

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday - April 5

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

9:30am - All Members of St. Martin de Porres Parish

Sunday - April 12

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

9:30am - Knights of St. Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary

Mass is the highest and greatest form of prayer.

April Lectors
8:00am Sunday Mass

April 5 - Myrna Draper
April 12 - Barbara Breckenridge
April 19 - Andre Allen
April 26 - Barbara Smith

9:30am Sunday Mass

April 5 - Nikkei Goodwin
April 12 - Youth
April 19 - Lurita Boyd
April 26 - Sr. Roberta Fulton, SSMN.

Readings for the week of April 5, 2026

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Observances for the week of April 5, 2026

Sunday: Easter Sunday

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

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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, Joyce Davis, Denise Dickinson, Shirley Hargro, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Sandra Marzulli, Jewel Marshall, Louise Nolley, & Josephine Williams



Family News

. What Easters-in-Us....

Welcome to all who have gathered these holy days for the celebration of the Feast of our Salvation..... guests, college students come home, those who have been away awhile, visitors who have come home for this holiday with family and friends, former parishioners, those just passing through, and those who make up this Family of Faith, week after week! To quote the words of St. Peter... "It is good for us to be here,"... so, so good! We come with Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary.... With Peter and the disciple whom Jesus loved... "to see"! To see a huge stone rolled away, a tomb that is empty. We come to hear an angel tell us that Jesus has been raised from the dead! We come to taste victory and to smell the sweet fragrance of New Life. We come to touch our salvation! May all that easters-in-us, in these moments of faith, free us from every darkness of sin and despair as we keep HOPE in our Risen Savior ALIVE! "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for".... US!!! (Romans 5:5) Happy Easter Everyone!

~ Fr. Bob

Catholic Charities Update

Happy Easter to everyone from the Catholic Charities Appeal Team. Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far. Catholic Charities is a great way to share our Easter Blessings with our neighbors in need. You can donate online at CCWNY.ORG (Please designate St. Martin de Porres as the Parish). You can also see Laurie Alford or Paulette Lindsay for additional information.



Parish Financial Information *Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
March Collections			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
March 1	\$2552.00	\$885.00	\$20.00
March 8	\$2064.00	\$860.00	\$354.00
March 15	\$2600.00	\$807.00	\$40.00
March 22	\$1892.00	\$870.00	\$15.
March 29	\$3288.00	\$725.00	\$10.00
Total	\$12396.00	\$4147.00	\$439.00

Baptismal Classes for children ages 7 and under will be held at St. Martin de Porres on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Baptismal Classes for youth 8 to 17 begin on April 18. Please contact your parish office to join us.

Women's Respite Program

The Women's Respite Program will host a weekend for you from April 10 to April 12 at the Center for Renewal on the campus of Stella Niagara near Lewiston, NY. See the information in the Gathering Space.

Please see the enclosed flyer for information on our third **Diocesan Youth Rally** for Grades 8-12. Tony Melendez will return to Buffalo with inspiration and joy as our featured keynote on **Sunday, April 26, 2026!** We will gather at **Hilbert College, 5200 South Park Ave., Hamburg, NY 14075 from 11:15 am to 5:30 pm. Please note: pre-registration is required by April 15, 2026.** No same-day or late registrations will be accepted.

Family Movie/Game Night has been changed from Friday April 10 to Saturday April 18th from 1-3pm @ St. Martin de Porres.. Movie, games and food will still be provided. Please contact Krysten Bell-VP of Parish Council with any questions or concerns @ 716-717-0022.

Litany for Peace Prayer

For families in Iran living in fear, and for all who live under the evil rain of bombardment, may they find safe refuge.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For world leaders, that they stop the bombs and choose diplomacy over destruction and dialogue over retaliation.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those who are poor and vulnerable, who bear the heaviest burdens of war, may their cries transform our hearts.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the courage to see the face of God in our neighbors and to build a culture of genuine encounter.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For a lasting peace based on justice, mercy, and the sacred dignity of every life.
Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Family 21 at "A Glance"

- Sun., April 12– Divine Mercy Sunday
- Sat., April 18-Baptismal Classes for youth 8 to 17
- Sat., April 18-Family Movie & Game Night-
-St. Martin de Porres - 1pm to 3pm
- Thurs., May 7 - Compassion Ministry Meeting
- Wed., May 13-Baptismal Class - St. Martin de Porres
- 6:30pm to 7:30pm
- Sun., May 17 - Town Hall Meeting after 9:30am Mass
- Sat., May 30 - Annual Spring Clean-up-10am-12n

Additional Events

Monday Bible Study of the Letters of St. Paul is moving to Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 PM via Zoom. Get the Zoom link from the Family 21 calendar or email Pat Dyer

"Your parish coordinators of religious education invite all of our helpers, teachers, catechists, and those who want to know more about helping out to meet with us on Sunday, April 12 at 12:30 PM at Blessed Trinity in St. Charles Hall. A light lunch will be served. This meeting is for anyone interested in any age group including preschool, adults, vacation Bible school, youth ministry as well as the traditional school age group. Meet teachers from other parishes and the current teachers for our sacrament classes. Listen to Bishop Mike's recorded remarks and Fr. Bob's vision for our future. See some of the new materials that should be available soon. Talk to current teachers about how teaching has enriched their faith. Find out where the greatest needs lie and learn how you can answer God's call to "Go and make Disciples!"

Family 21 will be training individuals to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who can no longer join us for Mass. We need at least two people from each parish willing to take on this important role. Once trained, the commitment is an hour or two weekly, arranged at your convenience. Training will be a full day Saturday in the spring. Contact Paula Hunt, Lanette Jennings, Pat Dyer, or Fr. Bob if you are able to help.

Interested in becoming a Catholic or just curious about the Catholic faith? Are you a Catholic who has never been Confirmed? Over age seven and put off Baptism due to the pandemic? Join us at any time for Becoming Catholic. Contact Dcn. Jerry, Lanette Jennings, Pat Dyer or Fr. Bob for referral to our team.

Even though the Lents is over, the **Prayer Partner** season is on-going. Continue to pray for your partner. The pot-luck supper is scheduled for the summer. Thank you. Maureen Satchell.