

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. August 27

9:30am - Billie Jean Harper
by Michael Brian Harper

Sun. September 3

8:00am - Mother's Day Remembrance
9:30am - Corvante Jones
by Carol Jones

Readings for the week of August 27, 2023

Sun., Aug. 27 - Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Mon., Aug. 28 - 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22

Tue., Aug. 29 - 1 Thes 2:1-8 (426)/Mk 6:17-29

Wed., Aug. 30 - 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32

Thurs., Aug 31 - 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51

Fri., Sept. 1 - 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13

Sat., Sept 2 - 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

Sun., Sept 3 - Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

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)

11:00 – Ss. Columba-Brigid (English)

Monday

11:00am - Blessed Trinity Church

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11:00am - Blessed Trinity

6:00pm - 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

Sunday Mass Stipends for the rest of 2023 and for 2024 are now available for both the 8:00am Mass and 9:30am Mass. Please call the church office to schedule.

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 - Ndidi Nwabugwu

September 17 - Lurita Boyd

September 24 - Cynthia Davis



Fr. Joe's Corner

Dear St. Martin de Porres Family,

I'll try not to get too emotional as I write this to you, but as September arrives next week, it takes us, as you know, to our first anniversary together. In the big picture, I know that's not a very long time, but due to our ongoing "road to renewal", the time I've spent with you so far as I have mentioned to you, truly saved me. Your support and acceptance of me has refreshed and healed my soul. Never have I felt so welcome and so much at home in such a short period of time. I could never thank you enough for all that you mean to me.

St. Martin de Porres is a rare gem, a finely tuned vehicle of faith and hope and love. It is an immense privilege to be here with you. I don't take this gift for granted.

God bless you now and always! With a heart for of love and gratitude,

Father Joe

Hello, my family,

It was so great to see so many of you from our four parishes come together last Sunday at Como Park for a picnic. My thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and helped with the serving and preparing and donating. It was a glorious time! One of these days, I'll get the Electric Slide down! Lol.s

As August winds down, I look forward to the new chapter with our family beginning. Come September, I will be able to announce officially the new team of priests in the family, and we will begin the full rotation of Masses. We are in limbo until we get official letters from Bishop Mike, which I believe are in the works.

Enjoy these last days of too short of a season.

Let us continue to pray for one another along the way.

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING
OF SCRIPTURE

August 27, 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual *father* to the family of Israel. Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church.

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family.

— Father John Muir

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Parish Financial Information

August 2023

	Collection		Martin's Future Collection		Diocese Collection	
	Regular	E-Giving	Regular	E-Giving	Regular	E-Giving
Aug. 6	\$2,352.00	\$350.00	\$1,000.00	\$120.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Aug. 13	\$2,524.00	\$80.00	\$615.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aug. 20	\$1,561.00	\$155.00	\$525.00	\$400.00	\$45.00	\$0.00
Aug. 27						
Total Income	\$6,437.00	\$585.00	\$2,140.00	\$520.00		
Diocesan Collection					\$445.00	\$0.00

SMDP Events and Meetings

Sat., Sept 2 - Women's Guild Meeting 12n

Sun., Sept. 3 - Altar Server Training - after 9:30am Mass
 –Grades 4 and up can attend.

Sat., Sept 9 - Knights of Peter Claver meeting @10am

Mon., Sept 11 - KPC Ladies Aux Meeting - 6pm

Sat., Sept 16 - Parish Pastoral Meeting @10am

Thurs., Sept 21 - Peace Pole Installation @ 5pm

Sat., Sept 23 - Liturgy Pillar Meeting @ 10am

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

Sun., Jan. 21 - MLK Mass @ Ss. Columba Brigid 10am

**Altar Server Training
 will take place on Sunday,
 September 3rd after 9:30am
 Mass Grades 4 and up can
 attend.**

Pillar Updates

If you'd like to see what our pillar groups are working on, you can read regular updates on this website:
<http://www.stlawrencevineyardministries.com/> .

If the pillar names do not appear, click on "more." The meeting dates are posted on the calendar so that if you have any concerns, you can bring them to your pillar representatives before the next meeting. Meetings are not open to guests.

The Diocese of Buffalo and Survivors find common ground as mediation continues.

Negotiations have been ongoing between the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors appointed in the Diocese's chapter 11 reorganization proceeding. The Committee is comprised of six claimants entrusted to represent the collective interests of all abuse survivors. Details of the negotiations remain confidential, but the Diocese and the Committee have found common ground on one key issue: they're searching for more insurance coverage.

The Diocese has robust records of insurance coverage beginning in 1972, but has to this point been largely unsuccessful in locating proof of insurance prior to that time. Nevertheless, the Diocese and the Committee are committed to working together to locate additional policies.

"We know the Diocese owned property before 1972, and that it would have been insured. The question is what companies insured the Diocese in those years," said Ilan Scharf, an attorney for the Committee.

"We've agreed to proceed cooperatively on a number of fronts," said attorney Steve Donato, who represents the Diocese. "That includes further efforts to find policy evidence in old diocesan records and inquiries to insurance agencies that may have placed the coverage."

Seeking help from the community

The Diocese and the Committee are also asking the public for help. Their hope is to find someone who worked decades ago at an insurance carrier or agency, or who might otherwise have knowledge or evidence of pre-1972 insurance coverage for the Diocese.

Under New York law, insurance coverage may be available even if a copy of the actual policy is never found. Rather, evidence that a policy was issued can be used to prove coverage. Such evidence might include notes in business records, cancelled checks, accounting ledgers or policy numbers or the memories of people who worked for the Diocese, parishes or insurance companies or brokers.