thur. Nov., 21 - Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44

Fri., Nov. 22 - Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48

Sat., Nov 23 - Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40

Sun., Nov. 24 - Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8 /Jn 18:33b-37e

**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, Helen Washington, & Josephine Williams.

*The Holy Name Society is offering a beautiful ornament memorializing our church.*

*Available for \$25 each, buy four get one free!. To reserve one, please complete your order, please fill out the form found in the Gathering Space*

 **Toys for Tots** has been a project of St. Lawrence Parish for many years.

St. Lawrence Vineyard Ministries is continuing the tradition. Applications are available from Pat or Luke Dyer, Paula Hunt, Kristen Bell-Singletary, and the food pantries at Blessed Trinity and Schiller Park.

The distribution will be on December 21, in St. Charles Hall at Blessed Trinity. If you need assistance with toys for Christmas (including teens through age 17,) please see one of these and get your application with any required documents completed by Dec.7.

Thank you & Merry Christmas

 **Volunteers are needed In decorating the church for Christmas on Sat., December 21. Please help.**

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**Scholarship Applications**

**If you are interested in applying for either the Lenhard Scholarship (beyond high school) or the MLK Scholarship (high school,) you must get your applications in this Monday, November 18. More information is on the flyers found in the Gathering Space.**

**Road to Renewal Update**

This week, I have no detailed update about our Families 21&23 blending other than to let you know that leaders of both Families did meet. As mentioned in a previous update, broad goals and the rekindling of Pillar groups were discussed. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins.

I did want to note the African Thanksgiving Mass and Bazaar, organized through the diocesan Office of Cultural Diversity, that is taking place this coming Sunday at Holy Cross. The music ministry for the mass will include The Rwandan Choir (Magnificat), The Burundian Choir (St Kizito), the Congolese Choir (Coeur de Jesus), the South Sudanese Choir, & the Eritrean Choir.

The Bazaar and Taste of Africa food buffet will follow immediately after mass. This rich diversity represents the changing face of the Catholic Church of Buffalo and the gift of worship expressions that will enhance the blending of our East Side-West Side Families of Parishes!

Fr. Bob Gebhard

**Build Back Better Virtual Program African American Commission - Hosts Tuesday, November 19, 2024 - 7PM**

The African American Commission is sending out a call for African American Catholics representing their respective Catholic organizations to attend (example, Holy Name Society, Women's Guild of St. Martin de Porres, Parish councils of SMdP, BT, SSCB, etc.). to help support the Build Back Better Plan which eventually will be presented to the Bishop of Buffalo The virtual event will be hosted by the African American Commission on behalf of all African American Catholics in the Diocese of Buffalo. We want you represented and also want your voice to be heard.

Parish Financial Information			
*Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
November 2024			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
Nov. 3	\$3,590.00	\$880.00	\$27.00
Nov. 10	\$3,181.00	\$675.00	\$5.00
Nov. 17			
Nov. 24			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,771.00</b>	<b>\$1,555.00</b>	<b>\$32.00</b>

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

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 During the month of November, we remember our **Faithful Departed. The Book of Remembrance** is located in the front of the church near the Baptismal font.  
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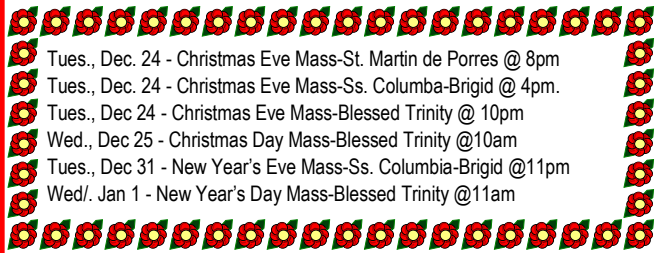
**This weekend marks the beginning of Advent** – a time of reflection, prayer and great anticipation for Jesus, the Light of the World, to arrive. During this special time, you can act as a light and a beacon of HOPE for those in need. This Advent, consider a drive to help our neighbors in Western New York. Good items for consideration are non-perishable and unexpired food items, toiletries, diapers, menstrual products, paper towels and cleaning supplies. Food items can be dropped off at any of Catholic Charities' nine food pantries during regular pantry hours, which can be found at [www.ccnny.org](http://www.ccnny.org). All other items can be dropped off by appointment at Ladies of Charity, 122 Broadway, Buffalo. Call 716-895-4001 to schedule an appointment. Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. If someone you know needs help, go to [www.ccnny.org](http://www.ccnny.org) or call 716- 218-1400.

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**Is caregiving through the holidays getting you down?** Join us at 6:30 PM on November 26 at Ss. Columba-Brigid for a presentation by the Alzheimer's Association to learn how to navigate the holidays when a loved one has dementia. Light refreshments. Flyers with more details are now available. Please sign up so that we know how much food we need.  
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The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 28, 2024, so we all can celebrate Thanksgiving with our family and friends.

Family 21 Events Calendar

- Sun., Nov. 17 - Baptism at 9:30am Mass
- Mon., Nov. 25 - Confirmation @ Ss. Columba-Brigid
- Sat., Nov. 23 - Advent Retreat @ Ss. Columba-Brigid @ 10am
- Wed., Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Mass @ 7pm - Ss. Columbia Brigid. Please bring a non-perishable donation.



- Tues., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass-St. Martin de Porres @ 8pm
- Tues., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass-Ss. Columba-Brigid @ 4pm.
- 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's Day Mass-Blessed Trinity @11am
- 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

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**Advent Retreat: A Light, a Hope, and a Promise.** Isaiah and the prophets offered to all who dwell in darkness a great LIGHT. John the Baptist offered people in distress a sign of HOPE. Mary of Nazareth exercised the PROMISE of her faith. This changed life for the characters of Christmas and can also change life for us. Join us as we prepare for Advent and Christmas with presenter Dennis Mahaney in the hall at Ss. Columba-Brigid at 10 AM on Saturday, November 23. \$10 includes brunch. Please sign up so that we have enough food.  
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**Confirmation:** You are invited to join Family 21 at Ss. Columba-Brigid as we celebrate Confirmation on November 25 at 7 PM. We have 18 candidates this year.  
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**Introduction to Sacred Scripture**  
 There are just two sessions left in our introductory class. Our next class is Monday, November 18, 6:30 PM in the classroom at BT with Dcn Mike Dalessandro - God Revealed through Holy People and Worship. Books, Bibles, and light refreshments are included. This is a great way to increase your understanding of the weekly Mass readings, a specific Bible Study, or private scriptural reading. Adults and students in grade 9 or above.

**Protecting God's Children**  
**Update for December 2024 is now available.**  
**"Our Mission to Protect vulnerable Adults"**

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