

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. October 6
 8:00am - Ann Lewis & Alberta Morgan
 by Sister Barbara Breckenridge
 9:30am - Jake Brock by Creola Smith

Sun. October 13
 8:00am - Mother's Day Remembrance
 9:30am - Delano King by Lurita Boyd

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

October Lectors

8:00am Mass

October 6 - Stephen Williams
 October 13 - Barbara Smith
 October 20 - Pat Howling
 October 27 - Andrea Allen

9:30am Mass

October 6 - Alice Bragg
 October 13 - Holy Name society
 October 20 - Lurita Boyd
 October 27 - Margaret Braun

Readings for the Week of October 6, 2024

Sun., Oct. 6 - Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11
 /Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Mon., Oct. 7 - Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37

Tue., Oct. 8 - Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42

Wed., Oct 9 - Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4

Thur., Oct. 10 - Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13

Fri., Oct. 11 - Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26

Sat., Oct. 12 - Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28

Sun., Oct. 13 - Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/
 Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

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, Thelma Craig, Shirley Hargro, Robert Harper, Susan Hutchins, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Antionette (Tonie) Newton, Vanessa Newton, Louise Nolley, Mary Preston, Helen Washington, & Josephine Williams..

New Wines, New Wineskins

is a faith-sharing resource for restructuring parishes. By sharing in small groups parishioners help bring the Family together in a new way to shape a vibrant future. Through prayer, scripture reflection, and sharing of experiences parishioners will have a chance to create the new wine of parish life based on the collective richness of their past. Interested in helping us share this with our parishioners? Join us at Blessed Trinity on October 19 for training. See flyers for more information.

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Costs keep rising and we know for many, it can feel nearly impossible to keep up. If you or your family is facing a crisis situation with food, utilities, toiletries, being able to afford vital medication or more, Catholic Charities can help. Call 716-856-4494 if you reside in Erie County, or your local Catholic Charities Office if you reside outside of Erie County.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION
 ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF
 SCRIPTURE**

**October 6, 2024
 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

As a young pastor years ago, I met with a middle-aged couple who had been divorced and civilly remarried. They were frustrated that an annulment had to precede a Church marriage. Sympathizing with their plight, I promised to walk with them along their journey. Once as we sat in my office, the man said to me, "Why is the Church so difficult on marriage?" I replied, "Actually, Jesus' teaching is what's difficult." He furrowed his brow and asked what I meant.

We opened the Bible and together read today's gospel passage from Mark 10:12 in which Jesus says, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery with her..." My two friends sat in silent astonishment. Surely Jesus understands the complexities of human life and sexual love. The words hung thick and heavy in the air. How could the merciful Lord be so seemingly unrealistic in his expectations, especially with so much divorce and remarriage in our world?

I didn't know what to say. So, we kept reading. Next, Jesus says, "Let the children come to me." The innocence of children allows them to receive and give love, to trust unconditionally, to believe in love that endures. Most children aren't yet jaded by statistics, broken hearts, or dysfunctional relationships. Children remind us of the world to come. The couple and I began to talk about child-like trust in Jesus and his teaching, and we continued to move forward. When it comes to the Church's demanding teaching on marriage, it's best to approach it as trusting children, whatever situations in which we find ourselves.

— Father John Muir

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Anyone wanting to become a registered member here at St. Martin de Porres. Registration Forms are available in the Gathering Space.

Parish Financial Information *Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
September 2024			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
September 1	\$2,594.00	\$755.00	\$5.00
September 8	\$2,439.00	\$560.00	0.00
September 15	\$2,727.00	\$400.00	\$5.00
September 22	\$1,989.00	\$535.00	\$176.00
September 29	\$2,307.00	\$382.00	\$5.00
Total Income	\$12,056.00	\$2,632.00	\$191.00

Family 21 Events Calendar

Mon., Oct 7 - Subs & Suds (Faithful Citizenship)-Blessed Trinity-6:30pm-Flyer
 Fri., Oct 18 - 4th Annual Cultural Diversity Celebration Dinner
 @ Classics V Banquet Hall. Contact Sr. Roberta 716-847-2216
 Sat., Oct 26 – Revival-St. Martin de Porres-11am-Flyer
 Sun., Oct 27 – Revival-St. Martin de Porres 9:30am-Flyer
 Sun., Dec. 15 - Christmas Concert-St. Martin de Porres @ 3pm.
 Sun., Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King Mass - St. Martin de Porres
 Sun., Mar. 2 - Women's Guild - "Fat Tuesday" @ St. Martin de Porres after
 8am & 9:30 Mass.
 Sun., May 4 - Women's Guild celebrates "Wear White-Women's Day"
 8am & 9:30am Mass

*Flyers are located in Gathering Space

Introduction to Sacred Scripture
 Did you miss the first Scripture Study class? You can still join us. Our next class is Monday, October 21, 6:30 PM in the classroom at BT with Dcn. Don Weigel - Patriarchs and Pentateuch. Books, Bibles, and light refreshments are included. This is a great way to increase your understanding of the weekly Mass readings, a specific Bible Study, or private scriptural reading. Adults and students in grade 9 or above.

Catholic Relief Services Update:
 Children in Gaza are facing an enormous amount of emotional psychological stress. Children have had to assume many adult responsibilities that are forcing them to grow up too quickly. CRS and local partners not only provide a lifeline of assistance in Gaza to help people meet their essential needs, but we also work to care for people's emotional needs and well-being. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help! Please visit www.crs.org for more information! Interested in joining our local chapter? Contact Dcn. Jerry or Dcn. Don.

Our first **Subs 'N Suds** lecture of the season, **Faithful Citizenship** is this Monday, October 7, 6:30 PM at Blessed Trinity. Are you wondering just what to do this election season? This lecture and discussion, led by Dcn. Don Weigel, is designed to help adults of voting age make faith-informed decisions. He will not tell you for whom you should vote, but he will help you learn to make voting decisions. Bring your questions. Do you know what the Church teaches? Do you know why politicians are not permitted to present in our churches? Come and find out. Over 16, please. Non-alcoholic beverages are available for those who prefer them and for those under 21. **Free-will offering. Note that we have a new date so that those who love the Bills can go to both the game and the lecture! Come and get a Sneak Preview of our second lecture!**

(The Catholic Question Box) Do you have a question for "The Catholic Question Box?" Send an email to: patriciadyernp@gmail.com or place your question in the collection, and someone from your parish will get it passed on.) . Have questions about becoming a Catholic? Email Dcn. Mike and have a conversation.
deaconmike716@gmail.com

Important Notice

Parents, if your child needs the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation or First Holy Communion, please notify the church office or see Lanette Jennings to complete the necessary forms.

The Ladies Guild
 of St. Martin de Porres would like to thank all who supported and attended our Annual Tea and Luncheon yesterday.