

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. February 16

8:00am - Rosa Norman by Danis Gehl
9:30am - Joseph Locke by Miriam Locke
Ransom Davis by Alice Bragg

Sun. February 23

8:00am - Father's Day Remembrance
9:30am - Joseph Locke by Miriam Locke

2025 dates are now available to have Masses said for loved ones and special intentions. Please arrange with the church office.

February Lectors

8:00am Mass

February 2 - Steve Williams
February 9 - Andre Allen
February 16 - Barbara Smith
February 23 - Patricia Dyer

9:30am Mass

February 2 - Bridgette Satchell
February 9 - Holy Name
February 16 - Lurita Boyd
February 23 - Sr. Roberta Fulton

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

Sun., Feb 16 - Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20
/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Mon., Feb. 17 - Gn 4:1-15, 25
/Mk 8:11-13

Tue., Feb 18 -Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10
/Mk 8:14-21

Wed., Feb 19 - Gn 8:6-13, 20-22
/Mk 8:22-26

Thur., Feb 20 - Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33

Fri., Feb 21 -Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34—9:1

Sat., Feb 22 - 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

Sun., Feb. 23 - 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13,
22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

**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, Kathryn Chatmon, Shirley Hargro, Robert Harper, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Antionette (Tonie) Newton, Vanessa Newton, Louise Nolley, Mary Preston, Samuel Ruff, Helen Washington, Josephine Williams.

**Volunteers are needed for
Holy Thursday,
the "Washing of the Feet".**

**April 17, 2025, Holy Thursday will be held at
Ss. Columba-Brigid Church,
75 Hickory St.
Buffalo NY at 7pm.**

If you would like to participate notify the Church office.

Family 21 Road to Renewal Good News

We all need some good news these days! Our Family 21 has had some shining moments that we can celebrate:

Subs n' Sudz Lecture Series - Supported by our Fr. George Reger Family 21 Faith Formation Fund

Dr. Dennis Castillo – January 22nd,
Presentation on Fr. Nelson Baker

Dr. Althea Porter – February 3rd,
Presentation on Black Catholic History in WNY

Super Bowl 59 Party – Hosted by the St. Martin de Porres Holy Name Society and the Family 21 Stewardship Pillar

Common Family Liturgies Planned for Lent-Holy Week-Easter – the planning of the Family 21 Liturgy Pillar

There was great participation in all these events and planning's! The Family spirit is alive and has us on the move!!

Fr. Bob

**GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

February 16, 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 6:17, 20-26

I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week's Gospel of Saint Luke's "woes": "Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of" (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The "woes" the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the purpose of your life, you'll be miserable. He is saying, "You'll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does."

To some degree, we're all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four "woes." How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let's admit what is causing our "woes."

- Father John Muir

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Parish Financial Information *Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
February 2025			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
Feb 2	\$3,396.00	\$855.00	\$207.00
Feb 9	\$2,402.00	\$522.00	\$0.00
Feb 16	\$	\$	\$
Feb 23	\$	\$	\$
Total Income	\$5,798.00	\$1,377.00	\$207.00

Family 21 Events Calendar

Sun., Mar. 2-Women's Guild - "Fat Tuesday"
@ St. Martin de Porres after 8am & 9:30 Mass.

Wed., Mar. 5-Ash Wednesday-St. Martin de Porres @ 6pm.

Fri., Mar. 7-Stations of the Cross-St. Martin de Porres @ 7pm

Mon., Mar. 10-Lenten Journey Mass-St. Martin de Porres @ 7pm

Fri. Mar. 14-Stations of the Cross-Ss. Columba-Brigid @ 7pm

Mon., Mar. 17-Lenten Journey Mass-Blessed Trinity @7pm.

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 & Penance Service
-St. Martin de Porres @7pm

Fri., April 11-Tenebrae 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 Masses & Times

Sun., May 4 - Women's Guild celebrates
"Wear White-Women's Day" 8am & 9:30am Mass

Sat., Aug 2 - Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner Sale
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YOUR HELP NEEDED !!!!

Your help is urgently needed! Let your members of Congress know that you are deeply concerned about the Administration's recent decision to stop work on almost all U.S. foreign assistance programs. Secretary of State Rubio issued an exception for lifesaving humanitarian assistance, but that has still not allowed any assistance or funding to move so lifesaving work can continue. This freeze is impacting millions of our sisters and brothers who need access to lifesaving humanitarian, health and development assistance.

As people of faith, let us stand shoulder to shoulder with our sisters and brothers in need. Tell Congress to engage with the Administration to continue allowing foreign assistance programs to operate during the review process.

Please send a message using one of the following links: <https://www.votervoices.net/USCCB/Campaigns/121405/Respond>; <https://support.crs.org/act/foreign-aid-operations>; or you can text Advocate to 67768. Thank you for your support of our most desperate sisters and brothers around the world.

Deacon Don Weigel

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.

Our next **Baptism Class** for parents of children under age 7 will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 PM at St. Martin de Porres. Please register at your parish office



2025 - PRAYER PARTNERS

Pope Francis encourages us to be pilgrims of hope in this Jubilee Year 2025. He has called us as a global community to live with a spirit of pilgrimage throughout the year. To journey "with an open spirit, a trusting heart, a far-sighted mission." To grow as a human family. To grow together in hope.

In many ways, this Jubilee journey is a share in Jesus' healing ministry as we come seeking renewal for our parishes and for ourselves, as we pray and do works of mercy for others. How will you join the journey this year?

During the Lenten season we invite you to become a prayer partner. You will be given a name of someone to pray for during Lent and the Easter season and that person will have your name.

Join this journey of hope on our Road to Renewal. Sign-up sheets will be available in your church for two weekends. Thank you!

This coming Thursday there will be an information session at Gerard Place for anyone who is interested in learning about respite care for their loved ones who are experiencing dementia. There is no obligation to sign up. Come and see the possibilities for both of you. Sign up at church entrances.

Prophets Scripture Study: The next five classes are February 17, 24, and March 3. Classes then resume after Easter.