

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. September 17

8:00am - Dennis Riley II by Dennis Riley
9:30am - Mother's Day Remembrance

Sun. September 24

8:00am - Arch Bishop Samuel Carter
9:30am - Mother's Day Remembrance

**Readings for the week of
September 17 2023**

Sun., Sept - 17 - Sir 27:30—28:7
/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Mon., Sept 18 - 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10

Tues., Sept 19 - 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17

Wed., Sept 20 - 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35

Thurs., Sept 21 - Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

Fri., Sept. 22 - 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3

Sat., Sept 23 - 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15

Sun., Sept. 24 - Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
/Mt 20:1-16a

Family 21 Mass Schedule
(subject to change)

Sunday

8:00am – St. Martin de Porres
9:00am – Ss. Columba Brigid (Spanish)
9:30am – St. Martin de Porres (Gospel Mass)
10:00am – Blessed Trinity
10:00am – Ss. Columba Brigid (Bilingual)
(Last Sunday of the Month)
11:00am – Ss. Columba-Brigid (English)
12:00pm – St. Lawrence

Monday

11:00am - Blessed Trinity Church

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11:00am - Blessed Trinity
3:30pm - St. Lawrence Church

Thursday

11:00am - Blessed Trinity Church

Friday

11:00am - Blessed Trinity

Saturday

4:00pm - Ss. Columba Brigid Church
4:30pm - Blessed Trinity Church
4:30pm - St. Lawrence Church

September Lectors

8:00am Mass

September 3 - Pat Dyer
September 10 - Barbara Smith
September 17 - Andre Allen
September 24 - Barbara Breckenridge

9:30am Mass

September 3 - Alice Bragg
September 10 - Ndidi Nwabugwu
September 17 - Lurita Boyd
September 24 - Cynthia Davis

To My Dear St. Martin de Porres Family,

Greetings one and all, I was able to watch some of last Sunday's Mass it sure felt good seeing all of you.

There is an enormous hole in my heart without being with all of you. With all of my ministries, being without you is what pains me the most. I am bound to you, and please God reunite all of us soon.

One of things I am doing while I am away is reading a book that Ann Marie, gave to me, the book title is "Deep Down In My Soul" an African American Theology of Preaching. It's a wonderful book on how best to preach to the African American Community. I am devoted in it with hope of returning to you a better preacher to serve you.

I do not take the privilege of being your Pastor lightly. You are the GREATEST BLESSING to me!! I pray for you all through these challenging days. I miss you terribly dear family.

May Jesus Our Savior and Redeemer reunite us soon. Keep me in your prayers that I may be strong, and hopeful throughout this ordeal. Jesus brought us together for a reason, and even though I can't do the electric slide, I can't wait for our reunion!!

Your Loving, Pastor, and Friend

Father Joe

**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 : Elizabeth Barnes, Thelma Craig, Shirley Hargro, Robert Harper, Sal & Sarah Howard, Susan Hutchins, LaEster Jones, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Edna Meira, Louise Nolley, Mary Preston, Vanessa Newton, Loreda Reese, Helen Washington, Monica White & Josephine Williams.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING
OF SCRIPTURE

September 17, 2023
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— Father John Muir

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Parish Financial Information

September 2023

	Collection		Martin's Future Collection		Diocese Collection	
	Regular	E-Giving	Regular	E-Giving	Regular	E-Giving
Sept. 3	\$3,464.00	\$140.00	\$1351.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sept. 10	\$2,713.00	\$20.00	\$789.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sept. 17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sept. 24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$6,177.00	\$160.00	\$2,140.00	\$,195.00		
Diocesan Collection					\$5.00	\$0.00

SMDP Events and Meetings


Thurs., Sept 21 - Peace Pole Installation @ 5:30pm
 Sat., Sept 23 - Liturgy Pillar Meeting @ 10am
 Mon., Sept 25 - Vesper or "Evening Prayer" SMDP at 7pm
 Tues., Sept 26 - Bible Study @ 6pm
 Sat., Oct. 7 - Women's Guild Membership Tea @ Blessed Trinity @ 12n.
 Fri., Oct. 13 - Cultural Diversity Dinner @ Classics IV Restaurant
 Sat., Oct 14 - Holy Name Meeting @ 10am
 Sat., & Sun., Revival at SMDP-Oct 21 (10am-3pm) & Oct. 22 (9:30am)
 Sat., Nov. 4 - Domestic Violence Awareness - SMDP 12n
 Sun., Jan. 21 - MLK Mass @ Ss. Columba Brigid 10am

Family 21 Events

Join us in the church this Monday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. for Evening Prayer. Our deacons will join in prayer with the Martin de Porres community and the deacons from the Diocese in the ancient tradition of praying Vespers. It's our diocesan practice that our deacons gather and pray Evening Prayer one night each month in a different parish. This month is our turn to host. All the deacons from the diocese are invited to come and pray together. You are, too! Please join us in this beautiful practice of the Church's public prayer, by the Church and for the Church.

Pope Francis' September Prayer Intention

Lord God, your spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways. Look upon all teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, forever and ever. Amen.

 **The Youth choir is looking for new members to join the choir. Please see any choir member or contact the church office. All youth are welcome.**

"Protecting God's Children"

September Update

New Virtus Training for September is now available. "Keeping Youth Safe In Sports" . Please review.

Pillar Updates

If you'd like to see what our pillar groups are working on, you can read regular updates on this website:
<http://www.stlawrencevineyardministries.com/> .

If the pillar names do not appear, click on "more." The meeting dates are posted on the calendar so that if you have any concerns, you can bring them to your pillar representatives before the next meeting. Meetings are not open to guests.

Join us for our Third Annual

Cultural Diversity Celebration

"One Faith Many Cultures"

Friday, October 13, 2023
6:30pm

Classics V Restaurant
2425 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst NY 14228

Sponsored by the Diocese of Buffalo

Office of Cultural Diversity
Social Justice

The African, Hispanic/Latino and African American

Dinner Tickets - \$60.00

An Evening of Fun, Dinner, Dancing, Gifts Baskets, and more ...

RSVP 716-847-2216

By September 22, 2023