

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. February 23

8:00am - Father's Day Remembrance

9:30am - Joseph Locke by Miriam Locke

Sun. March 2

8:00am - Mother's Day Remembrance

9:30am - John Bragg by Alice Bragg

2025 dates are now available to have Masses said for loved ones and special intentions. Please arrange with the church office.

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
February 23, 2025**

Sun., Feb. 23 - 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13,
22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Mon., Feb 24 - Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29

Tues., Feb. 25 - Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37

Wed., Feb. 26 - Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40

Thur., Feb. 27 - Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50

Fri., Feb 28 - Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12

Sat., March 1 - Sir 17:1-15
/Mk 10:13-16

Sun., March 2 - Sir 27:4-7
/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

**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, Helen Washington, Josephine Williams.

**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.

"Fat Tuesday"

Next Sunday, March 2nd, the Women's Guild will be holding their annual "Fat Tuesday" Bake Sale after both Masses. All types of baked goods will be available for purchase. Get you fill of sweets before Ash Wednesday & support the Women's Guild.



**Lent begins on Wednesday,
March 5, 2025**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

February 23, 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 6:27-38

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect that perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of God's life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.

— Father John Muir

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2025 Church Envelopes

If you have not picked up your church envelopes up yet. Please do so, they are available in the Gathering Space.

| Parish Financial Information *Weekly Totals Include E-Giving | | | |
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| 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 | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total Income | \$7,482.00 | \$1,707.00 | \$374.00 |

Family 21 Events Calendar

Sun., Mar. 2-Women’s Guild - “Fat Tuesday”
@ St. Martin de Porres after 8am & 9:30 Mass.

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.

Ties., 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 Masses & Times

Sun., May 4 - Women’s Guild celebrates “Wear White-Women’s Day” 8am & 9:30am Mass

Sat., Aug 2 - Chivetta’s Chicken Dinner Sale

Sun., Aug 17-Annual Picnic (more info to follow)
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YOUR HELP NEEDED !!!!

Your help is urgently needed! Let your members of Congress know that you are deeply concerned about the Administration’s recent decision to stop work on almost all U.S. foreign assistance programs. Secretary of State Rubio issued an exception for lifesaving humanitarian assistance, but that has still not allowed any assistance or funding to move so lifesaving work can continue. This freeze is impacting millions of our sisters and brothers who need access to lifesaving humanitarian, health and development assistance.

As people of faith, let us stand shoulder to shoulder with our sisters and brothers in need. Tell Congress to engage with the Administration to continue allowing foreign assistance programs to operate during the review process.

Please send a message using one of the following links: <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/121405/Respond>; <https://support.crs.org/act/foreign-aid-operations>;
or you can text Advocate to 67768. Thank you for your support of our most desperate sisters and brothers around the world. Deacon Don Weigel

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.

In many ways, this Jubilee journey is a share in Jesus’ healing ministry as we come seeking renewal for our parishes and for ourselves, as we pray and do works of mercy for others. How will you join the journey this year?

During the Lenten season we invite you to become a prayer partner. You will be given a name of someone to pray for during Lent and the Easter season and that person will have your name.

Join this journey of hope on our Road to Renewal. Sign-up sheets will be available in your church for two weekends. Thank you!

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.