

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sunday - April 12**

**8:00am - All Mothers of St. Martin de Porres**

**9:30am - Knights of St. Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary**

**Sunday - April 19**

**8:00am - All Mothers**

**9:30am - Thomasina McDougald by Paul McDougald**

**Mass is the highest and greatest form of prayer. Contact the office. The offering is \$15.**

**April Lectors  
8:00am Sunday Mass**

**April 5 - Myrna Draper  
April 12 - Barbara Breckenridge  
April 19 - Andre Allen  
April 26 - Barbara Smith**

**9:30am Sunday Mass**

**April 5 - Nikkei Goodwin  
April 12 - Youth  
April 19 - Lurita Boyd  
April 26 - Sr. Roberta Fulton, SSMN.**

## Readings for the week of April 12, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20  
/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11  
/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Observances for the week of April 12, 2026

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Monday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

## 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 :  
Jessica Allen, Chelsea Campbell, Joyce Davis, Denise Dickinson, Shirley Hargro, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Sandra Marzulli, Jewel Marshall, Louise Nolley, Lisa Hiedi-Oliveto & Josephine Williams



## Family News – Praise & Appreciation!



Special words of praise and appreciation for all, in our Family of Parishes, who gathered to worship and pray through the days and moments of Holy Week & Easter. Personally, it was amazing and heartening to think about the broad participation of people that celebrated the Paschal Mystery with such reverence. Each of our “stops along the way” was inclusive of members of all three parishes. We did it together and that is wonderfully hopeful!

Exciting News - We welcomed one new member to the Church through full initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) – Beverly Thompson... and 3 other adults (Josh Wesolowski, Jack Keavey, and Gabriella Figueroa) received Confirmation and First Eucharist!

So thank you ~ to each of our parishes, to our Liturgy Pillar, to our Liturgy Committees, to those who stepped forward as presiders (Fr. Chuck Slisz & Fr. Ron Sajdak, Deacon Mike Dalessandro, Deacon Jerry Hodson, Deacon Don Weigel), leaders of Morning Prayers (Adam Sumlin, Cynthia Mathews, Nancy Langer), proclaimers of Word and singers of our salvation, choir directors, musicians, greeters, ushers, sacristans, altar servers, fire-builders/tenders, office staff, in-house “caterers” ... and every single person who made worship a priority and filled our pews in prayer!

We have an amazing Family, praise God!!!

~ Fr. Bob

Parish Financial Information *Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
April Collections			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
April 5	\$2751.00	\$980.00	\$155.00
April 12			
April 18			
April 26			
<b>Total</b>			

**Baptismal Classes for children ages 7 and under** will be held at St. Martin de Porres on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

**Baptismal Classes for youth 8 to 17** begin on April 18. Please contact your parish office to join us.

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Please see the enclosed flyer for information on our third **Diocesan Youth Rally** for Grades 8-12. Tony Melendez will return to Buffalo with inspiration and joy as our featured keynote on **Sunday, April 26, 2026!** We will gather at **Hilbert College, 5200 South Park Ave., Hamburg, NY 14075 from 11:15 am to 5:30 pm. Please note: pre-registration is required by April 15, 2026.** No same-day or late registrations will be accepted.

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**Family Movie/Game Night** has been changed from Friday April 10 to Saturday April 18th from 1-3pm @ St. Martin de Porres.. Movie, games and food will still be provided. Please contact Krysten Bell-VP of Parish Council with any questions or concerns @ 716-717-0022.

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**Catholic Charities Update:**

Catholic Charities partners with the Ladies of Charity who operate a Thrift store on 1122 Broadway. The store specializes in newborn layettes, household goods and clothing. Currently, St. Martin de Porres has raised \$8575 dollars towards our very large goal of \$19,400. This amazing amount has been donated with the help of 24 generous donors. The Catholic Charities Appeal runs until June 30th. Please consider a secure online donation at [CCWNY.ORG](http://CCWNY.ORG) (please designate St. Martin de Porres as your church home). Thank you for your support! Contact Laurie Alford or Paulette Lindsay with any questions. Thank you. Laurie Alford & Paulette Lindsay

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Even though the Lents is over, the **Prayer Partner** season is on-going. Continue to pray for your partner. The pot-luck supper is scheduled for the summer. Thank you. Maureen Satchell.

**Interested in becoming a Catholic** or just curious about the Catholic faith? Are you a Catholic who has never been Confirmed? Over age seven and put off Baptism due to the pandemic? Join us at any time for Becoming Catholic. Contact Dcn. Jerry, Lanette Jennings, Pat Dyer or Fr. Bob for referral to our team.

**Family 21 at "A Glance"**

- Sat., April 18-Baptismal Classes for youth 8 to 17**
- Sat., April 18-Family Movie & Game Night-SMDP - 1pm to 3pm**
- Thurs., April 23-Presentation Letter from Birmingham Jail-SMDP- 7pm**
- Sun., April 26-Day for Catholic Teens-Hilbert College 11am-5:30pm. Registration required, flyer in Gathering Space**
- Thurs., May 7 - Compassion Ministry Meeting-SMDP-11am**
- Wed., May 13-Baptismal Class-SMDP 6:30pm-7:30pm**
- Fri., May 15-Booster Club Dinner-6pm-8:30pm**
- Sun., May 17 - Town Hall Meeting after 9:30am Mass**
- Sat., May 30 - Annual Spring Clean-up-10am-12n-Sign-up**
- Sun., June 14-Children's 1st Communion-SMDP-9:30am Mass**
- Sat., June 20-Holy Name Father's Day Dinner**
- Sun., June 28-Graduation Sunday**
- Sat., July 18 & Sun., July 19-Garden Walk**
- Tues., August 4-"National Night Out"-SMDP**
- Sat., August 8-Chiavetta's BBQ Chicken Sale**
- Sun., August 16-Parish Picnic**

PRACTICING CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** There is a reason Christ showed his wounds as he said the words, "Peace be with you." It was not just a means of identifying himself — it was a catechism lesson. *Here, he was saying. Here is the peace you will not find anywhere else.*

**Within Thy Wounds**

The prayer I love best in the world is the [Anima Christi](#). This private, devotional litany of supplication, begins with the phrase "*anima Christi, sanctifica me*" ("soul of Christ, sanctify me") and continues on to appeal individually to each aspect of Our Lord's crucified flesh: "*Body of Christ, save me; blood of Christ, inebriate me; water from Christ's side, wash me; passion of Christ, strengthen me; Oh good Jesus, hear me.*"

Then comes my favorite part: "*within thy wounds hide me.*"

The Anima Christi is a prayer traditionally said after receiving Holy Communion. The ancient Celts spoke of *liminal places*, where the veil separating this world from the next is particularly thin, and I believe the moments immediately following the reception of Holy Communion, when the Host is dissolving on my tongue, create a liminal place. When I am in that place, I am as intimately connected to God as I can be while my heart is still beating.

And when I am there, holding God within me, what are the words that I speak? It's overwhelming to think about. What could possibly be right to say?

There is no right or wrong answer, I suppose. But the best words I can think of are these: "Within thy wounds, Lord, hide me."

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