

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. May 25

8:00am - Father's Day Bouquet

9:30am - Deceased members of St. Martin de Porres by Phyllis Wiggins

Sun. June 1

8:00am - Mother's Day Bouquet

9:30am - Tracy M. Lindsay

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.

June Lectors

8:00am Mass

June 1 - Luke Dyer

June 8 - Myrna Draper

June 15 - Andre Allen

June 22 - Pat Dyer

June 29 - Stephen Williams

9:30am Mass

June 1 - Alice Bragg

June 8 - Holy Name

June 15 - Lurita Boyd

June 22 - Cynthia Davis

June 29 - Ndidi Nwabugwu

Readings for the Week of May 25, 2025

Sun., May 25 - Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Mon., May 26 - Acts 16:11-15

/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tues., May 27 - Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

Wed., May 28 - Acts 17:15, 22—18:1

/Jn 16:12-15

Thur., May 29 - **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23
or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Fri., May 30 - Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

Sat., May 31 - Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16

/Lk 1:39-56

Sun., June 1 - Acts 7:55-60

/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

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 : Gino Bell, Lula Bell, Robert Brown, Ikeshia Fields, Shirley Hargro, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Antionette (Tonie) Newton, Vanessa Newton, Louise Nolley, Marianne Partee, Samuel Ruff, Dcn. Ronald Walker, and Josephine Williams.

Road to Renewal Update

As I'm sure you most of you have heard, a bankruptcy settlement of \$150,000,000 has been reached between the Diocese of Buffalo and the creditors committee representing clergy sexual abuse victims. Parish Families will meet with diocesan officials very soon when each parish will be issued an invoice for their share in the diocesan settlement. The meeting will include parish leaders. Payments are established on a sliding scale based on parish liquid assets. This payment, by each parish, will be a one-lump-sum payment most likely due by mid-summer. More details will follow as I receive them.

I have requested a meeting with the diocese to discuss the further blending of Family 21 and Family 23. Two things that are critical to our moving forward, and that we need to know, are the model of "Family" to be pursued and the leadership structure for the new blended Family. Recall that the Blending of Family 21 and Family 23 involves the additional collaboration between diocesan clergy and the clergy that currently serve the west side parishes of Holy Cross and Our Lady of Hope, the clergy of the Order of Mary Immaculate (OMI) – Fr. Felix Nyambe, OMI, Fr. Stanislaw Zowada, OMI, Fr. Tuan Pham, OMI, and Fr. Lou Loughen, OMI (retired).

Again, details will follow as I receive clarification.

Fr. Bob

Grace and peace be with you!

With a heart full of gratitude to God Almighty, I write to cordially invite you to join me in celebrating two great milestones in my life and ministry:

My 50th Birthday Celebration
& The 10th Anniversary of My Priestly Ordination

Date: Saturday, June 7th, 2025, Time: 4pm Mass, followed by a reception at the same venue All Saints Catholic Church. Lockport N.Y 14094.

This double celebration is a moment of thanksgiving, reflection, and joyful fellowship, and your presence will make it all the more meaningful. I would be deeply honored if you could come and share in this special day of grace and gratitude with me.

Kindly consider this as a personal invitation, and feel free to come along with friends or family who would like to join in this joyful occasion.

May God bless you abundantly and reward you for your continued love, support, and prayers.

In Christ's service,
Fr. Daniel Ogbeifun
(50 & 10 – A Journey of Grace)

"Swing into the Spring"

**3rd annual Father's Day Gala,
Hosted by the
Holy Name Society.**

**The Hilton Garden Inn
Buffalo Airport, 4201 Genesee
Sat., June 7, 2025,
6pm-10:30pm**

**See flyer in Gathering Space
for details.**

**Donations needed by June 1st,
be dropped off at the office.**

**See any Holy Name Member
should you need tickets.**

Spring Cleanup



**St. Martin de Porres
Saturday, May 31, 2025
10am – 12pm / Volunteers are
needed / Lunch provided.
There is a sign-up sheet in the
Gathering Space.**

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

May Collections

	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
May 4	\$2,636.00	\$1,227.00	\$20.00
May 11	\$2,907.00	\$737.00	\$60.00
May 18	\$2,226.00	\$820.00	\$509.00
May 25			
Total Income	\$7,769.00	\$2,784.00	\$589.00

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Contact any of our priests and deacons or pastoral associates.

Our next **Children's Liturgy of the Word** will take place on Sunday, June 1 during the 9:30 AM and 10 AM Masses at St. Martin de Porres and Blessed Trinity. Children will hear God's Word and participate in a small project to help them understand the readings. This monthly time together will be expanded when we are able to do so.

Thank you to Catherine Horton, Joyce Davis, and Sr. Roberta who have generously volunteered to help with our Children's Liturgy of the Word. Children from Kindergarten through grade six are welcome to join us monthly.

Women's Guild

Our year end Luncheon will take place at the home of the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, 245 Lafayette Ave Buffalo, NY at noon on Saturday, June 7th. All Ladies of the Guild are invited to enjoy a special meal prepared by our caterer Krysten. Special thanks to Sister Roberta for hosting our event. Please RSVP Laurie Alford at lbrownnc@kent.edu or use our sign up sheet.

Blessings, Marianne Partee and Laurie Alford

Vacation Bible School News!

Flyers and registration forms are now available in the Gathering Space. There are plenty of spaces, but Family 21 children will be given available spaces before we offer it to other parishes. Contact your parish office with any questions.

Needed! Vacation Bible School planners are looking for old sheets, curtains, or shower curtains in the following patterns: Safari, barn, farm, lions (not Disney,) forest, tropics, beach, water, and fields - or talented painters for second-hand white sheets. Please bring them to church with you and let someone know that they are for VBS!



Is Coming Mark Your Calendars
Saturday August 2, 2025

"At A Glance"

Family 21 Events Calendar

Sat., May 31 - Annual Spring Clean-up —10am to 12pm

Sat., June 7 - Women's Guild Luncheon-Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, 241 Lafayette Ave, Buffalo (see complete information in bulletin)

Sat., June 7 - "Swing Into Spring" 3rd Annual Father's Day Gala

Sun., June 22 - First Communion

Sat & Sun. July 19 & 20 - Eastside Garden Walk @ SMdP

Sun., June 29 - Graduation Sunday

Sat., Aug. 2 - Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner-SMdP- 1-4pm.

Sun., Aug 17 - Annual Picnic (more info to follow)

Sun., Dec. 21 - St. Martin de Porres Christmas Concert (details to follow)

Catholic Relief Services Update:

Ever since she was a young girl, Mariam Fata dreamed of owning her own farm. Her father passed away when she was just six years old and she was taken in by her uncle, a farmer. Many years later, Mariam's dream did come true. She and her husband, a former teacher, bought some land. They worked side by side, planting and harvesting each season. But then tragedy struck a few years ago when an accident left her husband paralyzed. "I had children to care for and was now the only one providing for the family, plus the medical costs," she says. "But I couldn't go to the farm because I had to care for my husband. It had a big impact on our lives." Then, in late 2023, staff from the I Londo I Mai project came to her village. I Londo I Mai, which means "rise up and grow together" in the local language, is funded by USAID. Catholic Relief Services and local partner All for Peace and Dignity manage the project, and provide short-term emergency assistance as well as longer-term development activities. Visit www.crs.org for more information! Interested in joining our local chapter? Contact Dcn. Jerry or Dcn. Don.

Catholic Charities Update

Catholic Charities helps our youth in many ways. Catholic Charities provides a High School Equivalency program for young people who have had difficulty with graduating from High School. Catholic Charities also provides assistance with Vocational training. Our time for the campaign is running short. St. Martin still needs to raise \$3000 dollars to reach our goal of \$14,470. Thank you to our 41 very generous donors. Any amount will help. The campaign ends June 30th. Laurie Alford & Paulette Lindsay

Virtus Online Update.

May "Protecting Gods Children for Adults" The Child Advocacy Center: A Vital Step in Conducting a Child Abuse Investigation is now available for viewing.

Catholic Health is currently seeking volunteers and is in special need for Eucharistic Minister volunteers across our system - Northtowns and Southtowns. For details, contact Lisa Carey at 716-862-1106 or lcarey2@chsbuffalo.org.