

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sunday - April 26**

**8:00am - All Mothers**

**9:30am - Doretha Alford by the Alford family**

**Sunday - May 3**

**8:00am - St. Martin de Porres Members**

**9:30am - Bernardine Head by William Russo**

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

### May Lectors

**8:00am Sunday Mass**

**May 3 -**

**May 10 -**

**May 17 -**

**May 24 -**

**May 31 -**

**9:30am Sunday Mass**

**May 3 - Ndidi Nwbugwu**

**May 10 - Youth**

**May 17 - Lurita Boyd**

**May 24 - Cynthia Davis**

**May 31 - Margaret Braun**

### Readings for the week of April 26, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18 (second choice)

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Observances for the week of April 26, 2026

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Pius V, Pope

Friday: St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

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### 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, Yvonne Stewart &  
Josephine Williams

### Family News

#### In the Spirit of our Risen Lord!

The Spirit is a movin'! There seems to be many signs of resurrection life in our Family of Parishes these Easter days. Six weeks of Life in the Spirit renewal!

An upcoming day excursion to the Fatima Shrine and May Crowning! Holy Hours! And an evening of Prayers for Peace and in support of the witness to peace of our Holy Father Pope Leo.

A fun campfire evening..... singing, s'mores & more!!! Our Pillars continue with good planning and opportunities! And, there's a lot more coming in the weeks ahead. Please see our parish bulletins, facebook pages, and websites for all the details.

The Family that prays & plays together stays together! ~ Fr. Bob

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**Eucharistic Adoration being offered At Columba-Brigid Church every 1st Friday of the month starting May 1, 2026 from 4pm to 7pm, at Ss. Columba-Brigid Church, 75 Hickory St. Buffalo, NY 14204**

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**Prayer Service to uplift Pope Leo XIV**  
Prayers for the Healing of our Nation and our Neighborhood.

**St. Martin de Porres**  
**Monday April 27, 2026**  
**7:00 PM**

Parish Financial Information *Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
April Collections			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
April 5	\$2881.00	\$1180.00	\$155.00
April 12	\$4351.000	\$910.00	\$32.00
April 19	5052.00	100.00	15.00
April 26			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,284.00</b>	<b>\$2190.00</b>	<b>\$202.00</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  
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If you have been considering becoming a part of the Catholic Church, now is the perfect time to come and see. Becoming Catholic is ongoing. Contact your parish office, Fr. Bob, one of our deacons, or one of our pastoral associates for referral to our team. Children who have not been baptized are also welcome.  
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**St. Martin de Porres Town Meeting**

Are you still looking for answers to questions regarding St. Martin de Porres and family 21/23 if you are we are having a Town Hall Meeting. On Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30am mass. To ensure that all your questions are answered we will have a box on the table in the gathering space with index cards. Please write your questions on the card and we will provide you with answers at the Town Hall meeting on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> during our question and Answer session.  
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**The Blessed Trinity Ladies Sodality invites women of your parish to the movies on Sunday, May 3.** Following a tradition of May programming focused on women's strengths and contributions, we will view an award-winning film *I'll Find a Way or Make One -- A Rosie Story*. Produced by our friend, Becky Fasanello, the 27-min. movie details the manufacturing contributions of women during World War II through the story of one local "Rosie the Riveter," Viola Hippert. Sodality members and guests will gather in the basement meeting room of St. Charles Hall (behind the church) with the program scheduled to begin at approximately 11:30am. It will include a welcome, brief business meeting, refreshments, our feature film and a Q & A with Becky. Although Mrs. Hippert died in 2023 at the age of 98, her daughter, Sue Lord, will join us. To help with menu planning, please **call or text your reservation to Palma Zanghi at 716-834-9129 by Wed., April 29.**  
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Rescheduled! Your parish coordinators of religious education invite all of our helpers, teachers, catechists, and those who want to know more about helping out to meet with us on Saturday, May 9, 2:00 PM at Blessed Trinity in St. Charles Hall. This meeting is for anyone interested in any age group including preschool, adults, vacation Bible school, youth ministry as well as the traditional school age group. Meet teachers from other parishes and the current teachers for our sacrament classes. Listen to Bishop Mike's recorded remarks and Fr. Bob's vision for our future. See some of the new materials that should be available soon. Talk to current teachers about how teaching has enriched their faith. Learn how we can help you become better teachers. Find out where the greatest needs lie and learn how you can answer God's call to "Go and make Disciples!"

The meeting for all of those interested in helping with handing on the Faith has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 9, 2:00 PM at Blessed Trinity in the hall. Everyone currently teaching or interested in teaching any age is asked to attend. The meeting will be roughly an hour and a half. We sincerely appreciate the time you give us in this important endeavor.

**Family 21 at "A Glance"**

- Mon., April 27-Prayer to Uplift Pope Leo XIV-St. Martin de Porres at 7pm.
- Fri., May 1-Eucharistic Adoration- Ss. Columba-Brigid 4pm-7pm
- Sat., May 2-Family Fun Day at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Youngstown, NY-Ss. Columba-Brigid@ 9:50
- Sun., May 3 - Blessed Trinity Ladies Sodality invites women of your parish to the movies—11:30am.
- Mon., May 5-Subs N Suds with Sr. Roberta Fulton Sisters of St. Mary Namur at Blessed Trinity, 5:30pm Supper - 6:30pm.
- Mon., May 5- #Onebody-Racial Healing One Heart, One Mind at at Time-Ss. Columba Brigid 6:30pm to 8pm
- Thurs., May 7 - Compassion Ministry Meeting-SMDP-11am
- Sat., May 9 - Religious Education Coordinators-Blessed Trinity-2pm
- Sat., May 9 - 4th Annual Bike Fair-Ss.Columbia-Brigid-9am-3pm
- Wed., May 13-Baptismal Class-SMDP 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Fri., May 15-Booster Club Dinner-6pm-8:30pm
- Sat., May 16-Youth Mass- Movie Night 4:30pm (grades 8-12) . The Last Rifleman followed by a discussion. Pizza, chips, popcorn and soft drink. Blessed Trinity 317 Leroy Ave.
- Sun., May 17 - Town Hall Meeting after 9:30am Mass
- Sat., May 30 - Annual Spring Clean-up-10am-12n-Sign-up
- Sun., June 7 - Annual Chicken Dinner@ Ss. Columba Brigid-12n-2pm.
- 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

**Family Day at Fatima:**

On Sat., May 2nd, we will be making a visit to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Youngstown. We have enjoyed this day for many years in the past. The cost will be \$10.00 per person this includes lunch, transportation from Ss. Columba-Brigid (9:50am) with limited seating, so please sign up as soon as possible. We will have a mini retreat, process with Mary while reciting the rosary, have lunch, a Sainly scavenger hunt, and plenty of prayer time, with some shopping before returning back to Buffalo. If you are interested in attending, see the sign up sheet in the Gathering Space.  
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**Heart of Buffalo Catholic Community East now has a Youth Ministry Leader. Johanna Armstrong,** with the support of our clergy and staff, has joined us. We have formed a collaborative initiative with another Family of Parishes known as the Heart and Wheat Youth Ministry Collaborative. Our first event is Saturday, May 16, 4:30 PM Youth Mass followed and Movie Night (grades 8-12) . The Last Rifleman followed by a discussion. Pizza, chips, popcorn and soft drink. Blessed Trinity 317 Leroy Ave., Buffalo.

We are still in need of a couple of assistants in youth ministry. Please contact Pat Dyer, Paula Hunt, Lanette Jenning, Fr. Bob or any of our deacons to get more information. No pay. Perks - free pizza, movies, bowling, and friends!

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Our last **Subs N Suds of the season** will be held on Monday, May 4 at Blessed Trinity featuring Sr. Roberta Fulton who will present on the Sister of St. Mary Namur. Supper at 5:30 PM and lecture at 6:30 PM  
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**Our 4th Annual Bike Fair:** Will be Saturday, May 9th here at Ss. Columba Brigid Church, from 9:00am-3:00pm. We collect donated bikes, fix them up in the morning and then give them away in the afternoon to children from the parish, Family Promise (the homeless shelter for families) and the neighborhood. We need bikes and volunteers! Please see Deacon Jerry, text or call at 716-863-4800 if you have a bicycle you would like to donate or if you would like to volunteer by fixing bikes or helping with the bike giveaway. All are welcome!