

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. September 10

8:00am - Father's Day Remembrance
9:30am - Mother's Day Remembrance

Sun. September 17

8:00am - Dennis Riley II by Dennis Riley
9:30am - Mother's Day Remembrance

**Readings for the week of
September 10 2023**

Sun., Sept. 10 - Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/
Mt 18:15-20

Mon., Sept 11 - Col 1:24—2:3/Lk 6:6-11

Tues., Sept 12 - Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

Wed., Sept. 13 - Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

Thurs., Sept 14 - Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11
/Jn 3:13-17

Fri., Sept 15 - 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14
/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Sat., Sept 16 - 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

Sun., Sept 17 - Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt
18:21-35

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
4:30pm - St. Lawrence Church

September Lectors

8:00am Mass

September 3 - Pat Dyer
September 10 - Barbara Smith
September 17 - Andre Allen
September 24 - Barbara Breckenridge

9:30am Mass

September 3 - Alice Bragg
September 10 - Nndi Nwbugwu
September 17 - Lurita Boyd
September 24 - Cynthia Davis



Fr. Joe's Corner

Dear Family 21,

Hoping you all had a wonderful Labor Day weekend. As the fall schedule begins to take shape, I expect any day to receive the official letter of appointment for Fr. Aaron to become our family parochial vicar in addition to Fr. Bob. Fr. Jud has begun his new chapter as a member of the Nativity Miguel School, and our prayers/best wishes go out to him as he begins.

I met last week with our priests and deacons to discuss the Mass and preaching schedule. Lots of balls in the air, but I promise you we are getting there!!

The six pillars will be finishing up their planning meetings this month. Their final charge will be to present a 3 year plan for the clergy to review(!) Our activation is scheduled to begin sometime in October. From there, we massage, adjust, and tweak things as we go. Nothing is set in stone when the activations begin.

Wishing you a blessed, peace-filled week, everyone!!

In Christ's love,

Father Joe

**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, Joyce Davis, 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.

Please keep in prayer our neighbors the Knight Family. Mr. Allen Knight Jr. passed away on Sunday September 3, 2023. May he have eternal peace.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

**ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING
OF SCRIPTURE**

September 10, 2023
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your brother sins against you..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.

◆ Father John Muir

Parish Financial Information

September 2023

	Collection		Martin's Future Collection		Diocese Collection	
	Regular	E-Giving	Regular	E-Giving	Regular	E-Giving
Sept. 3	\$3,464.00	\$140.00	\$1351.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sept. 10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sept. 17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sept. 24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$3,464.00	\$140.00	\$1351.00	\$175.00		
Diocesan Collection					\$5.00	\$0.00

SMDP Events and Meetings

- Mon., Sept 11 - KPC Ladies Aux Meeting - 6pm
- Sat., Sept 16 - Parish Pastoral Meeting @10am
- Thurs., Sept 21 - Peace Pole Installation @ 5:30pm
- Sat., Sept 23 - Liturgy Pillar Meeting @ 10am
- 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., Oct 21 & Oct. 22 - Revival at St. Martin de Porres
- Sat., Nov. 4 - Domestic Violence Awareness - SMDP 12n
- Sun., Jan. 21 - MLK Mass @ Ss. Columba Brigid 10am

Family 21 information & Training Sessions

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.

Baptism class - parents of children under age 7 who are requesting Baptism are invited to join us at 6:30 PM on September 7, at Blessed Trinity. Registration is preferred. Contact the parish office.

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.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION IS COMING SOON!

Join us on September 14, 5:30 PM at Ss. Columba-Brigid. If you have not already registered your children aged 3 and over, please do so soon. We want to have materials ready for you! A parent program and a light supper will also be provided. Our September theme is I AM Made in God's Image. This year's per-child fee is \$10 with a maximum of \$50 per family for the entire year. If you are unable to pay the fee, please contact your Faith Formation representative: Dcn. Jerry Hodson, Debbie Obstarczyk, Lanette Jennings, or Pat Dyer. Your children will still be able to participate

🎵 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.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 10, 2023

None of us will ever forget the terrible carnage and suffering of September 11, 2001. But we also remember the comfort provided by the Church and Her ministers. Our diocese needs Godly people to help others cope with pain & grief. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

