

Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

Sun. October 26

8:00am - NO MASS

9:30am - All the members of the
Heart of Buffalo Catholic Community

Sun. November 2

8:00am - All Souls

9:30am - Dollena Elder

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 : Shirley Hargro, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Vanessa Newton, Louise Nolley, Dcn. Ronald Walker, & Josephine Williams



**Fall Back one Hour
On November 2, 2025
clock will fall back one
hour at 2am. This marks
the end of Daylight
Savings Time.**

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

October 26, 2025

Sun., Oct. 26 - Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Mon., Oct. 27 - Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17

Tues., Oct. 28 - Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

Wed., Wed. Oct 29 - Rom 8:26-30

/Lk 13:22-30

Thurs., Oct. 30 - Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35

Fri., Oct. 31 - Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6

Sat., Nov. 1 - Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3

/Mt 5:1-12a

Sun., Nov 2 - Wis 3:1-9, Rom 6:3-9

REVIVAL 2025 SUNDAY—TUESDAY

October 26-28, 2025

St. Martin de Porres Church
555 Northampton St, Buffalo

◆ Sunday Mass - 9:30am

◆ Monday - YOUTH NIGHT - 6:30pm

◆ Tuesday Night Closing - 6:30pm

Blessed Trinity's "most fun" fundraiser is back—a Fall Wine Tasting on Friday, November 7, from 7-9 PM, featuring a variety of wines to sample and savor, accompanied by delicious hors d'oeuvres, beer, non-alcoholic beverages and desserts. Basket raffle and auction, too! Please mark your calendar, invite your friends, and plan to join us for a lovely evening. Pre-sale tickets are available now for a donation of \$50.00 per person by calling the rectory office (716-833-0301) or Bud & Mickey Dick (716-832-2540). Proceeds will help defray the cost of replacing the rectory boiler. See flyer in Gathering Space.

PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say "Raqa," your heart filled with anger, and the law didn't break. But that anger treads heavily. Over time, it becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it'll break. Just you wait.

The Carpenter and the Law

My husband and I couldn't believe our luck: our new house had a deck. It was more than a couple of broke millennials had ever dared to dream. Lounging in our patio furniture drinking coffee and watching the cars drive past, we felt like Kennedys at Hyannis Port. We had arrived. Well, until it started falling apart.

To be fair, my husband knew this was going to happen all along, because he's a person who uses words like "joist" and "weight-bearing" correctly. He took one look at the deck at the open house and knew it wasn't up to code. "We're going to have to reinforce this at some point," he told me. "Whatever!" I replied, daydreaming about twinkle lights and porch parties.

Sure enough, our second summer in the house, he had to rip the rotting surface boards off. The biggest issue was that the joists were too far apart; when we stepped on the boards, they bowed and almost cracked, lacking adequate support beneath. But we weren't going to redo the whole deck — we're not actually Kennedys. We (okay, he) simply ripped the surface boards off, added the necessary joists, and replaced the decking with newer, better, stronger wood.

Simply put, my husband did not come to abolish the deck, but to fulfill it.

The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say "Raqa," your heart filled with anger, and the law didn't break. But that anger treads heavily on boards not adequately supported. Over time, the anger becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it'll break. Just you wait.

And when it does, you'll see why: there wasn't anything beneath, holding it up.

So God sent a Carpenter to reinforce the law. The Carpenter crafted joists from prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance — strong virtues that can withstand a lifetime of battery, if properly maintained. And the law still holds.

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Parish Financial Information
*Weekly Totals Include E-Giving

October Collections			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
October 5	\$2,215.00	\$940.00	\$283.00
October 12	\$2,132.00	\$765.00	\$0.00
October 19	\$1,816.00	\$747.00	\$329.00
October 26			
Total Income	\$6,163.00	\$2,452.00	\$612.00

"At A Glance"

Family 21 Events Calendar

Sat., Oct 25—Multicultural Mass - St. Joseph Cathedral
50 Franklin St-10am

Sun., Oct 26th, Mon., Oct 27th (Youth Night), and Tues., Oct 28th
Revival @ St. Martin de Porres

Sun., Nov. 2nd - BILLS GAME DAY WATCH PARTY - 3pm @ St.
Martin de Porres (see flyer in Gathering Space)

Fri., Nov. 7th - Fall Wine Tasting - 7pm - 9pm @ Blessed Trinity -
Fund raiser to replace the rectory boiler

REPLACING CARPET DONATIONS

Our goal is \$ 7,000. As of last Sunday we have
collected \$ 5,575.00 - 80% of the goal.

Almost there. Your donation is still needed.

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*

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 will be 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.

"Cabrini Pledge" is a pledge that we each can make to uphold dignity and engage with migrants. This is a simple action that can help raise awareness of the plight of migrants and refugees. Here's the link: <https://www.usccb.org/cabrinipledge>

I PLEDGE:

- **To affirm, in word and deed, the inherent dignity of every person**, regardless of immigration status or country of origin, seeing each as a child of God before all else.
- **To engage with Scripture and the Church's social teaching**, reflecting on the role of migration in salvation history, the history of the United States, and the history of my own family.
- **To listen and learn about the circumstances facing migrants and refugees**, including those in my community, with an open heart and mind.
- **To seek opportunities for encounter**, so as to grow in deeper understanding and communion that leads to an authentic solidarity with those in need.
- **To consider what it means to be a good neighbor** and how I am called to reflect the love and hope of Christ to others.
- **To encourage civic dialogue that places the human person and the sanctity of families at the center of policymaking**, especially toward the end of meaningful immigration reform.

To join with Pope Leo in praying for all migrants and refugees as fellow travelers on the journey to our true homeland.

Our Lady of Pompeii Church will be offering a special presentation given by Alan Nowicki who is the Director of Programming at the National Historic Landmark Roycroft Campus and art history instructor. The presentation is entitled, **"Searching for God Through Art II"** and it will take place from 7-8 PM on Monday, November 3, 2025, in Our Lady of Pompeii Church. Mr. Nowicki will weave a series of new stories about the creation of various masterpieces and how they offer a glimpse towards God. Come be inspired! Free and open to the public. Lite refreshments follow. Free will donations accepted. Location: In Our Lady of Pompeii Church, 129 Laverack Ave, Lancaster, New York 14086. www.olpparish.com 716-683-6522 Ext: 103