

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. March 2

8:00am - Pope Francis

9:30am - John Bragg by Alice Bragg

Sun. March 9

8:00am - Henry Breckenridge Jr.

by Barbara Breckenridge

9:30am - Deceased Members of

St. Martin de Porres by Phyllis Wiggins

March Lectors

8:00am Mass

March 2 - Myrna Draper

March 9 - Pat Howling

March 16 - Luke Dyer

March 23 - Barbara Breckenridge

March 30 - Steven Williams

9:30am Mass

March 2 - Carol Cole

March 9 - Holy Name Society

March 16 - Lurita Boyd

March 23 - Nikkei Goodwin

March 30 - Ndidi Nwabugwu

**Readings for the Week of
March 2, 2025**

Sun., March 2 - Sir 27:4-7

/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Mon., March 3 - Sir 17:20-24

/Mk 10:17-27

Tues., March 4 - Sir 35:1-12

/Mk 10:28-31

Wed., March 5 - Ash Wednesday -

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2

/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs., March 6 - Dt 30:15-20

/Lk 9:22-25

Fri., March 7 - Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Sat., March 8 - Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Sun., March 9 - Dt 26:4-10

/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Next Sunday, March 9th, there will be a 2nd collection for the Black and Native Missions

**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, Shirley Hargro, Robert Harper, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Antionette (Tonie) Newton, Vanessa Newton, Louise Nolley, Mary Preston, Samuel Ruff, and Josephine Williams.

Please pray for the family of Helen Washington as she is lifted up in prayer to begin her journey into eternal rest. Please bring her into your loving arms and grant them peace and rest.

**Volunteers are needed for
Holy Thursday, the "Washing of the Feet".**

**April 17, 2025, Holy Thursday will be held at
Ss. Columba-Brigid Church,
75 Hickory St., Buffalo NY at 7pm.
If you would like to participate notify the
Church office.**

**Lenten Events @
St. Martin de Porres**

Wed., Mar. 5-Ash Wednesday-SMdP @ 6pm.

Fri., Mar. 7-Stations of the Cross-SMdP @ 7pm

Mon., Mar. 10-Lenten Journey Mass-SMdP @ 7pm

Fri., Mar. 28-Stations of the Cross-SMdP @7pm.

**Mon., April 7-1st Reconciliation & Penance Service
@ SMdP @7pm**

**Sun., April 13-Palm Sunday-SMdP - Regular Mass
Times**

Fri., April 18-Good Friday-SMdP @ 3pm,

**Sun., April 20-Easter Sunday-SMdP-Regular Mass &
Times**

Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by our youth on Friday, April 4 at 7 PM in the church at Ss. Columba-Brigid. Our First Communion class is featured, but we need another soldier, a Simon, some people for the crowd, friends of Jesus, Daughters of Jerusalem and some readers. Older siblings of our First Communion class and Confirmation candidates are encouraged to participate. Children and youth over 3 are welcome. Parents can hold younger children so they can be part of the crowd. There are no lines to memorize for these parts. Readers will have everything printed out for them. Practice will be at 6 PM on April 4. This is always a treat for our parishioners. Call or email Pat Dyer if you are interested: 716-256-2598 or patricia-dyemp@gmail.com.

Road to Renewal Update

With the announcement last week, that Holy Cross Parish (Family 23) will remain open, the Bishop now needs to facilitate the future clergy leadership for our two Families (21 & 23) of parishes. The continuing commitment and blessing of the Order of Mary Immaculate priests in the Diocese of Buffalo needs to be discerned anew (considering the current closure of one OMI parish - Coronation - the shifting of that worshipping Vietnamese community to a new church home in the suburbs, and continuing involvement at Holy Cross and Our Lady of Hope). Also.... the need for a Spanish-speaking priest, Vietnamese-speaking priest, and possible other clergy to address cultural/language needs, is currently under review. Representatives from the Administration Pillars from Families 21 & 23 reconvened this past week and are working through this new reconfiguration and the possibilities and challenges it poses.

Prayer for Pope Francis

Loving God, as Francis, our beloved pope, suffers from grave illnesses, we come before you in prayer.

We ask you to look with mercy on your servant Francis, who has served you devotedly and tirelessly as a Jesuit, a priest, an archbishop, a cardinal and as pope.

Most of all, he has served you as a faithful Christian sharing the love, mercy and compassion that your Son showed to all he encountered in his public ministry, especially those who were poor or in any way struggling.

During his papacy, Francis has striven to imitate your Son by reaching out to all who were feeling abandoned, ignored or neglected, making it his special task to care for those who were in any way sick.

As Francis himself now faces serious and complex illnesses, help the doctors, nurses and medical team who care for him, help him bear any pain with grace and help him to heal quickly.

Send your Holy Spirit, your own breath, into his weakened lungs to heal him, inspire him and raise him up again so that he may live out his vocation as the Vicar of Christ.

But if it is your will, loving God, to take him to yourself, let his passing into new life be painless and peaceful. We ask all this in your Holy Name.
Amen.

Parish Financial Information			
*Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
February 2025			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
Feb 2	\$3,396.00	\$855.00	\$207.00
Feb 9	\$2,402.00	\$522.00	\$0.00
Feb 16	\$1,682.00	\$330.00	\$167.00
Feb 23	\$1,999.00	\$1,055.00	\$10.00
Total Income	\$9,481.00	\$2,762.00	\$384.00

Family 21 Events Calendar

Wed., Mar. 5-Ash Wednesday-St. Martin de Porres @ 6pm.
Fri., Mar. 7-Stations of the Cross-St. Martin de Porres @ 7pm
Mon., Mar. 10-Lenten Journey Mass-St. Martin de Porres @ 7pm
Fri., Mar. 14-Stations of the Cross-Ss. Columba-Brigid @ 7pm
Sat., Mar. 15-Cancer Awareness - Ss. Columba-Brigid @ 9am
Mon., Mar. 17-Lenten Journey Mass-Blessed Trinity @7pm.
Tues., Mar. 18-Parenting Series-Substance Abuse Prevention-Blessed Trinity @ 5:30-8:00pm
Wed., Mar. 19-St. Joseph Table- Blessed Trinity @ 5pm.
Fri., Mar 21-Stations of the Cross-Blessed Trinity @7pm
Mon., Mar. 24-Lenten Journey Mass-Ss. Columba-Brigid @ 7pm
Fri., Mar. 28-Stations of the Cross-St. Martin de Porres @7pm.
Mon. Mar. 31-Lenten Journey Mass-Blessed Trinity @ 7pm
Fri., April 4-LIVING STATIONS-Ss. Columba-Brigid @ 7pm
Mon., April 7-1st Reconciliation & Penance Service -St. Martin de Porres @7pm
Fri., April 11-Tennebrae Service-Blessed Trinity @7pm

Holy Week

Sun., April 13-Palm Sunday-St. Martin de Porres-Regular Mass Times
Thur., April 17-Holy Thursday-Ss. Columba-Brigid (Bi-Lingual Mass) @ 7pm.
Fri., April 18-Good Friday- St. Martin de Porres-3pm, Ss. Columba-Brigid-7pm (Bi-Lingual)
Sat., April 19-Holy Saturday-Blessed Trinity @ 8:30pm
Sun., April 20-Easter Sunday-St. Martin de Porres-Regular Mass Times

Sun., May 4 - Women's Guild celebrates-"Wear White-Women's Day" 8am & 9:30am Mass
Sat., Aug 2 - Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner Sale
Sun., Aug 17-Annual Picnic (more info to follow)

Catholic Relief Services Update: Compared to other federal departments, USAID's share of the budget is a sliver. In fiscal year 2023, the U.S. allocated \$916 billion for defense. Compare this to over a nine-year period (from the 2013 to 2022 fiscal years), when Catholic Relief Services received \$4.6 billion in funding from USAID, primarily for disaster assistance. Unfortunately, the Trump administration has continued to target USAID with extensive cuts. As the top recipient of funds from USAID, CRS will be devastated by these cuts. Visit www.crs.org for more information! Interested in joining our local chapter? Contact Dcn. Jerry or Dcn. Don.

NEXT SATURDAY, PLEASE
 REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR
 CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR
 AS WE RETURN TO DAY-
 LIGHT SAVINGS TIME.

Confirmation 2025: If you are in at least the 9th grade (including adults) and would like to be Confirmed next fall, now is the time to talk to us! Those who are not attending a Catholic High School and did not participate in the recently ended Introduction to Sacred Scripture Class, please contact Pat Dyer at Blessed Trinity as soon as possible to discuss catching up.

Our next **Baptism Class** for parents of children under age 7 will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 PM at St. Martin de Porres. Please register at your parish office



2025 - PRAYER PARTNERS

Pope Francis encourages us to be pilgrims of hope in this Jubilee Year 2025. He has called us as a global community to live with a spirit of pilgrimage throughout the year. To journey "with an open spirit, a trusting heart, a far-sighted mission." To grow as a human family. To grow together in hope.

On Saturday, March 8 we will have our Family Faith Formation meeting at Blessed Trinity. All children in Family 21 are part of this program. Meet at 1 PM. Parents and older siblings are encouraged to join us. At the Masses that weekend, we will be selling homemade cookies and chocolate milk to benefit Catholic Relief Service's Rice Bowl initiative.

Catholic Charities Update: The Catholic Charities Appeal for 2025 is underway. The goal for St. Martin de Porres is \$ 14,470. This goal is higher than our previous goals due to the success of St. Martin de Porres over the years. We have currently reached almost 50% of our goal with pledges of \$ 7005.00 from 17 very generous donors. If you have not yet donated please consider a donation today. Laurie Alford

TEENAGERS – YOU'RE INVITED: Young people in grades 8-12 are invited to **No Matter WHAT: A Day for Catholic Teens** on Sunday, March 30th from 12-5:30 PM at Hilbert College in Hamburg! Gather with teenagers from across the Diocese of Buffalo for an interactive day with national speaker Paul J. Kim! The day concludes with Mass with Bishop Michael Fisher. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch. For more information, you may contact Pat Dyer 716-256-2598. This will be an experience you won't want to miss! Our parishes will cover the fee. Please contact Paula Hunt, Lanette Jennings, or Pat Dyer to obtain the code to be used at check-out. Flyers are available.