

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. Dec. 4 - 2nd Sunday of Advent
Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
9:30am - Joseph Locke by Miriam Locke

Mon. Dec. 5 -
Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

Tue., Dec. 6 - St. Nicholas, Bishop
Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

Wed., Dec. 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

Thur., Dec. 8 - The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Fri. Dec. 9
Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

Sat., Dec. 10
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sun. Dec. 11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
9:30am - Joseph Locke by Miriam Locke

Sunday Mass Intentions

We have been advised by the Diocese to not accept Mass Stipends for 2023 at this time. Any stipends which have already been scheduled for January 2023 will be honored if possible.

Lector Schedule for December

8:00am Mass - Lectionary Readings & Prayer of the Faithful

Dec. 4th - Barbara Breckenridge

Dec. 11th - Luke Dyer

Dec. 18th - Myrna Draper

4:00pm Mass - Lectionary Readings & Prayer of the Faithful

Dec. 24th - TBA

9:30am Mass - Lectionary Readings

Dec. 4th - Laurie Alford

Dec. 11th - Carol Cole

Dec. 18th - Lurita Boyd

Dec. 25th - Stephen Williams

Jan. 1 - Laurie Alford



Fr. Joe's Corner

"Everybody look around. cause there's a reason to rejoice you see ... and let's commence to singing joyfully. Everybody look up and feel the hope that we've been waiting for"

Hello, my St. Martin family!

December has arrived, as has our advent season and journey. My prayer is that everyone finds some moments along the way to take in the wonder of the season, the need to prepare for our saviors birth, and embrace the beauty of waiting with all of our hopes.

Jesus can't wait to come back at Christmas to bring us the light that has gone out of our lives and world. all we have to do is prepare his way. are you in??

As the season of advent unfolds, you are all in my grateful heart and prayers. you have brought me out of my limbo of not knowing my future. what a Christmas gift it would be to learn that I may be your pastor...

in his love,
Fr. Joe

Second Sunday of Advent
Luke 3:1-6

Blessed Advent to you all!

Today we continue the "joyful expectation" of the birth of Christ in history, the present. and the future. Today we hear the words of John the Baptist calling people of his time to repentance. Now. this baptism that John was calling people to is not the same baptism that we Christians celebrate. However, John's baptism is at the root of our Christian baptism. John's baptism had its roots in the "oblation washing" of the Jewish people before undertaking anything of great importance.

Christian baptism is a sacrament to wash away original sin so as to enter sinless into that is celebrated by all Christians, Christian community. It is the one sacrament even those Christians who are not in communion with Rome.

Johns enjoins us to "prepare the way of the Lord." His call is to be taken in the widest Sense. This preparation is a personal preparation, and is also a communal preparation to make it more just. We are called to protect each other's dignity and share of our abundance with others so that each may live a life that is centered on helping others.

Prepare the way!

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 :

Roland Autry, Denise Dickinson, Richard Ersing, Lottie Goins, Sal & Sarah Howard, Susan Hutchins, LaEster Jones, Janice Kyle, Karl Magby, Mary Magby, Jewel Marshall, Daysi McGill Crespo, Thomasina McDougald, Renee Mills, Ernestine Morrell, Kayla Morrell, Vanessa Newton, Dane Smith, and Josephine Williams.

Diocesan & Parish Family Events

Alpha meets on Tuesdays at 5:30pm through December 6th at Blessed Trinity.

Sun., Dec. 4 - "Do You Hear What I Hear?" a Christmas Program at Blessed Trinity at 2pm

Tuesday, Dec. 13 - NBCC meeting at 6pm St. Martin de Porres. An important meeting regarding attending the National Black Catholic Congress XIII scheduled for July 20-23 in Washington DC will be held at SMDP on Tuesday, December 13th at 6pm. Important details will be shared, mark your calendar.

Sun. Dec. 4th - Dec 11th - Toys for Tots Collection

Sat. Dec. 17 - Toy distribution at St. Lawrence 9am-12pm.

Sun. Dec. 18 - Christmas Community Concert @ 3pm.

Sat., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass at SMDP at 4pm.

Sun., Dec. 25 - There will be no 8am Mass. The only Christmas Day Mass at St. Martin de Porres will be at 9:30am

Sun., Jan. 1 - There will be no 8am Mass. The only New Year's Day Mass at St. Martin de Porres will be at 9:30am

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SAVE THE DATE- The SMDP Holy Name Society announces that this year's annual New Year's Eve Gala event will be cancelled. Instead, the members will host its first Father's Day Gala on Saturday, June 17, 2023, 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm, at The Grapevine, 333 Dick Rd in Depew. Further information will be provided in early January.



The Adult Choir and the Youth Choir are looking for new members to join them to help give God the Praise. If you are interested in joining the choirs please see Carol Cole for the Adult Choir or Shelby Thompson for the Youth Choir. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:00pm



Parish Financial Information

November 2022

	Collection	Martin's Future
Nov. 6, 2022 *	\$3,826.00	\$1,190.00
Nov. 13, 2022*	\$2,674.00	\$510.00
Nov. 20, 2022	No Collection	No Collection
Nov. 27, 2022	\$2,621.00	\$730.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,115.00	\$220.00
Total Monthly Income		
Holiday	\$70.00	
Misc. Income	\$2264.01	
Christmas/Christmas Flowers	\$320.00	
Total Income	\$12,890.00	\$2,650.00
Total Monthly Income		
Diocese Collections	\$85.00	

November Expenses (includes some expenses from September & October) = \$17, 214.84

Elections for new parish council members has begun final day to cast your ballots is December 11th. Ballots can be located in the Gathering Space. One voting ballot sheet per voting parishioner; vote for six candidates ONLY per each ballot sheet. Newly elected PPC members will be announced on Sunday, December 18th after Mass.

The Booster Club will be selling Poinsettias Small - \$5.00 & 6½ Large – \$9.00. Delivery date is Dec. 7th. Call Helen Smith-Porter to order at 716-626-6651

Baptized Catholics in grade 10 or above and adults who have not been Confirmed are invited to register for Confirmation classes. Classes will begin after the New Year. Please obtain a registration form from the parish office. Registrations are due by December 31. The class day and times will be determined after we have our registrations.

The Women's Guild is supporting the organization Fostering Greatness which supports children and young adults transitioning through Foster Care. The Women's Guild will be collecting new undergarments and sleepwear for Men, Women and Children. Please look for our donation box in the gathering space.