

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Sun. March 23**  
 8:00am - Juliana Ukato  
 by Francisca Imobhio  
 9:30am - Frank A Newton Jr.  
 by the Newton Family

**Sun. March 30**  
 8:00am - Patricia Ostrowski  
 by St. Martin de Porres  
 9:30am - Susan Hutchins  
 by William Nelson

**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 - Ndidì Nwabugwu

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

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

Mon., March 24 - 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30

Tues., March 25 -Is 7:10-14; 8:10  
 /Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wed., March 26 - Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Thurs., March 27- Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

Fri., March 28 - Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Sat., March 29 - Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Sun., March 30 - Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21  
 /Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Next Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Birthday and Discipleship/Cultural Sunday for all who have celebrated a birthday in March.**

**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 [patriciadypmp@gmail.com](mailto:patriciadypmp@gmail.com).

**Road to Renewal Update:**

As we look forward to the blending of Families 21 & 23, Deacon Don Weigel (Family 21) will begin some listening sessions among our parishes and parish groups in preparation for formulating a plan to present to Bishop Mike and the Road to Renewal Team. It is our hope that these listening sessions will help us prioritize steps and needs toward a plan that will work for our unique new Family of Parishes. We value and look forward to your input and insights toward a future East & West Side presence of the Catholic Church. Currently, the clergy who formally serve our parishes are: (West Side) Fr. Felix Nyambe, OMI, Fr. Lou Loughen, OMI, Deacon Miguel Santos, Jorge Silva, Deacon Roberto Miranda (East Side) Fr. Bob Gebhard, Deacon Jerry Hodson, Deacon Mike Dalessandro, Deacon Don Weigel, Deacon Ron Walker, Deacon Paul Weisenburger. We are also deeply appreciative to additional priests who continue to help to cover our weekend masses as needed.:

At a recent meeting I attended, it was suggested that we list the Family 21 Pillar Representatives for the individual parishes so that parishioners can address suggestions/concerns to them or obtain information on involvement with our Pillars. The Pillar Representative for our parish are as follows:

Fr. Bob

Liturgy	Spiritual Life	O u t R e a c h / InReach	Faith Formation	Stewardship	Administration
Elizabeth Clay	Palma Zanghi	Dan Korchowsky	Pat Dyer	Nancy Langer	Bud Dick
Sr. Elizabeth Savage, SSJ	Rafael Rondon	Colleen Schroeder	Nancy Arnold	Mickey Dick	Kathy Press
Mary Craig	Sr. Maureen Harris	Dec. Don Weigel	Lanette Jennings	Barrett Fletcher	Terry Alford
Danis Gehl	Rebekah Mingo	Joyce Menifee	Deborah Jones	Gwen Jervis	Rodney Richardson
Olivia Marks,	Marta Perez	Maureen Satchell	Toni Singletary	Don & Marilyn Ward	Bill Marks
Alice Ohl		Paula Hunt	Deacon Jerry Hodson	Monica Zielinski	
		Tom Talty	Paula Hunt	Betsy Tirado	
				(Chris Blachowski)	

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	\$2,682.00	\$850.00	\$45.00
March 23	\$	\$	\$
March 30	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$7,461.00</b>	<b>\$3,327.00</b>	<b>\$545.00</b>

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: [patriciadyerp@gmail.com](mailto:patriciadyerp@gmail.com)

The Knights of St. Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 94 Junior Daughters are inviting you to a **Mother-Daughter Spa Day**. This event is for girls 8 to 18 on Saturday, March 29 from 10am to 1:30pm at St. Martin de Porres. **All registrations are due today.**

The Home School Association of Catholic Academy is hosting a **meat raffle on Saturday, March 29**. Ticket prices are \$65 for a reserved table of 8, \$10 per person presale and \$15 per person at the door. Tickets include unlimited beer, wine, pop and water. Bring your own snacks. Call the school office at 716-885-6111 to purchase tickets. See flyers in the Gathering Space.

Family 21 Events Calendar

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

Sun., May 4 - Women's Guild celebrates-"Wear White-Women's Day" 8am & 9:30am Mass  
 Wed., May 21 - Prayer Partner Pot Luck Dinner-Ss. Columba-Brigid@6pm -(Arrival time-5:30pm)  
 Sat., Aug 2 - Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner Sale  
 Sun., Aug 17-Annual Picnic (more info to follow)

**Catholic Relief Services Update:** CRS Rice Bowl's 50th anniversary presents an opportunity to renew your commitment to helping families facing hunger and malnutrition. When you pray, fast and give this Lent, you are making a lifesaving difference! Visit [www.crsricebowl.org/](http://www.crsricebowl.org/) for more information! Thanks for your support! 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](mailto: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

We recently had our HOPE day event where donations and pledges could be matched. We are moving towards our Catholic Charities goal and have raised \$7655 dollars from our 23 very generous donors. Our overall goal is \$14,470. Please note that you can donate securely online at [ccwny.org](http://ccwny.org). Your donation will be credited to St. Martin de Porres when you choose our Church for your donation. The Catholic Charities campaign runs until June 30th. Laurie Alford

Pilgrims of Hope-- The Pope underscored how Jesus awaits us at the threshold, "especially the most vulnerable," such as the children suffering due to war and hunger, and the elderly often forced to live abandoned and in solitude. He described how the Lord awaits those who have lost homes, fled homelands for safety, lost jobs and cannot find one, those in prisons, and people enduring persecution for their faith. - Let us pray for all of them!

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