

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sunday - May 17**

8:00am - All Victims of the 5/14 Tops shooting  
9:30am - All Victims of the 5/14 Tops shooting

**Sunday - May 24**

8:00am - All Mothers of St. Martin de Porres  
9:30am - All Mothers of St. Martin de Porres

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

### May Lectors

**8:00am Sunday Mass**

**May 3 - Patricia Dyer**  
**May 10 - Patricia Howling**  
**May 17 - Luke Dyer**  
**May 24 - Steve Williams**  
**May 31 - Myrna Draper**

**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 May 17, 2026

Sun., : Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
Mon., : Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab  
/Jn 16:29-33  
Tues., : Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21  
/Jn 17:1-11a  
Wed., : Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a,  
35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19  
Thurs., : Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a  
and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26  
Fri., : Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab  
/Jn 21:15-19  
Sat., : Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5  
and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Observances for the week of May 17, 2026

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord  
Monday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr  
Wednesday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest  
Thursday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs  
Friday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious  
Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

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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, Aaron Pomerantz, Loretta Rhyne, Yvonne Stewart & Josephine Williams

**Next Eucharistic Adoration** being offered on June 5, 2026 from 4pm to 7pm, at Ss. Columba-Brigid Church, 75 Hickory St. Buffalo, NY 14204  
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**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**May 17, 2026,  
7th Sunday of Easter  
John 17:1-11a**

Not long after my brother's first child was born, a beautiful little girl named Mary Elise, I asked him what it was like. Was he nervous? Overwhelmed? He said, "When I first held her, I was in such shock. I think I just said, 'I am your dad. I am your dad.'" That moment marked a deep transformation for him. He was not just holding a baby; he was stepping into a new identity. Over the years, I have seen him live his fatherhood with quiet sacrifice, joy, and faithfulness. It started with that moment of truth.

This, I propose, is a glimpse of what Jesus means when he prays, "Consecrate them in the truth." (John 17:17) To be consecrated is to be set apart in love, not taken out of the world. Consecration sends us into it with a new identity, always one that binds us to him and to others in love. Our bond to Jesus and others is the deep truth that he continually renews.

Whenever we speak deep truths about ourselves, we experience this renewal: "I have sinned;" "I need help;" "I forgive you;" "I take you as my husband;" "I believe in one God..." Whether in confession, in the liturgy, or in a recovery group, truth heals and transforms.

And the deepest truth of all? That we belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Our lives are no longer just ours. We are his and he is ours.

Name one truth you need to step into more deeply, about yourself, someone else, or God. Maybe put it on a note on your mirror. Let that truth consecrate you this week.

— Father

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### Spring Cleanup



**St. Martin de Porres  
Saturday, May 30, 2026**  
10am – 12pm / Volunteers are needed / Lunch provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space.

**Save the Date**



**Knights of Peter Claver  
Ladies Auxiliary  
Annual Chiavetta's Chicken Dinners**

**St. Martin de Porres  
Saturday, August 8, 2026**  
1pm to 4pm  
Tickets: \$20

**REMEMBERING  
THE BUFFALO TEN  
VICTIMS  
OF  
THE 5/14/2022  
SHOOTING AT TOPS  
MARKET**

**Aaron Salter**  
**Ruth Whitfield**  
**Pearly Young**  
**Katherine Massey**  
**Deacon Heyward Patterson**  
**Celestine Chaney**  
**Roberta A. Drury**  
**Margus D. Morrison**  
**Andre Mackneil**  
**Geraldine Talley**



Parish Financial Information *Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
May Collections			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
May 3	\$2612.00	\$1,207.00	\$25.00
May 10	\$3215.00	\$813.00	\$5.00
May 17			
May 24			
May 31			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5827.00</b>	<b>\$2020.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>


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**GREAT AMERICAN PEPPERMINT CONTEST**

The Junior Knights of Peter Claver Branch 94 invites you to participate. For more information see flyer in the Gathering Space.

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**The St. Martin de Porres  
Holy Name Society  
Swing into Spring**



**at** **4th Annual Father's Day Gala on Saturday, June 20th 2026, 6pm-10:30pm. the Hilton Garden Inn Buffalo Airport , 4201 Genesee Tickets: \$55 per ticket, \$50 per ticket (2 or more) & \$35 for children (12 and under 6pm) They are seeking for donations from our parish members and our ministries for our gift basket raffle. We kindly ask that any donation be received at the parish office by June 1st.**

**Graduation Sunday - June 28, 2026  
Required Information**

- ◆ Name of Student
- ◆ Current school will be attending new grade, high school or college
- ◆ Moving from grade to grade
- ◆ Any Achievements or Honors

See application form in the Gathering Space.  
All information must be into the office by  
Wednesday, June 14, 2026 by 1pm.

**STUDENT MUST ATTEND GRADUATION**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026**

**Family 21 at "A Glance"**

Sun., May 17 - Town Hall Meeting after 9:30am Mass  
 Tues., May 19-OCIA Pot Luck Dinner- Blessed Trinity-5:30pm  
 Sun., May 24—Pentecost Sunday  
 Sat., May 30 - Annual Spring Clean-up-10am-12n-Sign-up  
 Sat., May 30 - "Letter From a Birmingham Jail: If Martin Were Here Today" @ St. Mary Ctr., 245 Lafayette 1:30pm-3:00pm.  
 (flyer in Gathering Space)  
 Fri., June 5 - Eucharistic Adoration-Ss. Columba-Brigid 4m-7pm  
 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  
 Fri., July 5 - Eucharistic Adoration-Ss. Columba-Brigid 4pm-7pm  
 Sat., July 18 & Sun., July 19-Garden Walk  
 Tues., August 4-"National Night Out"-SMDP  
 Fri., August 7 - Eucharistic Adoration-Ss. Columba-Brigid 4pm-7pm  
 Sat., August 8-KOPC Chiavetta's BBQ Chicken Sale  
 -St. Martin de Porres  
 Sun., August 16-Parish Picnic

**Sisters of St. Mary of Namur will be hosting:**  
 Social Justice Through the Arts Typography of Women  
 presents  
 "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" If Martin Were Here Today"

**Saturday, May 30, 2026  
 1:30pm - 3:00pm  
 @  
 St. Mary Center  
 245 Lafayette Ave  
 Buffalo, NY 14213**

What: Spirit-filled, music and dancing:  
 Enactment & Dramatization of the Birmingham Letter

Why: Articulate that Social Justice Issues from 1963 are still the same challenges we are being faced with in 2026.

To register to attend email Sr. Roberta Fulton, SSMN at ful-ton4505@aol.com or call 716-435-7244.

**Catholic Charities Update**

**The Catholic Charities** campaign has 6 weeks remaining. Thirty-six generous donors have allowed us to reach a sum of \$13,155 dollars. Thank you to our most gracious donors. Let's continue to push for 55 donors in our 55 for the Drive campaign. Catholic Charities is a Better Business Bureau Accredited Charity with the highest rating on Charity Navigator. You can donate securely online at [CCWNY.ORG](http://CCWNY.ORG) ( kindly designate St. Martin de Porres as your home church). Please see Laurie Alford or Paulette Lindsay with any questions. Thank you