

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday - August 9

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

9:30am - Dennis Riley

Sunday - August 16

8:00am - Dcn. Ronald Walker

9:30am - Sr. Roberta Fulton, SSMN

Jubilee Year

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

August Lectors

8:00am Sunday Mass

August 2 - Stephen Williams

August 9 - Barbara Breckenridge

August 15 - Barbara Smith

August 23 - Andre Allen

August 30 - Patricia Dyer

9:30am Sunday Mass

August 2 - Nikkei Goodwin

August 9 - Youth

August 15 - Lurita Boyd

August 23 - Cynthia Davis

August 30 - Sr. Roberta Fulton, SSMN

Readings for the week of August 9, 2026

Sun: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Mon: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9
/Jn 12:24-26

Tues: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wed: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
/Mt 18:15-20

Thurs: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62
/Mt 18:21-19:1

Fri: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Sat: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16
/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Observances for the week of August 9, 2026

Mon: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Tues: St. Clare, Virgin

Wed: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Thurs: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Fri: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Sat: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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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, Shirley Hargro, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Sandra Marzulli, Jewel Marshall, Frank Merriweather, Keith Lyons, Louise Nolley, Lisa Hiedi-Oliveto, Paul Threet & Josephine Williams

If you bring **Holy Communion** to or visit on behalf of your parish those who are home-bound 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 Lanette Jennings. 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.

The **Holy Name Society** will be again be hosting the Church's Annual Picnic on Sunday, August 16, 2026 at the Marina Gazebo at Como Lake Park in Lancaster. There will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space for anyone wanting to donate food or other picnic items.

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. Now is the time to register. Please contact the church office to start the process.

Booster Club Winners

June - Rochelle Herring

July - Cindy Clarke

Our Family of Parishes is Hiring! The Heart of Buffalo Catholic Community East (Family 21) is seeking a Director of Discipleship to coordinate and facilitate the religious education and sacramental programs for our parishes. The position is posted on the Diocesan website: <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/jobs-opportunities/>. Questions? Contact Nancy Langer at nmlanger@gmail.com or (716) 984-5146

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, Lanette Jennings, Sr. Louise (716-341-3466), or Fr. Bob. Flyers at information table..

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

Family 21 News

Heart of Buffalo Catholic Community East (HOBCCCE)

In their preaching, a couple of Sunday's ago, all three of our deacons addressed the mission of our HOBCCCE Family of Parishes and **MOVING FORWARD** in the footsteps of Jesus, in His Spirit! This past week an equal representation of four parishioners, along with the Pastoral Associates and Clergy, from our three parishes met for a first time to begin to forge our path forward. We have coined this group **The Way Forward Team!** This is not a decision-making body but a group whose task it is to help us develop a couple of models that we might pursue that will spark the fire of mission, vitality and growth for the HOBCCCE. What this team is currently considering we all need to consider, "If I had to make decisions about how to move our three parishes forward – considering our current realities and projections – what decisions would I make in the best interest of our parishes as church, People of God together?" It is hard to consider the future, needed changes, and more than just 'my parish. But, hopefully, our current **The Way Forward Team**, and our absolute trust in the Holy Spirit's guiding hand, will help develop some real possibilities for all of us to consider because the one thing that is critical to our future as an east side Catholic Community is our need to change. Fr. Bob

Congratulations to our Knights of Peter Claver graduating Junior Daughter Uche Ezenwa and Junior Knight Davion Becker, both students were recipients of the Lillian Hundley Annual

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,			
August 16,			
August 23			
August 30			
Total	\$3,015.00	\$1,310.00	\$590.00

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.



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"

Tues,-August 11-LIFE Resources for over 55
@ Columba-Brigid @6:00pm (Supper & Dessert)

Sat., August 15-Meet the Neighbors @ Blessed Trinity -5:30pm

Sun., August 16-Parish Picnic - Como Park, Lancaster

Mon., August-17-18 - Alpha-"Becoming Fully Catholic"
@ Blessed Trinity 6pm

Mon., August 24th-25th - Alpha-"Becoming Fully Catholic"
@ Columba-Brigid 6pm

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

Sat., September 5 - Women's Guild Meeting
@ Blessed Trinity 12n-2pm

Sun.-Mon, September 13th & 14th-Annual Revival, Rev. Arthur Cavitt, OP Revival @ St. Martin de Porres—Sunday 12:30pm & Monday evening @ 6pm (see flyer in Gathering Space)

Tues-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 1:30p

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

Mon., 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 Alf presents mother Marianne Cope-Supper @ 5:30pm, Discussion @ 6:30pm

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

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

This year's **MEET THE NEIGHBORS** is Sat. Aug. 15th, 5:30pm-8:30pm on the lawn and parking lot next to, and behind, Blessed Trinity Church, 317 LeRoy Ave. There will be games, a bounce house, face painting, food, drinks, music, and equipment demonstrations by the Buffalo Fire Department and our E-District Community Police. Please bring family and friends and join us on August 15th!

The next Women's Guild meeting will be held Sat., September 5th, 2026, at Blessed Trinity 12n to 2pm.