

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, March 15

8:00am - Alice Bragg

9:30am - Tamiko Ferguson by Yvonne Stewart

Sunday, March 22

8:00am - Christal John-Millin

9:30am - Calvin Lewis by Yvonne Stewart

**Mass is the highest and greatest form of prayer.
Contact the office. The offering is \$15.**

March Lectors

8:00am Sunday Mass

March 1 - Barbara Smith

March 8 - Pat Dyer

March 15 - Pat Howling

March 22 - Stephen Williams

March 29 - Luke Dyer

9:30am Sunday Mass

March 1 - Cynthia Davis

March 8 - Youth

March 15 - Lurita Boyd

March 22 - Paulette Lindsay

March 29 - Ndidi Nwabugwu

Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29
/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11
/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Observances for the week of March 15, 2026

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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, Diane Brown, Joyce Davis, Denise Dickinson, Shirley Hargro,
Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Sandra Marzulli, Jewel Marshall, Louise Nolley,
Josephine Williams & Elise Wilson.

Please keep Christal John-Millin as she is now with our heavenly father as we offer comfort and peace to her family, Charles & Khari Waits. May the Lord be with her.

Please keep in your prayers Jimmie Alice Smith & Carlotta Davis and their families. Their sister Rhoda Mann passed away on Tuesday.

Holy Hour for Peace

The United States Conference of Bishops is calling upon all dioceses and parishes to host a Holy Hour for Peace to pray for reconciliation where there is division, for justice where fundamental rights are violated, and for the consolation and healing of those overwhelmed by fear and loss in these days. The Spiritual Life Pillar of our Family of Parishes has coordinated the following Holy Hours:

Blessed Trinity – Tuesday, March 24, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Litany for Peace Prayer

For families in Iran living in fear, and for all who live under the evil rain of bombardment, may they find safe refuge.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For world leaders, that they stop the bombs and choose diplomacy over destruction and dialogue over retaliation.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those who are poor and vulnerable, who bear the heaviest burdens of war, may their cries transform our hearts.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the courage to see the face of God in our neighbors and to build a culture of genuine encounter.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For a lasting peace based on justice, mercy, and the sacred dignity of every life.
Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Family News - Road to Renewal Pillar Updates

This week's brief Pillar highlight is offered by the Liturgy Pillar:

The Liturgy Pillar has been working to recommend a Liturgy Calendar that reflects shared services whenever possible. We work together in a way that respects the unique cultural and traditional heritage of each original parish. Our intent is to increase vibrancy while ensuring a welcoming and hospitable environment for all members of the Family, ultimately focusing on building a stronger, shared identity. If you are interested in becoming a member of one of our Family Pillars, please contact Fr. Bob 716-833-0301 or your parish Pastoral Associate (Lanette Jennings, Paula Hunt, Patricia Dyer).

Family News – Lent

Thank you to all who have participated in our current Lenten offerings. It has been reassuring to have many participating in Stations of the Cross, Life in the Spirit, Holy Hours, The Family Community Service Project for the Buffalo House of Hope. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the upcoming Lenten Penance Service on Friday, March 20th, starting with a soup-supper in the Blessed Trinity Hall at 5:30PM. The Triduum offers to be rich in blessings as we celebrate these days, one in each of Our Family parishes.

Parish Financial Information *Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
March Collections			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
March 1	\$2552.00	\$885.00	\$20.00
March 8	\$2064.00	\$860.00	\$354.00
March 15			
March 22			
March 29			
Total	\$4616.00	\$1745.00	\$374.00

A Baptismal Class will be held at St. Martin de Porres on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Family 21's second Confirmation class is 1:00 PM this Saturday, March 21 at Blessed Trinity. High school students who have not been Confirmed are invited to join us

“Living Well and the Lie of Assisted Death”

A presentation by Dr. Stan Bukowski at St. John the Baptist Church,- Reina Community Rm. 1085 Englewood Ave, in Kenmore 14223 on **Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 7:30pm.**

Dr. Stan Bukowski is a third-generation Buffalo physician with a 40-year career that included work in office practice, hospitals, nursing homes, and prison. He is a devout Catholic and is active in the Buffalo pro-life community. Hosted by the Holy Name Society.

St. Joseph Table.

“You are invited to join St. Lawrence Vineyard Ministries, Inc. for a St. Joseph Table @ Blessed Trinity. Bring a meatless dish to pass. Bread, butter, salmon, dessert, and drinks provided. Free-Will offerings are split between Family 21's three food pantries . Thursday, March, 19 at 5:00 PM.”

Compassion Not Cruelty (CNC) is an ecumenical group of clergy and lay people formed to urge our nation to govern with compassion. The No Kings Day Rally on 3/28/26 in Niagara Square and the Being A Good Neighbor Now event on 4/18/26 at St. Joseph University Parish. If interested in attending the 3/3 meeting, please contact Robbie Farkas-Huezo at (716) 462-3286 or RLFH@aol.com for the registration link.

The Heart of Buffalo Catholic Community Stewardship Pillar invites you to participate in our first-ever Family Community Service Project. From March 7 to March 27, we will be collecting items for Buffalo House of Hope. Personal care items, cleaning products or new bed sheets, pillows, or towels can be dropped off in the boxes provided. See flyers for additional details. Thank you for your support of our neighbors.

A “Meat Raffle” to benefit Catholic Academy of West Buffalo
1069 Delaware Ave. on Saturday, March 28, 2026.
Doors open at 5pm and 1st drawing at 6pm.
Bring \$1 bills, Adults only.
To purchase tickets, call 716-885-6111.

“At A Glance”



Mon., Mar. 16-Life in the Spirit Retreat @ Blessed Trinity @6:30pm

Thurs., Mar. 16-St. Joseph Table-Blessed Trinity @5pm.

Fri., Mar. 20-Blessed Trinity-Soup Supper 5:30pm
Stations of the Cross/Penance Service-6:30pm

Mon., Mar. 23-Life in the Spirit Retreat @ Blessed Trinity@6:30pm

Tues., Mar. 24-Lenten Holy Hour-Blessed Trinity @ 5:30pm

Fri., Mar. 27-Tenebrae Service-Blessed Trinity-7pm

Sun., Mar. 29-Palm Sunday-St. Martin de Porres-8am & 9:30am

Tues., Mar. 31-Christ Mass-St. Joseph Cathedral-7pm

Thurs., April 2-Holy Thursday-Ss. Columba-Brigid-Mass @ 7pm

Fri., April 3-Good Friday-St. Martin de Porres-3pm

Sat., April 4-Holy Saturday-Blessed Trinity-Morning Prayer 9am
Easter Vigil-8pm

Sun., April 5-Easter Sunday - Masses at regular times.

Family 21 at “A Glance”

Sun., April 12– Divine Mercy Sunday

Wed., May 13-Baptismal Class - St. Martin de Porres - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Additional Events

Monday Bible Study of the Letters of St. Paul is moving to Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 PM via Zoom. Get the Zoom link from the Family 21 calendar or email Pat Dyer

Women’s Respite Program

The Women’s Respite Program will host a weekend for you from April 10 to April 12 at the Center for Renewal on the campus of Stella Niagara near Lewiston, NY. See the information in the Gathering Space.

A **Women’s Lenten Retreat** will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent (Villa Maria) fro 9am - 4pm, with a 4pm Sunday Vigil Mass. Please see the flyers in the Gathering Space to make your reservation.

Catholic Charities Update

HOPE DAY is COMING! Hope day will take place on Wednesday March 18, 2026. On this special day, Catholic Charities donations have the ability to be matched. So, you have the potential to double your impact. If you are not able to donate at this particular date Catholic Charities donations are kindly accepted at any time during our campaign. The Catholic Charities campaign ends June 30th.Laurie Alford & Paulette Lindsay