

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. May 4

8:00am - Oda L. Wilkins

by the Smith Family

9:30am - Mabel Davis by Alice Bragg

Sun. May 11

8:00am - Father's Day Remembrance

9:30am - Dolores Brown

by the Brown Family

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 : Gino Bell, Lula Bell, Robert Brown, Ikeshia Fields, Shirley Hargro, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Antionette (Tonie) Newton, Vanessa Newton, Louise Nolley, Marianne Partee, Samuel Ruff, Josephine Williams and Elise Wilson

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 4, 2025 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

John 21:1-19

I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical well-being for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, "Come, have breakfast" (John 21:12). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others — indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

— Father John Muir

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May Lectors

8:00am Mass

May 4 - Stephen Williams

May 11 - Barbara Smith

May 18 - Barbara Breckenridge

May 25 - Patricia Howling

9:30am Mass

May 4 - Ndidi Nwabugwu

May 11 - Holy Name Society

May 18 - Lurita Boyd

May 25 - Sr. Roberta Fulton, SSMN

Readings for the Week of May 4, 2025

Sun., May 4 - Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Mon., May 5 - Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

Tues., May 6 - Acts 7:51—8:1a
/Jn 6:30-35

Wed., May 7 - Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

Thurs., May 8 - Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

Fri., May 9 - Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

Sat., May 10 - Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

Sun., May 11 - Acts 13:14, 43-52
/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30



**St. Martin de Porres
On Saturday,
May 31, 2025
10am - 12pm
Volunteers needed
Lunch provided
Sign-up Sheet in the
Gathering Space**

**Parish Pastoral Council
is sponsoring a
Town Hall Meeting
On Saturday, May 24, 2025
@ St. Martin de Porres
from 10am—12n.
Light Refreshments
All parishioners
are invited to attend**



**St. Martin de Porres
will be a part of the EastSide
Garden Walk
on
Saturday & Sunday,
July 19th & 20th, 2025.**

**It is more than a garden tour..
During the Walk, garden lovers
experience Buffalo's East Side
Treasures; of which
St. Martin de Porres is one.**

Parish Financial Information
***Weekly Totals Include E-Giving**

April Collections

	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
April 6	\$2,448.00	\$1,037.00	\$20.00
April 13	\$3,163.00	\$945.00	\$15.00
April 20	\$3,347.00	\$1415.00	\$80.00
April 27	\$1,842.00	\$1,010.00	\$230.00
Total Income	\$10,800.00	\$4,407.00	\$345.00

Our **next baptism class** for parents of children age 7 and under is today Sunday, May 4 at 12:30 PM at Blessed Trinity. Parents and Godparents of children to be baptized in the next few months are encouraged to attend. The next class will be in the fall.

Our next **Family Faith Formation** will be held this **Saturday, May 10, 1:00 PM** at Blessed Trinity. We will learn that we are all call to be saints, how the Church decides who is a Saint worthy of following, and a little something about one of our newest Saints— a teenager named Carlo Acutis. Everyone See posted flyer.

Holy Cross Church - Meat Raffle

Friday, May 9, 2025 at Maryland & Niagara Sts. Buffalo. Doors open at 5:30pm and raffle begins at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$15.00 - water, pop, beer and wine included. Bring snacks and \$1 bills. Tickets are limited - presale only. Tickets will be sold after the 10am and 12:30pm Masses or at the Rectory on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, between 9am and 4pm. Rectory # 716-847-6930. See posted flyer.

CENTERED IN GOD: Sr. Cora Marie Billings, RSM, Masters Theses on Friday, May 16, 2025 at 6:15pm at the Mercy Center, 625 Abbott Rd, Buffalo. Sign up by emailing. See posted flyer.

KWILLIAMS@SISTERSOFMERCY.ORG.

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Contact any of our priests and deacons or pastoral associates.

Our first **Children's Liturgy** of the Word will take place on Sunday, May 18 during the 9:30 AM Mass @ St. Martin de Porres. Children will hear God's Word and participate in a small project to help them understand the readings.

Vacation Bible School News! Our planning committee will meet at 6 PM on May 8 at Blessed Trinity in the classroom downstairs in the school building. Plans are for VBS to be at Ss. Columba-Brigid four mornings during July. Additional volunteers are needed especially those who are handy or love crafts and storytelling. More information will be coming soon.

"At A Glance"

Family 21 Events Calendar

Wed., May 7 - Jubilee Year presentation by Fr. Sean Paul Fleming at Ss. Columba-Brigid at 6:30pm.

Sun., May 18 - Children's Liturgy - during the 9:30am Mass

Wed., May 21 - Prayer Partner Pot Luck Dinner-Ss. Columba-Brigid@ 6pm-(Arrival time-5:30pm)

Sat., May 24 - Town Hall Meeting @ St. Martin de Porres @ 10am

Sat., May 31 - Annual Spring Clean-up —10am to 12pm

Sat., June 7 - "Swing Into Spring" 3rd Annual Father's Day Gala

Sun., June 22 - First Communion

Sat & Sun. July 19 & 20— Eastside Garden Walk @ St, Martin de Porres - 10am to 4pm

Sun., Aug 17-Annual Picnic (more info to follow)

Sun., Dec. 21— St. Martin de Porres Christmas Concert (details to follow)

Catholic Relief Services Update:

Due to extensive cuts to USAID, 69 of Catholic Relief Service's programs have received termination notices. This will cut off critical aid to more than 11 million people worldwide. In Burkina Faso, 43,000 people will not receive emergency kits for shelter, water, hygiene, sanitation and basic household needs. In Haiti, 4,300 families will not receive support to meet their survival food needs and prevent malnutrition in children and pregnant women. Please urge Congress and the Administration to halt and reverse all terminations of lifesaving and life-affirming humanitarian and development assistance. Thanks for your support! Learn more at WWW.CRS.ORG! Interested in joining our local chapter? Contact Dcn. Jerry or Dcn. Don.

Catholic Charities Update

Food insecurity is a large problem in Buffalo and Erie county with 14% of our residents living below the poverty level. Catholic Charities maintains 6 food pantries in Erie county. Each pantry offers emergency food and referrals. Catholic Charities also helps to enroll residents in the SNAP program (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). If you are in need, call 716-856-4494. Your donation to Catholic Charities helps to decrease food insecurity. St Martin de Porres has raised \$10,995 towards our goal of \$14,470. Thank you for your generous support. The Appeal ends June 30.. Laurie Alford & Paulette Lindsay

Gerard Place has announced May 20th as the next Respite Care date. *Pre-registration is required by calling or emailing Eric Hall at 716-897-9948 extension 117 to register your loved ones. See flyer posted in the Corridor. All forms needed to attend can be found in the Gathering Space.

Attention All Prayer Partners

The Prayer Partner Pot Luck gathering is Wednesday, May 21st at Ss. Columba-Brigid. Arrive around 5:30pm. Beginning with prayer and meal at 6pm. Hope as many as possible will sign up to come and meet your prayer partner and enjoy a good pot-luck meal! Sign up in the Gathering Space this weekend or next!