Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday - August 30
8:00am - Members of the Heart of Buffalo
9:30am - Ralph McKinney
by the McKinney Family

Sunday - September 6
8:00am - Arthur Harper Sr.
9:30am—Yvonne Harper

by Michael Harper

August Lectors

8:00am Sunday Mass

August 2 - Stephen Williams
August 9 - Barbara Breckenridge
August 16 - Barbara Smith
August 23 - Andre Allen
August 30 - Patricia Dyer

9:30am Sunday Mass

August 2 - Nikkei Goodwin
August 9 - Youth
August 16 - Lurita Boyd
August 23 - Cynthia Davis
August 30 - Sr. Roberta Fulton, SSMN

Readings for the week of August 30, 2026

Sun: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8 /Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Mon: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 /Jn 1:45-51

Tues: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 /Mt 23:23-26

Wed.: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 /Mt 23:27-32

Thurs: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 /Mt 24:42-51

Fri: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 /Mt 25:1-13

Sat: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 /Mk 6:17-29

Observances for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Tuesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Thursday: St. Monica

Friday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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, Chelsea Campbell, Joyce Davis, Denise Dickinson, Nikkei Goodwin, Shirley Hargro, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Sandra Marzulli, Jewel Marshall, Louise Nolley, Adrienne Nelson, Joyce Menifee, Lisa Hiedi-Oliveto & Josephine Williams

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The Heart of Buffalo Catholic Community East

Way Forward Process

Do something surprisingly out of the ordinary! Perform an uncharacteristic kindness! Suddenly display a hidden gift or talent!... When we do something that is astonishing to others, how often we hear their total surprise as they teasingly exclaim, "Who is this person? What did you do with _____?!" When someone or something, disclosed in a striking way, makes our eyes pop open to it, or stops us in our tracks, we're forced to reconsider our presumptions, judgements, stance, position. The experiences move us to change". In the gospel this weekend, Peter and the disciples are forced to answer Jesus' inquiry, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"; in essence, "Who is this person?!" that they're following? They're having their eyes propped open to better see who Jesus is! What they see and experience of Jesus forces them to come to new insights and convictions of faith, new stances, new understandings, and new & different ways of living….. And so, in response to Jesus' questioning, Peter finally responds, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." **Eyes Wide Open!!!** What does that mean to you and to me? And, how does our understanding of who Jesus is challenge us to the constant call to change, conversion, and transformation?!!! Consider this reflection on Mt. 19:20-22: *Jesus… asks us to trust him in our discipleship, and through that trust, to move away from what we might hold familiar and comfortable. Familiar and comfortable things are not bad in and of themselves, but Jesus invites us to continually trust in him, and to notice what things we might be holding onto in place of that trust. Maybe it's moving forward in your relationship with someone, saying "yes" to a new job, moving… across the country for school or work or simply carving out time each day for a moment of prayer instead of something else.*
[*America: Scripture Reflections*, A Reflection for Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time, John Console] Moving away from what was, to what God prompts us to become, leads us to the place God needs us to be! For this to happen always requires change with eyes wide open. These days, we are challenged to look at ourselves as Church, Family of Churches, & Parish in a whole new way and to make some major changes. What if our ***Way-Forward-Changes*** as a Family open wide the eyes of others around us and have them ask of us, "Who is this Church?"! Let's make the changes and take the world around us by surprise! ~ Fr. Bob

Celebrating a Champion of Faith & Love,

Lanette Jennings

Our prayers and condolences go out to the family & friends of Lanette Jennings, to her parish community, and to our Family of Parishes, at Lanette's unexpected passing. Our hearts are crushed and aching at the loss of someone so dear to us all. Her commitment to St. Martin's - as Pastoral Associate, respected Elder, and so much more - and her dedication to our Heart of Buffalo Catholic Community East Family… is unmatched! Her ministry is irreplaceable! May our sadness be comforted by this great woman who has been a Champion of our Faith and a living witness to the promises of Jesus that, for those who believe, God has a place already prepared for them in the joys of heaven. In that place of glory, we trust that Lanette's earthly life gives way to unimaginable happiness, healing, and wholeness in God's eternal embrace of Love. Certainly, the Gates of Heaven swung open wide in welcome of her. Lanette, we are eternally grateful for all that you have given of yourself for us. Your greatest legacy may be the mark of faith and love that you have left on so, so many! May you rest now in God's embrace of light and peace.

~ Fr. Bob

Are you a Catholic who has never been Confirmed? Worshipping with us from another faith tradition? Have you never been Baptized? Learn more: start Becoming Fully Catholic with Alpha. Dates of the four Alpha sessions are August 17-18 at Blessed Trinity and 24-25 at Ss. Columba-Brigid. Attend all four sessions. No commitment. Come and see. Those under 18 attend a separate program – please ask for details. Contact Pat Dyer, Paula Hunt, Mary Craig, Sr.. Louise (716-341-3466), or Fr. Bob. Flyers at information table.

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Hands Only CPR, Stop the Bleeding & AED Training @ St. Martin de Porres, Saturday, September 26, 2026-10am-2pm, sign up in Gathering Space . Lunch will be provided

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The next Women's Guild meeting will be held Sat., September 5th, 2026, at Blessed Trinity 12n to2pm.

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Dear Parents,

It is very important that you contact the church's office immediately if you have a child that needs to be Baptized, make their First Holy Communion, or need to be Confirmed. New is the time to register. Please contact the church office to start the process.

Parish Financial Information *Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
August Collections			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
August 2,	$3,015.00	$1,310.00	$590.00
August 9,	$2,454.00	$1,170.00	0.00
August 16,	$1,421.00	$670.00	$120.00
August 23			
August 30			
Total	$5,611.00	$3,150.00	$710.000

You are Cordially invited to our

6th ANNUAL CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Celebration Dinner

Friday, October 23, 2026

Venue: Classic V
2425 Niagara Falls, Blvd,
Amherst NY 14223

RECEPTION AT 5:30PM
DINNER & PROGRAM BEGINS 6:30PM

(Dinner | Music | Raffle Baskets | Awards)

Dress to Impress in your Culture Attire
Tickets $60.00
Email: rfulton@buffalodiocese.org

Family 21 at "A Glance"

Fri., September 4 - Eucharistic Adoration
@ Ss. Columba-Brigid 4pm-7pm

Sat., September 5 - Women's Guild Meeting– 12n-2pm

Sun.-Mon, September 13th @ 9:30am & Mon. 14th @ 6:00 pm
Annual Revival @ St. Martin de Porres

Sat.-September 19-Compassion Ministry Retreat and Update for all non-clergy who make Communion calls or home visits in
Family 21 @ Columba-Brigid @ 9a to 1:30pm

Sun., September 20th - Remembering Sr. Philip Marie
at St. Martin de Porres after the 9:30m Mass

M0n., September 21-Movie Night-St. Oscar Romero
w/ Dcn. Don Weigel @ Columba Brigid 6:30pm

Wed. September 23-Baptism Call for parents of children 7
and under @ St. Martin de Porres—6:30pm.

Sat. September 26-Baptism & Confirmation classes for children
& teens between 7 & 18 at Blessed Trinity 1pm

Sat., September 28 -Hands Only CPR, Stop the Bleeding
& AED Training @ StMDP-10am-2pm. Lunch will be provided

Mon. October 19-Subs N' Suds w/Sr. Louise Alff presents Mother Marianne Cope-Supper @ 5:30pm, Ss. Columba-Brigid—Discussion @ 6:30pm

Fri., October 23– 6th Annual African Cultural Diversity Dinner
@ Classic V Restaurant. Tickets $60.00

Mon. November 16-St. Josephine Bakhita Movie and discussion
@ Blessed Trinity-6:30pm

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The Women's Respite Program will be hosting moms (and other women) who are raising a child on the autism spectrum. **DATES: Sept 25 to 27, 2026, WHERE: Center of Renewal at Stella Niagara in Lewiston, NY . HOW MUCH: We ask for $20 donation at time of program. See Flyer & application form in the Gathering Space. APPLICATION DEADLINE: Sept 4, 2026** Remember that women must be at least 25 years old to attend. If there are drug or alcohol issues, women must be sober for at least one solid year before attending. We may be able to help with transportation.

Our next Family 21 Baptism class for parents of children under seven will be held at St. Martin de Porres, 6:30 PM on Wed., September 23rd. Please contact your parish office to register. You are encouraged to attend before your baby is born.

First Communion classes begin on October 1 at 6:00 PM at Blessed Trinity. Please advertise however you think will work best for you. Registration is due September 24.

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If you bring **Holy Communion** to or visit on behalf of your parish those who are homebound or in nursing homes, you need to be certified in Protecting God's Children. According to the Safe Environment Office, home-bound parishioners are by definition vulnerable adults. If you are not certified, or need to be reinstated, please see Pat Dyer, Paula Hunt, or Mary Craig. There will also be a Retreat and Refresher on September 19 at Ss. Columba-Brigid. At that time, we will go over the vulnerable adult piece in more depth.