



Shraddha Ceremony

The rites are necessary for the journey after death of the deceased person according to Hindu Almanac

Shraddha Ritual Activities (Michigan Kalibari follow)

1. Shudhikaran (At frontdoor)

This will be done on family members at the door before entering the temple

2. Vishwadeva Puja (At Mandop)

Worshipping lord Vishnu and temple deities

Ingredients: Turmeric, Kumkum, Cotton Wicks, Sandalwood White/Red, Incense Sticks (Agarbattis), Camphor, Gangajal, Haritaki, Mustard Oil for Deep, Dhanyam, Rice, Plain Yogurt, Honey, Ghee, Sugar, Match box/Gas Lighter, Paper Towel, Ata, Mango leaves (one stem), Flowers Assorted, Banana (15), Fruits Assorted, Milk, Supari (Beatle Nuts)/ Beatle (Paan) Leaves, Tulshipatha

3. Sorashdan - ষোড়শ দান (At Mandop)

Can be replace any or all items with flower

Ashan (Bed), Rice, Water, Cloth, Prodeep, Utensils, Tambul (betel leaf & Areca), Umbrella, Agarbathi, Flower (5), Fruits(5), Shoe/sandal, Silver, Gold, Cow & Land

4. Pindadan - পিন্দদান (At Patio)

*Offering of the Pindas (five ancestors- **names and gutras require**) made with ata (flour), milk, banana, ghee, sugar and honey in form of ball. This also requires tulshipatha/belpatha/bananaleaf/flower (min five each) and Paita. Must be dispose Pindas on flowing water (stream or river) after ritual*

5. Tarpan - তর্পণ: (At Patio) *can be done later*

Offering water to deceased ancestors

6. Pritireen/Matireen

Offering 5 flower/ 5 fruits/ 5 vegetables

6. Kirtan/Prathana/Aroti (At Mandop)

7. Feeding five Brahmins

