

Mass Intentions  *for the Week*

Sun. April 6
8:00am - Mother's Day Remembrance
9:30am - Olivia C. Morgan
by the Newton Family

Sun. April 13
8:00am - All Souls
9:30am - Olivia & Gilbert Morgan
by the Newton Family

April Lectors

8:00am Mass

April 6 - Barbara Smith
April 13 - Pat Dyer
April 20 - Andre Allen
April 27 - Myrna Draper

9:30am Mass

April 6 - Alice Bragg
April 13 - Holy Name
April 20 - Lurita Boyd
April 27 - Ndidi Nwabugwu

**Readings for the Week of
April 6, 2025**

Sun., April 6 - Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Mon., April 7 - Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20
Tues., April 8 - Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wed., April 9 - Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thurs., April 10 - Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Fri., April 11 - Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Sat., April 12 - Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Sun., April 13 - Palm Sunday - Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56



On Good Friday, April 18th, there will be a collection for the Holy Land

**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, Shirley Hargro, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Antionette (Tonie) Newton, Vanessa Newton, Louise Nolley, Marianne Partee, Samuel Ruff, and Josephine Williams. Elise Wilson

Short Guide to help you through Confession

Here is a short guide to help you through the process:

1. Examine your conscience by reflecting on your sins. This is the most important step. Take time in quiet reflection to review your life since your last confession.
2. Begin your confession by making the sign of the cross and saying: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [length of time] since my last confession.
3. "These are my sins..." Confess your sins openly and honestly. It's ok if you don't remember every single sin. Conclude with "I'm sorry for these and all my sins".
4. The priest will give you a specific "penance", which may be a few prayers, an act of charity, or something related to your sins as a response to God's mercy.
5. Pray a prayer such as the Act of Contrition, expressing your sorrow for your sins and a desire to not sign again.
6. Receive absolution. The priest will extend his hands over you, pray the prayer of absolution, and make the Sign of the Cross over your head. You respond, "Amen".
7. He will then conclude by saying "Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace" and you respond, Thanks be to God."

**A good confession is humble,
sincere and complete.**



We need people who are willing to be trained as a sound technicians to operate our sound system on a regular basis. Please notify the office to apply for this position.



Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church for Easter on Saturday, April 19, 2025 from 10am to 2pm. There is a signup sheet in the Gathering Space. Your help is needed.



This year's Bike Fair:

Our 3rd annual Bike Fair will be held at Ss. Columba Brigid Church. They collect donated bikes, fix them up and then give them away to children from our parishes, Family Promise homeless shelter, and the neighborhood.

They have lots of bikes this year so we want to let everyone know about it in our Family of Parishes.

**Saturday, April 26th at
Ss. Columba Brigid Church**

A group of volunteers will work on the donated bikes (put air in tires, lubricate etc.) 8 am - 1 pm

Families can bring their children to pick out a bike from 1 pm - 3 pm

Please sign up so that we will know that you are coming

Parish Financial Information			
*Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
March 2025			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
March 2	\$2,309.00	\$1,545.00	\$50.00
March 9	\$2,470.00	\$932.00	\$450.00
March 16	\$2,682.00	\$850.00	\$45.00
March 23	\$1,814.00	\$1,110.00	\$5.00
March 30	\$2,864.00	\$563.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$12,139.00	\$5,000.00	\$550.00

Our next Baptism class for parents of children under 7 has been scheduled for May 4 at 12:30 PM in the school building at Blessed Trinity. Register in advance at your parish office. This will be our last class until fall. You do not need to wait until your baby is born to come to the class. Godparents are also welcome to attend .

Confirmation 2025: If you are in at least the 9th grade (including adults) and would like to be Confirmed next fall, now is the time to talk to us! Those who are not attending a Catholic High School and did not participate in the recently ended Introduction to Sacred Scripture Class, please contact Pat Dyer at Blessed Trinity as soon as possible to discuss catching up.

Monthly Faith Formation packets are being prepared by our volunteers. Thank you. We have already had donations of supplies, but we need cornstarch and baking soda donated for our May packets. We will need 15 boxes of cornstarch and 15 boxes of baking soda total. If you can help, please bring them in and give them to Paula Hunt, Pat Dyer, or Lanette Jennings.

Lenten Events @ St. Martin de Porres

Mon., April 7-1st Reconciliation @ 6pm & Penance Service Mass - St. Martin de Porres @7pm

Sun., April 13-Palm Sunday–SMdP - Regular Mass Times

Fri., April 18–Good Friday– SMdP @ 3pm,

Sun., April 20-Easter Sunday-SMdP-Regular Mass & Times

Family 21 Events Calendar

Mon., April 7-1st Reconciliation @ 6pm & Penance Service Mass -St. Martin de Porres @7pm
Fri., April 11-Tennebrae Service-Blessed Trinity @7pm

Holy Week

Sun., April 13-Palm Sunday–St. Martin de Porres-Regular Mass Times
Thur., April 17-Holy Thursday-Ss. Columba-Brigid (Bi-Lingual Mass) @ 7pm.
Fri., April 18–Good Friday– St. Martin de Porres-3pm, Ss. Columba-Brigid-7pm (Bi-Lingual)
Sat., April 19-Holy Saturday-Blessed Trinity @ 8:30pm
Sun., April 20-Easter Sunday-St. Martin de Porres-Regular Mass Times

Sun., May 4 - Women's Guild celebrates-"Wear White-Women's Day" 8am & 9:30am Mass
Wed., May 21 - Prayer Partner Pot Luck Dinner-Ss. Columba-Brigid@6pm- (Arrival time-5:30pm)
Sat & Sun. July 19 & 20– Eastside Garden Walk @ St, Martin de Porres - 10am to 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:

With changing priorities for U.S. government humanitarian assistance, our most vulnerable sisters and brothers are being affected around the world. Due to funding challenges, people need us more than ever. But we are experiencing immediate and critical gaps in our ability to bring lifesaving programs across all areas of our work in the face of ongoing foreign aid crisis. Private funding is needed now more than ever to ensure that our vulnerable sisters and brothers can still count on us to help them feed their families, find shelter during disasters and safe haven in times of war. Please consider making a generous gift today at www.crs.org/help-now Thanks for your support! Interested in joining our local chapter? Contact Dcn. Jerry or Dcn. Don.

Catholic Charities Update

Catholic Charities is a partner in supportive housing on the East side. Catholic Charities provides case management in partnership with New York State and works to provide housing for homeless elderly. Noles Court located at 99 Best St. opened in 2023 and features 49 one-bedroom apartments for seniors. Your support helps to house those who are elderly and homeless. Please consider a donation today. We have raised \$8,705 dollars towards our goal of \$14,470 with the support of 32 generous donors. Laurie Alford

Pilgrims of Hope-- The Pope underscored how Jesus awaits us at the threshold, "especially the most vulnerable," such as the children suffering due to war and hunger, and the elderly often forced to live abandoned and in solitude. He described how the Lord awaits those who have lost homes, fled homelands for safety, lost jobs and cannot find one, those in prisons, and people enduring persecution for their faith. - Let us pray for all of them!