

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday - April 19

8:00am - All Mothers

9:30am - Thomasina McDougald by Paul McDougald

Sunday - April 26

8:00am - All Mothers

9:30am - Doretha Alford by the Alford family

**Mass is the highest and greatest form of prayer.
Contact the office. The offering is \$15.**

**April Lectors
8:00am Sunday Mass**

**April 5 - Myrna Draper
April 12 - Barbara Breckenridge
April 19 - Andre Allen
April 26 - Barbara Smith**

9:30am Sunday Mass

**April 5 - Nikkei Goodwin
April 12 - Youth
April 19 - Lurita Boyd
April 26 - Sr. Roberta Fulton, SSMN.**

Readings for the week of April 19, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21
/Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab
/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25
/Jn 10:1-10

Observances for the week of April 19, 2026

Tuesday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: Administrative Professionals' Day; Earth Day

Thursday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Mark, Evangelist

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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 :
Jessica Allen, Chelsea Campbell, Joyce Davis, Denise Dickinson,
Shirley Hargro, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Sandra Marzulli, Jewel
Marshall, Louise Nolley, Lisa Hiedi-Oliveto & Josephine Williams

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Statement of Bishop Michael W. Fisher on the Remarks of Donald Trump Regarding Pope Leo XIV

“The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, rightly invokes the Gospel of Jesus Christ in calling for an end to the war with Iran and the suffering it has inflicted on so many innocent civilians—children, the elderly, and the most vulnerable—while perpetuating hatred and division that only serve to fuel generational conflict. With Pope Leo, I urge all who have the ability to bring about peace to come together and make it so. This is not about politics but the very cause of humanity and our obligation to seek understanding, reconciliation, and pursue those mutual interests that bind us to one another, regardless of ethnic, racial or geographic divisions.”

—Bishop Michael W. Fisher



MEDIA ADVISORY!

Divine Mercy Sunday Mass Celebrates Newly Exemplified Knights of Peter Claver

WHO: Knights of Peter Claver Pierre Toussaint Grand Assembly 54 Fourth Degree Sir Knights

WHAT: Divine Mercy Sunday will be full of celebration for many local Catholics as ten members of the Knights of Peter Claver Buffalo Council 94 are formally presented at a special mass held at St. Martin de Porres Roman Catholic Church in Buffalo, NY, after receiving meritorious fourth-degree status, the order's highest honor, in a private ceremony, known as exemplification. The ten men, three clergy and seven laymen, are now referred to as Sir Knights and collectively known under its new fourth degree assembly, the Pierre Toussaint Grand Assembly 54. Several dignitaries representing the national Knights of Peter Claver traveled from around the country to Buffalo to preside over the ceremonial proceedings.

WHEN: Sunday, April 12, 2026, Divine Mercy Mass begins at 9:30 am

WHERE: St. Martin de Porres RC, 555 Northampton Street, Buffalo, NY 14208

Parish Financial Information *Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
April Collections			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
April 5	\$2751.00	\$980.00	\$155.00
April 12	\$3361.00	\$810.00	\$32.00
April 18			
April 26			
Total	\$6112.00	\$1790.00	\$187.00

Baptismal Classes for children ages 7 and under will be held at St. Martin de Porres on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Please see the enclosed flyer for information on our third **Diocesan Youth Rally** for Grades 8-12. Tony Melendez will return to Buffalo with inspiration and joy as our featured keynote on **Sunday, April 26, 2026!** We will gather at **Hilbert College, 5200 South Park Ave., Hamburg, NY 14075 from 11:15 am to 5:30 pm. Please note: pre-registration is required by April 15, 2026.** No same-day or late registrations will be accepted.

Catholic Charities Update:

Catholic Charities operates the Monsignor Carr counseling centers at 76 Humboldt St. and 20 Rich Street. These centers provide a wide variety of counseling services for children, adults and families. The Catholic Charities Appeal helps to support these valuable programs. The WNY Catholic Charities Appeal has raised 4.6 million dollars towards its goal of 8 million dollars. Please consider a donation today. Contact Laurie Alford or Paulette Lindsay with any questions. Donate securely online at CCWNY.ORG (please designate St Martin de Porres as your home church). Thank you to everyone who has already donated. Laurie Alford, Paulette Lindsay

Interested in becoming a Catholic or just curious about the Catholic faith? Are you a Catholic who has never been Confirmed? Over age seven and put off Baptism due to the pandemic? Join us at any time for Becoming Catholic. Contact Dcn. Jerry, Lanette Jennings, Pat Dyer or Fr. Bob for referral to our team.

The Blessed Trinity Ladies Sodality invites women of your parish to the movies on Sunday, May 3. Following a tradition of May programming focused on women's strengths and contributions, we will view an award-winning film *Find a Way or Make One -- A Rosie Story*. Produced by our friend, Becky Fasanello, the 27-min. movie details the manufacturing contributions of women during World War II through the story of one local "Rosie the Riveter," Viola Hippert. Sodality members and guests will gather in the basement meeting room of St. Charles Hall (behind the church) with the program scheduled to begin at approximately 11:30am. It will include a welcome, brief business meeting, refreshments, our feature film and a Q & A with Becky. Although Mrs. Hippert died in 2023 at the age of 98, her daughter, Sue Lord, will join us. To help with menu planning, please **call or text your reservation to Palma Zanghi at 716-834-9129 by Wed., April 29.**

Even though the Lent is over, the **Prayer Partner** season is on-going. Continue to pray for your partner. The pot-luck supper is scheduled for the summer. Thank you. Maureen Satchell.

Family 21 at "A Glance"

- Thurs., April 23-Letter from Birmingham Jail- SMDP- 7pm
- Sun., April 26-Day for Catholic Teens-Hilbert College 11am-5:30pm. Registration required, flyer in Gathering Space
- Sat., May 2-Family Fun Day at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Youngstown, NY-Ss. Columba-Brigid@ 9:50
- Mon., May 5-Subs N Suds with Sr. Roberta Fulton Sisters of St. Mary Namur at Blessed Trinity, 5:30pm Supper - 6:30pm.
- Thurs., May 7 - Compassion Ministry Meeting-SMDP-11am
- Wed., May 13-Baptismal Class-SMDP 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Fri., May 15-Booster Club Dinner-6pm-8:30pm
- Sat., May 16-Youth Mass- Movie Night 4:30pm (grades 8-12) . The Last Rifleman followed by a discussion. Pizza, chips, popcorn and soft drink. Blessed Trinity 317 Leroy Ave.
- Sun., May 17 - Town Hall Meeting after 9:30am Mass
- Sat., May 30 - Annual Spring Clean-up-10am-12n-Sign-up
- Sun., June 14-Children's 1st Communion-SMDP-9:30am Mass
- Sat., June 20-Holy Name Father's Day Dinner
- Sun., June 28-Graduation Sunday
- Sat., July 18 & Sun., July 19-Garden Walk
- Tues., August 4-"National Night Out"-SMDP
- Sat., August 8-Chiavetta's BBQ Chicken Sale
- Sun., August 16-Parish Picnic

Family Day at Fatima:

On Sat., May 2nd, we will be making a visit to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Youngstown. We have enjoyed this day for many years in the past. The cost will be \$10.00 per person this includes lunch, transportation from Ss. Columba-Brigid (9:50am) with limited seating, so please sign up as soon as possible. We will have a mini retreat, process with Mary while reciting the rosary, have lunch, a Sainly scavenger hunt, and plenty of prayer time, with some shopping before returning back to Buffalo. If you are interested in attending, see the sign up sheet in the Gathering Space.

Heart of Buffalo Catholic Community East now has a Youth Ministry Leader. Johanna Armstrong, with the support of our clergy and staff, has joined us. We have formed a collaborative initiative with another Family of Parishes known as the Heart and Wheat Youth Ministry Collaborative. Our first event is Saturday, May 16, 4:30 PM Youth Mass followed and Movie Night (grades 8-12) . The Last Rifleman followed by a discussion, Pizza, chips, popcorn and soft drink. Blessed Trinity 317 Leroy Ave., Buffalo.

We are still in need of a couple of assistants in youth ministry. Please contact Pat Dyer, Paula Hunt, Lanette Jennings, Fr. Bob or any of our deacons to get more information. No pay. Perks - free pizza, movies, bowling, and friends!

Subs N Suds with Sr. Roberta Fulton Sisters of St. Mary Namur at Blessed Trinity Monday, May 5, 5:30 PM Supper - 6:30 PM Talk Hear the amazing story of the sisters' commitment to : education, social justice, spirituality and living out the Gospel message of outreach to the poor. And, ask yourself the question, "How can I respond to God's call in my life?" Free-Will Offering Benefits Fr. George Reger Faith Formation Program.