

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. March 9
8:00am - Henry Breckenridge Jr.
 by Barbara Breckenridge
9:30am - Deceased Members of
St. Martin de Porres by Phyllis Wiggins

Sun. March 16
8:00am - Daphne & Leslie Riley
 by Dennis Riley
9:30am - Prayer & Intentions of Lolita
 Newton by the Newton Family

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
March 9, 2025

Sun., March 9 - Dt 26:4-10
 /Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
 Mon., March 10 - Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 /Mt 25:31-46
 Tue., March 11 - Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
 Wed, March 12 - Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
 Thurs., March 13 - Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25
 /Mt 7:7-12
 Fri., March 14 - Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
 Sat., March 15 - Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
 Sun., March 16 - Gn 15:5-12, 17-18
 /Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

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, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Antionette (Tonie) Newton, Vanessa Newton, Louise Nolley, Samuel Ruff, and Josephine Williams.

Our prayer go out to the family of Helen Washington whose life was celebrated on Friday, March 7, 2025. Dollena Elder who has gone home to Glory and was celebrated on March 8, 2025. Paulette Lindsay and family whose daughter Tracy Marcia who recently passed.

(more information to follow)

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.

Lenten Events @
St. Martin de Porres

Mon., Mar. 10-Lenten Journey Mass-SMdP @ 7pm

Fri., Mar. 28-Stations of the Cross-SMdP @7pm.

Mon., April 7-1st Reconciliation @ 6pm & Penance Service Mass - St. Martin de Porres @7pm

Sun., April 13-Palm Sunday-SMdP - Regular Mass Times

Fri., April 18-Good Friday- SMdP @ 3pm,

Sun., April 20-Easter Sunday-SMdP-Regular Mass & Times

Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by our youth on Friday, April 4 at 7 PM in the church at Ss. Columba-Brigid. Our First Communion class is featured, but we need another soldier, a Simon, some people for the crowd, friends of Jesus, Daughters of Jerusalem and some readers. Older siblings of our First Communion class and Confirmation candidates are encouraged to participate. Children and youth over 3 are welcome. Parents can hold younger children so they can be part of the crowd. There are no lines to memorize for these parts. Readers will have everything printed out for them. Practice will be at 6 PM on April 4. This is always a treat for our parishioners. Call or email Pat Dyer if you are interested: 716-256-2598 or patricia-dyemp@gmail.com.

The Key to Success's Post

Instead of fasting from meat,
 Pope Francis proposes
 15 simple acts of love.

1. Say hello. (always and everywhere)
 2. A thank you note (even if you are not "expected").
 3. Remind others how much you love them.
 4. Greet with joy the people you see every day.
 5. To listen to the story of the other without prejudice, with love.
 6. Stop to help yourself. Be attentive to those who need you.
 7. Lift someone's spirits.
 8. Celebrate the good sides or achievements of others.
 9. Choose what you don't use and give it to someone who needs it.
 10. When there is a need to help another, instead of resting.
 11. Admonish with love, do not be silent out of fear.
 12. Go deep with those close to you.
 13. Wash what I use at home.
 14. Helping others overcome obstacles.
 15. Call your parents if you're lucky enough to have them.
- Fast from insults and pass on kind words
 - Fast from dissatisfaction and fill yourself with gratitude
 - Fast from anger and fill yourself with meekness and patience
 - Fast from pessimism and fill yourself with hope and optimism
 - Fast from worries and be filled with trust in God
 - Fast from complaining and fill your life with simple things
 - Fast from pressure and fill yourself with prayer
 - Fast from sadness and bitterness and fill your heart with joy
 - Fast from selfishness and fill yourself with compassion for others
 - Fast from unforgiveness and be filled with attitudes of reconciliation
 - Fast from words and fill yourself with silence and listening to others.
- If we all experience this fast, our daily life will be fulfilled:

PEACE, TRUST, JOY AND LIFE

| Parish Financial Information *Weekly Totals Include E-Giving | | | |
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| March 2025 | | | |
| | Regular Collection | Martin's Future | Diocese Collection |
| March 2 | \$2,309.00 | \$1,545.00 | \$50.00 |
| March 9 | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| March 16 | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| March 23 | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| March 30 | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total Income | \$ | \$ | \$ |

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.

TEENAGERS – YOU'RE INVITED: Young people in grades 8-12 are invited to **No Matter WHAT: A Day for Catholic Teens** on Sunday, March 30th from 12-5:30 PM at Hilbert College in Hamburg! Gather with teenagers from across the Diocese of Buffalo for an interactive day with national speaker Paul J. Kim! The day concludes with Mass with Bishop Michael Fisher. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch. For more information, you may contact Pat Dyer 716-256-2598. This will be an experience you won't want to miss! Our parishes will cover the fee. Please contact Paula Hunt, Lanette Jennings, or Pat Dyer to obtain the code to be used at check-out. Flyers are available.

Catholic Charities update

The overall goal for the WNY Catholic Charities Appeal 2025 is 8.5 million dollars. This is a lofty goal but can be reached with the support of the WNY community. Catholic Charities is the most comprehensive service provider in WNY with 51 locations serving the needs of over 147,000 persons last year. The overall Appeal has reached 35% of its goal. The Appeal runs until June 30th. Please consider a donation today. Laurie Alford



Family 21 Events Calendar

- 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.
- Tues., 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 @ 6pm & Penance Service Mass -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 Mass Times
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- Sun., May 4** - Women's Guild celebrates-"Wear White-Women's Day" 8am & 9:30am Mass
- Sat., Aug 2** - Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner Sale
- Sun., Aug 17**-Annual Picnic (more info to follow)

Catholic Relief Services Update: Compared to other federal departments, USAID's share of the budget is a sliver. In fiscal year 2023, the U.S. allocated \$916 billion for defense. Compare this to over a nine-year period (from the 2013 to 2022 fiscal years), when Catholic Relief Services received \$4.6 billion in funding from USAID, primarily for disaster assistance. Unfortunately, the Trump administration has continued to target USAID with extensive cuts. As the top recipient of funds from USAID, CRS will be devastated by these cuts. Visit www.crs.org for more information! Interested in joining our local chapter? Contact Dcn. Jerry or Dcn. Don.

Laila Myree is requesting that you "**Join Her for the Multiple Sclerosis Walk - May 3rd!**"

I'm excited to be participating in the Multiple Sclerosis Walk on May 3rd at the Outer Harbor! My team goal is to raise \$100 to support the MS community, and I need your help to make it happen. If you'd like to donate or join my team, please reach out to me directly at 716-913-5384 or via email at myreelaila@gmail.com. Every contribution counts, and your support means the world. Let's walk together to help end MS! Every contribution counts, and your support means the world. Let's walk together to help end MS! Thank you!"

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The **Women's Guild** would like to thank everyone who participated in our Mardi Gras Bake Sale. We are so grateful for your support! Congratulations to all of our Basket Raffle winners (Sister Maureen Harris, Lolita Newton, Pat Dyer, Danny O'Neil, Valencia Sease, Stephanie Leguori and Olivia Newton).