

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. Nov. 3

8:00am - Mother's Day Remembrance

9:30am - Royal Williams

by Katherine Williams

Sun. Nov. 10

8:00am - Father's Day Remembrance

9:30am - Creola Smith

by the Smith Family

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 3, 2024

Sun., Nov. 3 - Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Mon., Nov. 4 - Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14

Tue., Nov. 5 - Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24

Wed., Nov. 6 - Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33

Thur., Nov. 7 - Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10

Fri., Nov. 8 - Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 16:1-8

Sat., Nov. 9 - Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Sun., Nov. 10 - 1 Kgs 17:10-16

/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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, Thelma Craig, 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..

Costs keep rising and we know for many, it can feel nearly impossible to keep up. If you or your family is facing a crisis situation with food, utilities, toiletries, being able to afford vital medication or more, Catholic Charities can help. Call 716-856-4494 if you reside in Erie County, or your local Catholic Charities Office if you reside outside of Erie County.



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

Gospel meditation
Encourage Deeper Upstanding of Scripture

November 3, 2024
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, "And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?'" Jesus' brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with "all your mind." Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let's commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

— Father John Muir

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Anyone wanting to become a registered member here at St. Martin de Porres.

Registration Forms are in the Gathering Space.

Parish Financial Information *Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
October 2024			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
October 6	\$2,646.00	\$651.00	211.00
October 13	\$3140.00	\$610.00	\$70.00
October 20	\$2,050.00	\$805.00	\$293.00
October 27	\$2,253.00	\$315.00	\$25.00
Total Income	\$10,089.00	\$2,381.00	\$599.00

(The Catholic Question Box) Do you have a question for "The Catholic Question Box?" Send an email to: patriciadyernp@gmail.com 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

Important Notice

There will be a **Baptism Class SMdP 6 PM on November 13 for parents of children under 7. This class is for parents in Family 21 regardless of which parish you wish to have the baptism.** Also, parents, if your child needs the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Holy Communion, please notify the church office or see Lanette Jennings to complete the necessary forms.

Kids Registration Day

Kids from age 3 through Grade 12 are invited to register for sacramental preparation and upcoming classes. On Sunday November 10, 2024 after 9:30am Mass. When you sign up you will receive a bag with all kinds of goodies. This means Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

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.

Family 21 Events Calendar

Fri. Nov., 8 - All Souls Candlelight Remembrance Columba Brigid
 Sun., Nov 10 - Education Sunday
 Sun., Nov. 17 - Baptism at 9:30am Mass
 Mon., Nov. 25 - Confirmation @ Ss. Columbia-Brigid



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

Catholic Relief Services Update

"We need the world to keep standing with Gaza and keep talking about Gaza." CRS Program Manager Maria Jose Alexander recently visited Gaza and shared her firsthand perspectives. "There are hundreds of thousands of people living in tents and makeshift shelters that have been displaced from Gaza City and other parts of the Gaza strip into the Middle Area, living in very difficult conditions and starting to get more and more worried as the winter is coming." Visit www.crs.org today to see how else you can help! Interested in joining our local chapter? Contact Dcn. Jerry or Dcn. Don.

All Souls Candlelight Remembrance Service

Please join Family 21 at Ss Columba-Brigid on Friday, November 8th at 6:30 PM as we remember our loved ones with healing music, guest speakers, and your personal candle presentation. A "reservation" is required for those requesting that a loved one be remembered as we will be announcing your request. Please fill out the form provided in the flier along with your \$3.00 donation (to cover the candle costs) and return it to the collection basket at your church this weekend.