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Letters of Recommendation: Are given to registered parishioners who attend Mass and support the parish. Please call the office for assistance.

Penance (Confession): 1/2 hour before all weekend Masses and by appointment, call 716-885-2469.

Baptism: Please see Mr. Ron to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: If you would like to be anointed, or receive communion, please call the office 716-885-2469.

Marriages: Engaged couples should contact their church 6 months prior to the wedding.

Pre-Marriage Requirements: All couples are required to attend a pre-cana program. Contact the Diocese of Buffalo at 716-847-2203 for more information.

The Epiphany of The Lord—January 5, 2025



Sunday, January 5, 2025—The Epiphany
 9:00 am—NO MASS
 11:00 am For Our Lady of Hope Parishioners

Monday, January 6, 2025
 11:30 am For Our Mothers Living & Deceased
 7:00 pm Novena—Deceased of Buscaglia Family

Tuesday, January 7, 2025
 11:30 am For Our Fathers Living & Deceased

Wednesday, January 8, 2025
 11:30 am For The Restored Health of Klaw Reh by Family

Thursday, January 9, 2025
 11:30 am For Our Mothers Living & Deceased

Friday, January 10, 2025
 11:30 am For Our Fathers Living & Deceased

Saturday, January 11, 2025
 4:00 pm Timothy Hartnett by Sr. Eileen O'Connor

Sunday, January 12, 2025
 9:00 am For Our Mothers Living & Deceased
 11:00 am For Our Lady of Hope Parishioners

The Sanctuary Light for the Week of January 5th—January 11th is burning For The Restored Health of Klaw Reh

Please remember our parishioners and friends who are in need of our special prayers: Rosa Maria Santos, Marie Amatrano, Peter Green, Margaret Treanor Frey, Thalya Onelien, Tony Mascellino, Florence Bonvisutto, Phyllis Regensdorfer, Cornelia Ndimarike, Dolly Mascellino, Darrell Covert, Ida Rine, Joe and Robin Tomasello, Pudgy Sicurella, Joseph Mantione, Lily Rode Robertson, Amanda Weeks, Sandy Coniglio, Rosemary Sortino, Klaw Reh.



GATHERING OF FAMILY 21 AND 23 As we begin this new year and look forward to the blending of Family 23 and Family 21, we are invited to bring our candles, (remember those that we passed out on the 3rd Sunday of Advent) to an evening of Christmas music, prayer and blending with a light reception to follow. We come together to reflect on building a stronger faith community and church on both the East and West Sides of Buffalo. This event includes the parishes of Blessed Trinity, St. Martin De Porres, St. Columba-Brigid, Holy Cross and Our Lady of Hope. We look forward to sharing this evening together.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The entire pastoral staff would like to wish you and yours a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. May our loving God continue to bless each of you with good health in this coming year.

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Stewardship, our partnership with God
December 29, 2024

Regular Sunday Collection	\$4,059.00
Insurance.	245.00
Monthly Fuel	22.00
Flowers	79.00
 Total	 \$ 4,405.00

Stewardship Is Our Partnership with God—Your attention to the weekly offering is very much appreciated. We cannot maintain our buildings, utilities and ministry without your generosity

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT - \$26.00



The Beautiful Flowers and decorations adorning our church this Christmas Season have been donated in honor of:

M/M Htaw Reh, M/M Jerome Lai Win, M/M Mussa Mianani, M/M Giovanni Bu Reh, M/M Peter Khuree, M/M Patrick Lin, M/M Pan Kyaing, M/M Pleh Reh, M/M Lu Matheo Reh, M/M Lee Reh, M/M Naya Say, M/M Vitale Bandora, M/M Lian David Lwe, M/M Nue Nue, M/M Mang Lian, M/M Nga Reh, M/M Kya Doo, Ms. Migdalia Burgos, M/M Dah Noh, Thomas Blest, M/M Giochino Kyaw Reh, M/M Sai Lu, M/M Thar Reh, M/M Ko Reh, Pleh Meh, M/M Richard Khu, M/M Gregory Sum, M/M Anthony Garing, M/M Ku Reh, Elizabeth Nang Man, M/M Paul Ha Shuise, M/M Ngowenubusa, Milazzo Family, Veltri Family, M/M Lagua Aluma, M/M Hkin Soe, M/M Pleh Michael Reh, Mema Malisawa, M/M Veniste Hakizimana, Pay Reh & Htwa Meh, M/M Wasokye Theophile, Peh Tru & Benedectca Neh Meh, Beatri Ciza, M/M Poe Reh, M/M Pascal Amuli, M/M Dominic Tua Bawi, Chin Suan Mang, M/M Nu Po, M/M Du Nguyen, M/M Justine Latt, Htun Min Nicholas Zaw, M/M Musambya Mutambala, M/M Kyaw Sein, M/M Joseph Sawmtun, M/M Michel Wanna Soe.

FESTIVAL OF KINGS EPIPHANY: is celebrated today January 5, 2025. This festive celebration representing our great diversity will continue following the MASS in the hall with a festival luncheon. Pre-reservations were necessary for this event. We apologize but we will be unable to accept additional people at this time.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED BAPTISM will take place next Sunday, January the 12th The celebration of the Lord's Baptism. Parents are reminded to contact Mr. Ron to make arrangements. A Pre-Baptism Class and practice for parents and godparents will take place on the day before, January 11th at 11:00 am in the church.

2025 CATHOLIC CHURCH CALENDARS There are still a few calendars available if someone is in need of one.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the feast of light and manifestation, celebrated each year on the highpoint of the Christmas season. These weeks when the days are the shortest and the darkness is strong. This mid-winter celebration can speak to our lives: the darkness is real; and the light is real. We don't pretend that there is no darkness in the world, in the church, in our families, in our personal lives. The light of Christ shines in the darkness of sin, loneliness, alienation, bitter disappointment, despair and death. This light that is shining in the darkness is not our own; it is God's light come to lengthen our days and show us how to shine forth in the world. Epiphany is a celebration of God's light shining in our world. With wonder, awe, and thankfulness, we fix our eyes on the star and on God's love. And ask for all the world to live in the strength of that light.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Confirmation class continues in O'Brien Hall on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM. Classes are held every other week. Questions? Please call the coordinator of the Confirmation program Andrew Sember at 716-308-1546.

OUR CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Happy New Year to all our faithful supporters. Is giving back to the community one of your goals for 2024? If so, become a ***Catholic Charities Volunteer***. View all current opportunities at www.ccwnyccwny.org. **To Volunteer View all current opportunities. Start off the New Year by becoming a volunteer!!**

BECOMING A WELCOMING COMMUNITY:

Each year, we as a parish should take time to deepen our commitment to becoming a welcoming community. We should take time to discern and deepen our commitment to hospitality and the welcoming of strangers. This way we as a parish community welcome each other and strangers will most definitely determine if visitors will return to worship with us. Everyone who comes here from the youngest to the oldest should sense that their presence is honored and desired by each of us. Christmas is a time to reflect on how well or how seriously we take our practice of hospitality.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE AS WE BEGIN THIS NEW YEAR:

O God of Peace, in this time of turmoil and wars, we turn to you with hearts longing for peace. As fear grips so many of us around the world, we ask for your blessed assurance. Keep us close to Jesus who is the Prince of Peace, who lives for ever and ever. Amen.