

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun., Jan. 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-1

8:00am - St. Martin de Porres Parishioners

9:30am - Deceased Members of St. Martin de Porres
by Phyllis Wiggins

Mon., Jan. 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

12:00pm - Joseph Locke

Tue., Jan. 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

12:00pm - Hartley & Elizabeth Johns

Wed., Jan 5 - St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

12:00pm - Hartley & Elizabeth Johns

Thu., Jan 6 - St. André Bessette, Religious

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

12:00pm - Dugan & Coyle Families

Fri., Jan 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

12:00pm - Dugan & Coyle Families

Sat., Jan. 8

1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

12:00pm - Dugan & Coyle Families

Sun., Jan. 9 - The Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

8:00am - St. Martin de Porres Parishioners

9:30am - Joseph Locke

St. Martin de Porres Mass Intentions 2021

A Mass stipend is not only for your deceased loved ones. It is also for anyone in need of prayer and consolation: family, friends and all who may be going through a difficult time. Each Mass intention can be secured for \$15 in the Church Office.

“Live as if you were Living a Second time, As though you had acted wrongly the first time” Viktor Frankl.

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Compassion Ministry

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 :
- ◆ Joseph Bugman, Denise Dickinson, Richard Ersing, Lillie Favors, Catherine Horton, Leroy Jeffries, Sarah Howard, Sal Howard, Susan Hutchins, Karl Magby, Mary Magby, Daisy McGill Crespo, Thomasina McDougald, Renee Mills, Ernestine Morrell, Vanessa Newton, Daisy Pleasant, Loreda Reese, Monica White, Chevelle Wiggins, and Josephine Williams.

Lector Schedule for January

8:00am Mass - *the Lector will do both Readings, and the Prayers of the Faithful*

1/2 - Myrna Draper

1/9 - Barbara Williams

1/16 - Barbara Breckenridge

1/23 - Patricia Dyer

1/30 - Andrea Allen

9:30am Mass - *the Lector will do the Readings*

1/2 - Laurie Alford

1/9 - Maureen Satchell

1/16 - Lurita Boyd

1/23 - Alice Bragg

1/30 - Ndidi Nwabugwu

The Annual Diocesan Mass in Remembrance of **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** will be celebrated on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 10am, Blessed Trinity Church, 317 Leroy Ave. Buffalo 14214. Due to Covid regulations an E-Ticket is required for admittance, on a 1st come, 1st served basis. Please call 716-847-2212 by Jan. 12th See flyer in the bulletin and posted in the Gathering Space.

Cathedral Corporation, the provider of our church envelopes has advised us that due to shortages of supplies and personnel because of the affects of the Covid Virus, our church envelopes has been delayed. They are working to provide them as soon as possible

Substitute envelopes are available in the Gathering Space.

Dear Parishioners:

Our 2021 Christmas celebrations were so colorful and soul-uplifting. Once again, let me offer my thanks to the young folks who helped to make our Christmas Eve celebration very memorable. My heartfelt appreciation also goes out to Mary Craig, to all the families of our young people, and to our entire congregation for inspiring those young speakers and performers who helped in charging up Christmas joy and hope in our hearts. How wonderful those young people were! I will always treasure their lessons and reminders on love, family spirit, hope, faith, and unconditional care. Each of the Christmas solemnities [Nativity and Holy Family] which we celebrated that evening and the following Sunday prepared us for entering the new year with grace and fervor.

We must be so proud to see another Year of the Lord, 2022. Let us live every day as if we were living already for a second time, always giving thanks to God for the wonder of our being (Ps. 138), for every blessing received in the previous years, and for His goodness and mercy that will accompany us every day of the year. For our New Year resolutions, let us remember to commit ourselves to what we can do for God, the Church, and our neighbor.

This year, we expect to see both progress and challenges in our faith journey. With the *Road to Renewal* commencing fully in October 2022 for our family of parishes, we anticipate more engagement of activities with our sister parishes (St Columba-Brigid, St Lawrence, and Blessed Trinity) to fulfill our prophetic, priestly, and kingly mission in the central city area of Buffalo. We will make outstanding progress only if every one of us continues to support the on-going activities within this new "family", which will include each parish joyfully and selflessly sharing their resources with each other. In addition, we will all accomplish great things if we listen to one another and turn to God in prayer.

Using the prayer cards provided in this week's bulletin, please join the laity, religious, and clergy of our Diocese to pray for a smooth journey over the course of this long-awaited *renewal* throughout all faith communities. Also, I ask that you pray that the numbers of those pursuing priestly vocations in Buffalo Diocese increase, as well for a massive return of Christ's faithful to the Church in which they celebrated *Holy Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony*, and all other sacraments. Moreso, offer prayers for the unity of believers, which Christ prayed to His Father for his disciples: "I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one... Father, may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me " (Jn 17:21).

In conclusion, I want to thank you for all the Christmas cards, gifts, and prayers sent to me during the holidays. You played a huge part in making my 2021 Christmas wonderful, and I will always treasure that love and care. God bless you.

I wish you a Happy and Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

Fr. Peter

It is that time of year when weather will effect activities here at St. Martin's. Church and event closing information can be found on TV stations 2, 4 and 7 and also on WBEN 930am Radio.

Prayer for Renewal

In every age, O God, you have called us To be your people, to be your 'church

In this time, we begin anew to discern the pathways that will lead us, your people closer to you.

Continually Bless our journey as we proclaim your Good News, celebrate your saving presence among us, serve others with charity and justice, and steward the world you have entrusted to our care.

Send your spirit to lead and guide our Emmaus journey as we commit ourselves to the renewal of our Church. This we ask through Christ our Lord, Amen.

November Report from the Pantry and Closet:

Thank you all for your generosity and support of our ministry.

We distributed 138 turkeys for Thanksgiving! During the month of November 68 families received clothing and household goods from our clothing closet. 990 individuals received food during November!

We are in need of volunteers to help us with packing food, picking up donations, delivering food and maintaining **the** pantry and closet.

We are low on spaghetti and elbows as well as canned fruit right now. We always accept non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, hygiene items, usable clothing and household goods.

Please see Luke Dyer or Laurie Alford if you have any questions, or even better, join us Mondays and Thursdays from 9 am until Noon or Fridays from 10 am until Noon at the pantry or help with toys December 16th or 18th. We can be reached by phone at (716)-896-0047.

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