

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday - May 24

8:00am - All those in the military who have given their lives for freedom

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Sunday - May 31

8:00am - All Mothers of St. Martin de Porres

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Mass is the highest and greatest form of prayer. Contact the office. The offering is \$15.

May Lectors

8:00am Sunday Mass

May 3 - Patricia Dyer
 May 10 - Patricia Howling
 May 17 - Luke Dyer
 May 24 - Steve Williams
 May 31 - Myrna Draper

9:30am Sunday Mass

May 3 - Nndi Nwbugwu
 May 10 - Youth
 May 17 - Lurita Boyd
 May 24 - Cynthia Davis
 May 31 - Margaret Braun

Readings for the week of May 17, 2026

Sun., : Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9
 /Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
 Mon.,: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab
 /Jn 16:29-33
 Tues.,: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21
 /Jn 17:1-11a
 Wed.,: Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a,
 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
 Thurs.,: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a
 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
 Fri.,: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab
 /Jn 21:15-19
 Sat.,: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5
 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Observances for the week of May 17, 2026

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord
 Monday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr
 Wednesday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
 Thursday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
 Friday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
 Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

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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, Toni Goins-Singletary, Shirley Hargro, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Sandra Marzulli, Jewel Marshall, Louise Nolley, Lisa Hiedi-Oliveto, Aaron Pomerantz, & Josephine Williams



We are blessed to have a nation of brave men and women who have sacrificed greatly for our country. Our great nation celebrates and commemorates their memory on Memorial Day in honor of their courage and service.

Family 21 Update

St. Martin de Porres hosted a parish Town Hall type meeting last Sunday. At this point now, each of the 3 parishes in our Family has provided such opportunities for our people to be informed of our current realities and our challenges for the future. The participation and response to these gatherings have been an encouraging sign to me of our love for the Church, our individual parishes, and our Family! Thank you to all who helped plan and facilitate these gatherings, the spirit of the conversations, and the hopefulness that is fostered toward our future. Our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure, rooted in God and prayerful hearts, is our only way forward.

Spring Cleanup



St. Martin de Porres
 Saturday, May 30, 2026

10am – 12pm / Volunteers are needed / Lunch provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space.

Save the Date



Knights of Peter Claver
 Ladies Auxiliary
 Annual Chiavetta's Chicken Dinners

St. Martin de Porres
 Saturday, August 8, 2026
 1pm to 4pm
 Tickets: \$20



A Breath of Fresh Air!

This past week, when it seemed that the weather had finally broken a bit from cold and damp and rain, I threw open the windows of my bedroom and bathroom and just inhaled some fresh air! The room was almost instantly filled with delight. The smell of fresh air – if there is such a smell – was an elixir for sound sleep. That night, dozing off quickly, “I slept like a log!” Fresh air can certainly clear the senses, rejuvenate, and ease the unsettled human heart. The sending of the Holy Spirit is God’s breath of fresh air for all of creation. It is the Spirit who lifts, empowers, renews and brings things alive. Each baptized person has received that Holy Spirit who fills us with the creative energy for the building up of God’s kingdom. Unique in giftedness, each of us is equally important in fulfilling our part in making that mission a reality. Our Family of Parishes is a treasure chest of richness in diversity and color and sharing of ideas, and ways of life, faith, and worship. On this Feast of Pentecost - celebrating God’s breath as the wind that animates and permeates each person – let us not miss this chance to celebrate who we are meant to be as individual temples of the Holy Spirit and as a Family 21 Temple of temples! God can do incredible things with us! *Come Holy Spirit, Come!* - Fr. Bob

Parish Financial Information *Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
May Collections			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
May 3	\$2612.00	\$1,207.00	\$25.00
May 10	\$3215.00	\$813.00	\$5.00
May 17	\$1771.00	\$1080.00	\$161.00
May 24			
May 31			
Total	\$7598.00	\$3100.00	\$191.00

Get tickets for **Columba-Brigid's Chicken Dinner** on Sunday, June 7. They offer eat in or take out. Tickets are available after Masses at Columba-Brigid or by contacting the parish office.

GREAT AMERICAN PEPPERMENT CONTEST

The Junior Knights of Peter Claver Branch 94 invites you to participate. For more information see flyer in the Gathering Space.



The St. Martin de Porres
Holy Name Society
Swing into Spring

4th Annual Father's Day Gala on Saturday, June 20th 2026, 6pm -10:30pm. at the Hilton Garden Inn Buffalo Airport , 4201 Genesee Tickets: \$55 per ticket, \$50 per ticket (2 or more) & \$35 for children (12 and under 6pm) *They are seeking for donations from our parish members and our ministries for our gift basket raffle. We kindly ask that any donation be received at the parish office by June 1st.*

**Graduation Sunday - June 28, 2026
Required Information**

- ◆ Name of Student
- ◆ Current school will be attending new grade, high school or college
- ◆ Moving from grade to grade
- ◆ Any Achievements or Honors

See application form in the Gathering Space. All information must be into the office by **Sunday, June 14, 2026 by 1pm.**

STUDENT MUST ATTEND GRADUATION
SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

Prayer Partner Gathering is Thursday June 18th at St. Columba Brigid. The Prayer Partner Committee hopes as many as possible will sign up to come to meet your prayer partner and enjoy a nice pot-luck meal with entertainment and door prizes! Arrive with food 5:30 and beginning with prayer and meal at 6 PM. Sign-up sheets at the door May 31, June 7 and 14th. Thank you all

Next Eucharistic Adoration being offered on June 5, 2026 from 4pm to 7pm, at Ss. Columba-Brigid Church, 75 Hickory St. Buffalo, NY 14204

Family 21 at "A Glance"

- Sat., May 30 - Annual Spring Clean-up-10am-12n-Sign-up
- Sat., May 30 - "Letter From a Birmingham Jail: If Martin Were Here Today" @ St. Mary Ctr., 245 Lafayette 1:30pm-3:00pm. (flyer in Gathering Space)
- Fri., June 5 - Eucharistic Adoration-Ss. Columba-Brigid 4m-7pm
- Sun., June 7 - Annual Chicken Dinner@ Ss. Columba Brigid -12n-2pm.
- Sun., June 14-Children's 1st Communion-SMDP-9:30am Mass
- Fri., June 18- Prayer Partner Dinner @ Ss. Columba-Brigid-5:30pm
- Sat., June 20-Holy Name Father's Day Dinner
- Sun., June 28-Graduation Sunday
- Fri., July 5 - Eucharistic Adoration-Ss. Columba-Brigid 4pm-7pm
- Sat., July 18 & Sun., July 19-Garden Walk
- Tues., August 4-"National Night Out"-SMDP
- Fri., August 7 - Eucharistic Adoration-Ss. Columba-Brigid 4pm-7pm
- Sat., August 8-KOPC Chiavetta's BBQ Chicken Sale-\$20.00 -St. Martin de Porres
- Sun., August 16-Parish Picnic

Sisters of St. Mary of Namur will be hosting:

Social Justice Through the Arts Typography of Women presents

"Letter from a Birmingham Jail, If Martin Were Here Today"

**Saturday, May 30, 2026
1:30pm - 3:00pm**

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St. Mary Center, 245 Lafayette Ave, Buffalo, NY 14213

What: Spirit-filled, music and dancing:
Enactment & Dramatization of the Birmingham Letter

Why: Articulate that Social Justice Issues from 1963 are still the same challenges we are being faced with in 2026.

To register to attend email Sr. Roberta Fulton, SSMN at fulton4505@aol.com or call 716-435-7244.

Catholic Charities Update

The Heart of Buffalo Catholic Community is doing well with our overall Catholic Charities Appeal. St. Martin de Porres has raised \$13,155 dollars, Blessed Trinity has raised \$12,230 dollars and Saints Columba-Brigid has raised \$12,670 dollars. Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far. We encourage secure online donations at CCWNY.ORG (kindly designate SMDP as your home church). Have a blessed Memorial Day. Laurie Alford and Paulette Lindsay

- St. Martin de Porres End of the Year Booster Club Winners**
- Denise Bald - \$50.00**
 - Walter Cole - \$25.00**
 - Cindy Clarke - \$100.00**
 - William Nelson - \$25.00**
 - Lindsey Porter - \$25.00**
 - Leonardo Newton - \$25.00**
 - Alexander Blumberg - \$200.00**
 - Jessica Dudek - \$50.00**

The new year starts Sunday, June 7, 2026, please see Helen Smith Porter