

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. March 16

8:00am - Daphne & Leslie Riley

by Dennis Riley

9:30am - Prayers & Intentions of Lolita Newton by the Newton Family

Sun. March 23

8:00am - Juliana Ukato

by Francisca Imobio

9:30am - Frank A Newton Jr.

by the Newton Family

March Lectors

8:00am Mass

March 2 - Myrna Draper

March 9 - Pat Howling

March 16 - Luke Dyer

March 23 - Barbara Breckenridge

March 30 - Stephen Williams

9:30am Mass

March 2 - Carol Cole

March 9 - Holy Name Society

March 16 - Lurita Boyd

March 23 - Nikkei Goodwin

March 30 - Ndidi Nwabugwu

**Readings for the Week of
March 16, 2025**

Sun., March 16 - Gn 15:5-12, 17-18
/Phil 3:17-4:1

Mon., March 17 - Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tues., March 18 - Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wed., March 19 - 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Thurs., March 20 - Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Fri., March 21 - Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt
21:33-43, 45-46

Sat., March 22 - Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
/Lk 15:1-3, 11-13

Sun., Mar. 23 - Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15
/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

**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 : Lula Bell, Robert Brown, Shirley Hargro, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Antionette (Tonie) Newton, Vanessa Newton, Louise Nolley, Samuel Ruff, and Josephine Williams.

Lenten Events @ St. Martin de Porres

Fri., Mar. 28-Stations of the Cross-SMdP @7pm.

Mon., April 7-1st Reconciliation @ 6pm & Penance Service Mass - St. Martin de Porres @7pm

Sun., April 13-Palm Sunday-SMdP - Regular Mass Times

Fri., April 18-Good Friday-SMdP @ 3pm,

Sun., April 20-Easter Sunday-SMdP-Regular Mass & Times

Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by our youth on Friday, April 4 at 7 PM in the church at Ss. Columba-Brigid. Our First Communion class is featured, but we need another soldier, a Simon, some people for the crowd, friends of Jesus, Daughters of Jerusalem and some readers. Older siblings of our First Communion class and Confirmation candidates are encouraged to participate. Children and youth over 3 are welcome. Parents can hold younger children so they can be part of the crowd. There are no lines to memorize for these parts. Readers will have everything printed out for them. Practice will be at 6 PM on April 4. This is always a treat for our parishioners. Call or email Pat Dyer if you are interested: 716-256-2598 or patriciadyemp@gmail.com.

Road to Renewal Update:

Since the announcement that Holy Cross (Family 23) will remain open, some of our Family 21 Pillars are reorganizing their work on behalf of the blending of Family 21 and 23. For example, the Administration Pillars from both Families have already started coming together as one. The Family 21 Forming Disciples and InReach/OutReach Pillars are looking at ways to work in common and blend with these same Pillars in Family 23. The Family 21 Liturgy Pillar has worked collaboratively to give us a solid foundational plan for how we will provide for our future sacramental life, already with the schedule for this year's Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Services. Finally, we are beginning "listening sessions" within our Family 21 and 23 parishes in preparation for our creating a new plan for the new Blended Family. Please continue to support our parish leaders who have stood the test of difficult change and lead us still. Pray, as the Holy Spirit leads us to the establishment of our New Family.

Fr. Bob

The Key to Success's Post

Instead of fasting from meat, Pope Francis proposes 15 simple acts of love.

1. Say hello. (always and everywhere)
 2. A thank you note (even if you are not "expected").
 3. Remind others how much you love them.
 4. Greet with joy the people you see every day.
 5. To listen to the story of the other without prejudice, with love.
 6. Stop to help yourself. Be attentive to those who need you.
 7. Lift someone's spirits.
 8. Celebrate the good sides or achievements of others.
 9. Choose what you don't use and give it to someone who needs it.
 10. When there is a need to help another, instead of resting.
 11. Admonish with love, do not be silent out of fear.
 12. Go deep with those close to you.
 13. Wash what I use at home.
 14. Helping others overcome obstacles.
 15. Call your parents if you're lucky enough to have them.
- Fast from insults and pass on kind words
 - Fast from dissatisfaction and fill yourself with gratitude
 - Fast from anger and fill yourself with meekness and patience
 - Fast from pessimism and fill yourself with hope and optimism
 - Fast from worries and be filled with trust in God
 - Fast from complaining and fill your life with simple things
 - Fast from pressure and fill yourself with prayer
 - Fast from sadness and bitterness and fill your heart with joy
 - Fast from selfishness and fill yourself with compassion for others
 - Fast from unforgiveness and be filled with attitudes of reconciliation
 - Fast from words and fill yourself with silence and listening to others.
- If we all experience this fast, our daily life will be fulfilled:

PEACE, TRUST, JOY AND LIFE

Parish Financial Information			
*Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
March 2025			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
March 2	\$2,309.00	\$1,545.00	\$50.00
March 9	\$2,470.00	\$932.00	\$450.00
March 16	\$	\$	\$
March 23	\$	\$	\$
March 30	\$	\$	\$
Total Income	\$4,779.00	\$2,477.00	\$500.00

Our next Baptism class for parents of children under 7 has been scheduled for May 4 at 12:30 PM in the school building at Blessed Trinity. Register in advance at your parish office. This will be our last class until fall. You do not need to wait until your baby is born to come to the class. Godparents are also welcome to attend.

Confirmation 2025: If you are in at least the 9th grade (including adults) and would like to be Confirmed next fall, now is the time to talk to us! Those who are not attending a Catholic High School and did not participate in the recently ended Introduction to Sacred Scripture Class, please contact Pat Dyer at Blessed Trinity as soon as possible to discuss catching up.

Monthly Faith Formation packets are being prepared by our volunteers. Thank you. We have already had donations of supplies, but we need cornstarch and baking soda donated for our May packets. We will need 15 boxes of cornstarch and 15 boxes of baking soda total. If you can help, please bring them in and give them to Paula Hunt, Pat Dyer, or Lanette Jennings.

TEENAGERS – YOU'RE INVITED: Young people in grades 8-12 are invited to **No Matter WHAT: A Day for Catholic Teens** on Sunday, March 30th from 12-5:30 PM at Hilbert College in Hamburg! Gather with teenagers from across the Diocese of Buffalo for an interactive day with national speaker Paul J. Kim! The day concludes with Mass with Bishop Michael Fisher. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch. For more information, you may contact Pat Dyer 716-256-2598. This will be an experience you won't want to miss! Our parishes will cover the fee. Please contact Paula Hunt, Lanette Jennings, or Pat Dyer to obtain the code to be used at check-out. Flyers are available. We could use a couple of adults at the youth rally to accompany our teens. Please contact Pat Dyer if you can do this: patriciadyemp@gmail.com

Thank you to Dcn. Don Weigel, Director of our local Catholic Relief Services, who shared with us their mission, the adults and children who prepared for our cookie sale, and parishioners who purchased cookies and milk from them. All of the proceeds from the sale benefit **Rice Bowl** since our materials were donated. Families learned how Catholic Relief Services aids children and families in some of the poorest places in the world. There is still time to donate to Rice Bowl as the program goes through Lent. The Lenten calendar has a helpful guide. Make checks payable to Catholic Relief Services and write CRS Rice Bowl and your parish name on the memo line. Twenty-five percent of proceeds goes to fight poverty locally.

Family 21 Events Calendar

- Mon., Mar. 17-Lenten Journey Mass-Blessed Trinity @7pm.
- Tues., Mar. 18-Parenting Series-Substance Abuse Prevention-Blessed Trinity @ 5:30-8:00pm
- Wed., Mar. 19-St. Joseph Table- Blessed Trinity @ 5pm.
- Fri., Mar 21-Stations of the Cross-Blessed Trinity @7pm
- Mon., Mar. 24-Lenten Journey Mass-Ss. Columba-Brigid @ 7pm
- Fri., Mar. 28-Stations of the Cross-St. Martin de Porres @7pm.
- Mon. Mar. 31-Lenten Journey Mass-Blessed Trinity @ 7pm
- Fri., April 4-LIVING STATIONS-Ss. Columba-Brigid @ 7pm
- Mon., April 7-1st Reconciliation @ 6pm & Penance Service Mass -St. Martin de Porres @7pm
- Fri., April 11-Tennebrae Service-Blessed Trinity @7pm

Holy Week

- Sun., April 13-Palm Sunday–St. Martin de Porres-Regular Mass Times
 - Thur., April 17-Holy Thursday-Ss. Columba-Brigid (Bi-Lingual Mass) @ 7pm.
 - Fri., April 18–Good Friday– St. Martin de Porres-3pm, Ss. Columba-Brigid-7pm (Bi-Lingual)
 - Sat., April 19-Holy Saturday-Blessed Trinity @ 8:30pm
 - Sun., April 20-Easter Sunday-St. Martin de Porres-Regular Mass Times
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- Sun., May 4 - Women's Guild celebrates-"Wear White-Women's Day" 8am & 9:30am Mass
 - Sat., Aug 2 - Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner Sale
 - Sun., Aug 17-Annual Picnic (more info to follow)

Catholic Relief Services Update: Your help is urgently needed! The administration has terminated thousands of foreign assistance programs overnight. The situation is dire. Lifesaving measures have been stopped without warning, leading to confusion, chaos, potential harm and risk of death among the most vulnerable. As food distributions are halted, people are going hungry. Without treatment for acute malnutrition, children will die. Entire communities are without shelter and clean water. Farmers are unable to plant crops. Mothers and their young children are losing access to critical health care. Please visit www.crs.org to send your email to members of Congress today! www.crs.org for more information, and please continue to advocate for programs that help the poor—interested in joining our local chapter? Contact Dcn. Jerry or Dcn. Don.

Laila Myree is requesting that you "Join Her for the Multiple Sclerosis Walk - May 3rd!

I'm excited to be participating in the Multiple Sclerosis Walk on May 3rd at the Outer Harbor! My team goal is to raise \$100 to support the MS community, and I need your help to make it happen. If you'd like to donate or join my team, please reach out to me directly at 716-913-5384 or via email at myreelaila@gmail.com. Every contribution counts, and your support means the world. Let's walk together to help end MS! Every contribution counts, and your support means the world. Let's walk together to help end MS! Thank you!"

Catholic Charities update

Something Hopeful is coming! Hope Day for Catholic Charities is earlier this year and will take place on Wednesday March 19th. On this special day, pledges from all over WNY will be matched up to \$110,000. If you have not yet donated this is a great day to make your support really count. Currently, St Martin has raised \$ 7305 from 21 generous donors. This places us at the halfway mark for our goal of \$14,470. Thank you for your support. Laurie Alford