

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sun. November 9**

8:00am - All Souls

9:30am - Creola Smith by the Children

**Sun. November 16**

8:00am - All Souls

9:30am - John Bragg by Wife, Alice Bragg

Mass is the highest and greatest form of prayer. Contact the office to request a Mass for yourself, a loved one or for an intention, The offering is \$15.

Please check for a specific date.

### 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 : Joyce Davis, Shirley Hargro, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Louise Nolley, Jacquelynne Scott, Dcn. Ronald Walker, Leinster West III, Josephine Williams & Elise Wilson.

Please keep in your prayers the Ferguson Family, Merriweather Family and the Gist Family on the passing of their Loved One Evelyn Merriweather Ferguson. May her Soul Rest in Peace.

**African Thanksgiving  
Bazaar Mass and Celebration  
Embracing African Unity  
Sunday, Nov. 16th 2025**

**Holy Cross Church  
345 7th St., Buffalo, NY  
Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Daniel Ogbeifun  
Mass: 11am**

**African Bazaar Celebration  
12:30pm-3:30pm  
For Information 716-847-2216**

### November Lectors

8:00am Mass

November 2 - Myrna Draper

November 9 - Barbara Breckenridge

November 16 - Pat Dyer

November 23 - Pat Howling

November 30 - Luke Dyer

9:30am Mass

November 2 - Alice Bragg

November 9 - Youth

November 16 - Lurita Boyd

November 23 - Sr. Roberta Fulton

November 30 - Ndidi Nwabugwu

### Readings for the Week of

**November 9, 2025**

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

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

Mon., Nov. 10 - Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6

Tue., Nov. 11 - Wis 2:23—3:9/Lk 17:7-10

Wed., Nov. 12 - Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19

Thurs., Nov. 13 - Wis 7:22b—8:1

/Lk 17:20-25

Fri., Nov. 14 - Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-3

Sat., Nov. 15 - Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9

/Lk 18:1-8

Sun., Nov. 16 - Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12

/Lk 21:5-19



### GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 9, 2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

John 2:13-22

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:13-22). His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar

Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

— Father John Muir

**Parish Financial Information**  
**\*Weekly Totals Include E-Giving**

**November Collections**

|                     | <b>Regular<br/>Collection</b> | <b>Martin's<br/>Future</b> | <b>Diocese<br/>Collection</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| November 2,         | \$2,401.00                    | \$975.00                   | \$20.00                       |
| November 9          |                               |                            |                               |
| November 16         |                               |                            |                               |
| November 23         |                               |                            |                               |
| November 30         |                               |                            |                               |
| <b>Total Income</b> |                               |                            |                               |

**REPLACING CARPET DONATIONS**

Our goal is \$7,000. As of last Sunday we have collected \$ 6,465.00 - 92% of that goal.

Keep up the good work, your donation is needed. It will take all of us to make this happen.

Please make checks payable to; St. Martin de Porres Church: on memo line put: CARPET DONATION.

Your donation should be given to Rodney Richardson or Lanette Jennings. *Your donation is tax deductible.*

**Baptism Information:** Our next Baptism class for parents of children under 7-8 years of age will be held on Saturday, December 6 at 10 AM in St. Lucy room at Ss. Columba-Brigid. You do not need to wait until the birth of your baby to register and attend a class. Please contact your parish office to register

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**Book signing**

**"AFRICIA - Encounters, Experiences, and Enrichments"**  
 By Fr. Ronald Sajdak

**Sunday, Nov 9, 2025 after Mass.**

During the month of November, we remember our Faithful Departed. The Book of Remembrance is located in front of the church near the Baptismal Font.

In order to keep you informed, please provide the office with your email address. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space.

**"At A Glance"**

**Family 21 Events Calendar**

Sun., Nov. 9th - Fr. Ron's Book signing after Mass

Sun., Nov 16th - African Thanksgiving

Bazaar Mass & Celebration - Holy Cross Church—11am.

Mon., Nov. 24th - Blessed Trinity -Confirmation @ 7pm

Wed., Nov. 26th- Family 21 Thanksgiving Mass @

@ Ss. Columba-Brigid—7pm

Wed., Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve Mass

♦ Ss. Columba-Brigid - 6pm

♦ St. Martin de Porres - 8pm

♦ Blessed Trinity - 10pm

Thurs., Dec. 25th - Christmas Day Mass

♦ Ss. Columba-Brigid - 10am

♦ Blessed Trinity - 10a

Wed., Dec. 31st - New Years Eve - Ss. Columba-Brigid - 11pm

Thurs., Jan. 1st - New Years Day - Blessed Trinity - 10am

**The New Veterans Banner is now located in the corridor. Please take the time to review and say a prayer for all who have served for our country.**

