

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. Feb. 19 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30am - John Bragg - Alice Bragg

Sun. Feb. 26 - First Sunday of Lent
9:30am - Virginia Threet - Threet Family

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS & PRAYER

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1
Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor
5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/

Mt 4:1-11

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Lector Schedule for February

8:00am Mass - Lectionary Readings & Prayer of the Faithful

Feb. 5 - Luke Dyer

Feb. 12 - Myrna Draper

Feb. 19 - Barbara Breckenridge

Feb. 26 - Pat Dyer

9:30am Mass - Lectionary Readings

Feb 5 - Lurita Boyd

Feb. 12 - Carol Cole

Feb. 19 - Lurita Boyd

Feb. 26 - Ndidi Nwabugwa

We encourage our parishioners to continue to be aware that COVID is still prevalent. Please be careful and take all precautions.



Fr. Joe's Corner

"Hello, my beloved St. Martin de Porres Family,

Things began to amp up this week as I was introduced to different organizations in the other parishes in our family. The planning is starting to unfold as we approach the next six months or so to finalize our family plan.

This coming Wednesday, as you know is Ash Wednesday. Together, we begin our Lenten journey. There will be a Mass at **9am** at St. Lawrence that day. If you are looking for a **noon time** Mass, I have one at St. Rose of Lima parish, on the corner of Parker and Parkside. SMDP will have a service of ashes at **6pm** led by our beloved Deacon Ron.

If you're hungry that night, I'll be frying fish at St. Marks fish fry from 4 to 7pm. It's pretty good, I must admit and the portions are very generous. Ha!!!

The four parishes of the central city will be celebrating Stations of the Cross every Friday, as well as Lenten Journey Masses on Monday evenings. Please refer to the schedule elsewhere in the bulletin.

Please remember in your prayers, a plea to our loving God for an end to the killing violence in our city. Sadly, during my 6pm Mass this past Wednesday at St. Lawrence, there was a shooting very close to the church on Erb Ave. It was a little too close for comfort.

As always, I thank you for welcoming me and being here. I hope that more and more parishioners as well will return to church, and I encourage you to invite anyone and everyone back!!!!

With my gratitude, respect, and love,

Fr. Joe

| Parish Financial Information | | |
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| February 2023 | | |
| | Collection | Martin's Future |
| Feb. 5, 2023 | \$2,991.00 | \$1,130.00 |
| Feb 12, 2023 | \$2,135.00 | \$395.00 |
| Feb. 19, 2023 | \$ | \$ |
| Feb. 26, 2023 | \$ | \$ |
| Jan Electronic Giving. | \$910.00 | \$670.00 |
| Total Income | \$6,036.00 | \$1,525.00 |
| Diocese Collections | \$35.00 | |

Diocesan & Parish Family Activities

Lenten Events - See Insert in Bulletin

Sun. Feb. 19 - "Fat Tuesday" Bake Sale & Raffle.

Wed. Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday Service at 6pm with Deacon Ron.

Mon. Mar. 27 - Penance Service @ 7pm



We are very grateful to all who have contributed to the Upon This Rock campaign. Due to your generous donations your contributions allows us to continue to maintain our building. As of January 31, 2023 we have received \$830.76 in support of our parish. This will bring our disbursement total to date to \$26,525.52.

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 :

Alice Bragg, Richard Ersing, Sal & Sarah Howard, Susan Hutchins, LaEster Jones, Karl Magby, Mary Magby, Jewel Marshall, Daysi McGill Crespo, Thomasina McDougald, Renee Mills, Ernestine Morrell, Vanessa Newton, Dane Smith, and Josephine Williams.

We pray especially for our Sister in Christ Arlene Feaster who went home to the Lord . Unite our prayers and petitions for her soul and her family.

Vocation Blurb

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 19, 2023
 “Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” Holy things should be used for a holy purpose. Serve the Gospel with your life! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847- 5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

Please welcome and pray for the new Parish Pastoral Council Officers: Rebekah Mingo - President
 Nancy Siegel - Vice President
 Terry Alford - Treasurer
 Barrett Fletcher - Secretary

FOR SALE--1999 Grey GMC Pick-Up Truck with Snow Plow. \$5,000 or Best Offer!
 For more information, please contact Mr. Danny O'Neil at (716) 578-8158.



2023 - PRAYER PARTNER INFORMATION

Lent is just around the corner! February 22th is Ash Wednesday. That means it is sign-up time for prayer partners. We hope you will participate this year as we unite as a Family of Parishes.

Signup sheets are available in each church. “If it were not for the power of prayer, our religious practice would dry up for lack of nourishment.” (Rev. Joe Driscoll)

Praying for another in need is one of the **spiritual works of mercy**. If you haven't experienced being a prayer partner yet, we hope you will join this year. During the Lenten season you will be given a name of someone from within the participating parishes to pray for during Lent and the Easter season and that person will have your name. Phone numbers will be provided only if you wish to contact your prayer partner which can be a nice thing to do.