

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sun. September 24**

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

**Sun. October 1**

8:00am - Henry W. Breckenridge  
By the Breckenridge Family  
9:30am - Mother's Day Remembrance

### Readings for the week of September 24, 2023

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

20:1-16a

Mon., Sept 25 -Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

Tues., Sept 26 -Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21

Wed., Sept 27 -Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

Thurs., Sept 28 -Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9

Fri., Sept 29 -Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

Sat., Sept 30 - Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45

Sun., Oct. 1 - Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11

or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

### 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

**October 24**

#### 8:00am Mass

October 1 - Myrna Draper

October 8 - Luke Dyer

October 15 - Steve Williams

October 22 - Patricia Howling

October 29 - Barbara Smith

#### 9:30am Mass

October 1 - Bridgette Satchell

October 8 - Carol Cole

October 15 - Lurita Boyd

October 22 - Alice Bragg

October 29 - Nndi Nwabugwu

*A Protecting God's Workshop will be held at Blessed Trinity on Saturday, September 30 from 10 AM to 1:30 PM in St Charles Hall (school building.) Join instructors from our Family of Parishes and be ready when the children, young men, and women of our parishes need your help. Register on the Diocesan website.*

*The Gospel of Matthew Bible Study returns via Zoom on Tuesdays at 4 PM. Get the Zoom link on the Blessed Trinity Website's Faith Formation page. No cost and no books are required, but it is helpful to have your own Bible. We recommend The New American Bible translation, especially the study version.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Saturday September 30th -11:00 A.M. St Francis Blessing of Pets-will take place on Saturday, September 30, at 11:00 A.M. outside of Blessed Sacrament Church located at 1029 Delaware Ave. This special service is being done in commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day that occurs on Oct. 4. All pets are welcomed. Father Ray Corbin pastor of Family #22, which includes Blessed Sacrament will conduct the blessing.

**The Compassion Ministry will meet on Thursday, September 28 at 2pm at St. Martin de Porres.**

**The Evangelization Ministry would like to thank all who joined them on Thursday, September 21st to celebrate the Dedication of the Peace Pole.**

The Diocese of Buffalo Ladies of Charity Annual; "Dress for Less' Style Show and Theme Basket Fundraiser, Saturday, October 14, 2023 at the Grapevine, 333 Dick Rd., Depew. Call 716-895-4001 for more Information

### 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.

We pray for the family of Renee Davis a member of our parish community who passed away this week.

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING  
OF SCRIPTURE

September 24, 2023  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is unmerited favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we have to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us.


Father John Muir

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Parish Financial Information			
*Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
September 2023			
	Weekly Total	Weekly Martin's Future	Weekly Diocese
Sept. 3	\$3,604.00	\$1,526.00	\$5.00
Sept. 10	\$2,733.00	\$809.00	\$0.00
Sept. 17	\$2,586.00	\$678.00	\$0.00
Sept. 24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$8,923.00	\$2,818.00	
<b>Diocesan Collection</b>			<b>\$5.00</b>

**SMDP Events and Meetings**

- 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

 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.

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.

Saturday, October 7th from 9am-12pm at St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center, 200 St. Gregory Court, Wmsvl. Bring and shred personal documents. Shredding done onsite by Lincoln Archives, there is a charge per bag or box. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, St. Gregory Council # 14687

**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.

Women's Retreat—Saturday, October 14, 8:30am-2:00pm at Ss. Columba Brigid, 75 Hickory St., Buffalo.

"Seeing God In All the Stages of Our Life"

Directed by Betty Reiter, graduate of the Catholic Biblical School and the Certificate Program in Pastoral Ministry from the Christ the King Seminary. \$15.00 includes Breakfast Bread and Lunch.

Come enjoy a day with other Christian women. There's good sharing, good food, and an opportunity to strengthen your relationship with God.

To register call Betty at 716-322-1185 or email leobettyreiter@gmail.com

**Sunday, October 1 – Respect Life Mass**  
**@ St. Joseph Cathedral at 10:30am**  
**Celebrant: Fr. Peter Karalus**

Let the Music Begin! On Sunday, October 8, at 3 PM, the Camerata di Sant' Antonio brings the beautiful music of their chamber orchestra to our beautiful space. Since 2002, the Camerata—which includes members of the BPO—has presented concerts designed to preserve and celebrate the cultural heritage of our community, with premier works featured in every performance. In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, the program will include Manuel Ponce's Concierto del Sur for Guitar and Orchestra. You will also be treated to a post-concert reception in St. Charles Hall. Watch next week-end's bulletin for a courtesy pass enabling members of our parish family to attend free of charge.

**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