

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

Sun. May 18

8:00am - Father's Day Bouquet

9:30am - LaMarr & Rosa Norman  
by Danis Gehl

Sun. May 25

8:00am - Father's Day Bouquet

9:30am - Deceased members of St. Martin de Porres by Phyllis Wiggins

Mass is the highest and greatest form of prayer. Contact the office to request a Mass for yourself, a loved one or for an intention, The offering is \$15.

Please check for a specific date.

**May Lectors**

**8:00am Mass**

**May 4 - Stephen Williams**

**May 11 - Barbara Smith**

**May 18 - Barbara Breckenridge**

**May 25 - Patricia Howling**

**9:30am Mass**

**May 4 - Ndid Nwbugwu**

**May 11 - Holy Name Society**

**May 18 - Lurita Boyd**

**May 25 - Sr. Roberta Fulton, SSMN**

**Readings for the Week of  
May 18, 2025**

Sun., May 18 - Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Mon., May 19 - Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

Tues., May 20 - Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

Wed., May 21 - Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

Thurs., May 22 - Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

Fri., May 23 - Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

Sat., May 24 - Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

Sun., May 25 - Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

**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 : Gino Bell, Lula Bell, Robert Brown, Ikeshia Fields, Shirley Hargro, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Cristal John-Millan, Vanessa Newton, Louise Nolley, Marianne Partee, Dcn. Ronald Walker, and Josephine Williams.

GOSPEL MEDITATION  
ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING  
OF SCRIPTURE

May 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

John 13:31-35

I've always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper stickery words "I love you" or "I will always love you" (a la Dolly Parton's song). Why doesn't Jesus say, "I love you"?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, "As the Father loves me, so I love you" (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, "Love another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How has he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren't there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great "I love you" to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: "Love one another." So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: "Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it." The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII's practical method of following Jesus' great commandment of love. It's a splendid way to say, "I love you."

— Father John Muir  
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**There will be a town hall meeting on Saturday, May 24, 2025 10am to 12n. All are encouraged to attend. There is a box in the Gathering Space for any questions you may want to ask. This will give the Parish Pastoral Council Members time to prepare for this meeting. Light refreshments will be served.**

**The St. Martin de Porres Holy Name Society is hosting the 3rd Annual Father's Day Gala on Saturday, June 7th at the Hilton Garden Inn Buffalo Airport 6pm-10:30pm. They are seeking donations from parish members and our ministries for our gift basket raffle. We kindly ask that any donation be received at the parish office by June 1st.**



**Spring Cleanup**



**St. Martin de Porres Saturday, May 31, 2025 10am – 12pm / Volunteers are needed / Lunch provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space.**

Parish Financial Information *Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
May Collections			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
May 4	\$2,636.00	\$1,227.00	\$20.00
May 11	\$2,907.00	\$737.00	\$60.00
May 18			
May 25			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$5,543.00</b>	<b>\$1,964.00</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>

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Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Contact any of our priests and deacons or pastoral associates.

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**A monthly Children's Liturgy of the Word** is being planned. We will start June 29 if we have two volunteers. You will have someone with you from our Faith formation team for the first session. Due to our overlapping Mass schedules, we need facilitators at each parish. All instructions and materials will be provided for you. The facilitators must be compliant with Protecting God's Children. (This can all be done online now.) Please contact your parish office.

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**Our first Children's Liturgy of the Word** will take place on Sunday, May 18 during the 9:30 AM Mass. Children will hear God's Word and participate in a small project to help them understand the readings. This monthly time together will be expanded when we are able to do so.

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**Women's Guild**

Our year end Luncheon will take place at the home of the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, 241 Lafayette Ave Buffalo, NY at noon on Saturday, June 7th. All Ladies of the Guild are invited to enjoy a special meal prepared by our caterer Krysten. Special thanks to Sister Roberta for hosting our event. Please RSVP Laurie Alford at lbrown@kent.edu or use our sign up sheet. Blessings, Marianne Partee and Laurie Alford

**Graduation Sunday - June 29, 2025  
Required Information**

- ◆ Name of Student
- ◆ Current school will be attending new grade, high school or college
- ◆ Moving from grade to grade
- ◆ Any Achievements or Honors

See Sign-up form in the Gathering Space. All information must be into the office by Wednesday, June 18, 2025 by 1pm.

**"At A Glance"**

**Family 21 Events Calendar**

**Wed., May 21** - Prayer Partner Pot Luck Dinner

Ss. Columba-Brigid@ 6pm-(Arrival time-5:30pm)

**Sat., May 24** - Town Hall Meeting @ St. Martin de Porres @ 10am-12n

**Sat., May 31** - Annual Spring Clean-up —10am to 12pm

**Sat., June 7** - Women's Guild Luncheon-Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, 241 Lafayette Ave, Buffalo (see complete information in bulletin)

**Sat., June 7** - "Swing Into Spring" 3rd Annual Father's Day Gala

**Sun., June 22** - First Communion

**Sat & Sun. July 19 & 20**— **Eastside Garden Walk** @ St, Martin de Porres - 10am to 4pm

**Sun., June 29** - Graduation Sunday

**Sun., Aug 17**-Annual Picnic (more info to follow)

**Sun., Dec. 21**— St. Martin de Porres Christmas Concert (details to follow)

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**Catholic Relief Services Update:**

With changing priorities for U.S. government humanitarian assistance, our most vulnerable sisters and brothers are being affected around the world. Due to funding challenges, people need us more than ever. We are experiencing immediate and critical gaps in our ability to bring lifesaving programs across all areas of our work in the face of ongoing foreign aid crisis. But we must continue our mission, and we can't do this lifesaving work without your help. When you give, you help change lives, families and communities. Your care is a blessing - whether you are providing nutritious food and clean water for school children, bringing safe shelter to people who have lost everything in disasters such as the earthquake in Myanmar and Thailand, or relief for people feeling the anguish of war. Since our beginnings more than 80 years ago, it is our donors in the United States that breathe life into our work. Please consider making a generous gift today at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org). Thanks for your support! Interested in joining our local chapter? Contact Dcn. Jerry or Dcn. Don.

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**Catholic Charities Update**

Thank you to our 39 generous donors who have allowed us to reach 77% of our goal. We still need to raise \$3315 to meet our goal. Please consider a pledge or donation today. Enjoy a little fun as Catholic Charities partners with Resurgence Brewing for the HOPS for HOPE week May 16 to 23. Stop by the Catholic Charities table for more details. The Catholic Charities Campaign ends June 30th. Laurie Alford & Paulette Lindsay

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**Gerard Place** has announced May 20th as the next Respite Care date. \*Pre-registration is required by calling or emailing Eric Hall at 716-897-9948 extension 117 to register your loved ones. See flyer posted in the Corridor.

**Attention All Prayer Partners**

Prayer Partner Pot Luck will be in less than two weeks @ Ss. Columba-Brigid. It is May 21st - arrival at 5:30 meal to follow at 6ish! Please sign up today if you are able to come and meet your prayer partner and enjoy a nice meal and friendship.

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**Virtus Online Update.**

May "Protecting Gods Children for Adults" The Child Advocacy Center: A Vital Step in Conducting a Child Abuse Investigation is now available for viewing.