

# Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun., Nov. 6 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38  
8:00am - Joseph Locke by Miriam Locke  
9:30am - Royal H. Williams by Katherine Williams

Mon., Nov. 7  
Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6

Tues., Nov. 8  
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10

Wed., Nov. 9  
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Thurs., Nov. 10 - St Leo the Great, Pope  
& Doctor of the Church  
Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25

Fri., Nov. 11 St. Martin of Tours, Bishop  
2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37

Sat., Nov. 12 -St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr  
3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8

Sun., Nov. 13 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19  
9:30am - John Bragg by Alice Bragg

## Sunday Mass Intentions

**We have been advised by the Diocese to not accept Mass Stipends for 2023 at this time. Any stipends which have already been scheduled for January 2023 will be honored if possible.**

**During the month of November, we remember our Faithful Departed.**

**The Book of Remembrance is located in the front of the church near the Baptismal Fount**



### *Fr. Joe's Corner*

*"Everybody look around, cause there's a reason to rejoice you see ... and let's commence to singing joyfully. Everybody look up and feel the hope that we've been waiting for"*

*To my dear St. Martin de Porres Family,*

*I want to try and touch base with you every week in the bulletin with messages of hope and love and prayer. Our journey continues with me as your temporary administrator.*

*With hopes of being your pastor and the pastor of the central city family when the new year begins in January. Until then, I just thank God and I thank all of you for welcoming me and making me feel so comfortable as your spiritual leader. You lift me up, you sustain me, and you give me great hope. I am completely committed to you and to our future together.*

*May God bless us all on our journey in the season of thanksgiving.*

God's Love and Mine,

Father Joe

### Lector Schedule for November

**8:00am Mass - Lectionary Readings  
& Prayer of the Faithful**

11/6 - Pat Dyer  
11/13 - Pat Howling  
11/20 - Barbara Smith  
11/27 - Steve Williams

**9:30am Mass - Lectionary Readings**

11/6 - Alice Bragg  
11-13 - Carol Cole  
11/20 - Lurita Boyd  
11/27 - Maureen Satchell

The church office will be closed  
Thursday, November 24th through  
Monday, November 28th.

The office will reopen at the regular time on  
Tuesday, November 29th.

All Mass and Bulletin information  
must be into the office by  
Wednesday, November 23rd by 12noon

**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 :

Roland Autry, Denise Dickinson, Richard Ersing, Lottie Goins, Sal & Sarah Howard, Susan Hutchins, LaEster Jones, Janice Kyle, Karl Magby, Mary Magby, Jewel Marshall, Daysi McGill Crespo, Thomasina McDougald, Renee Mills, Ernestine Morrell, Kayla Morrell, Vanessa Newton, Louise Nolley, Michelle O’Neil, Dorene Perry, Monica White, and Josephine Williams.

**Diocesan & Parish Family Events**

Alpha meets on Tuesdays at 5:30pm through December 6th at St. Lawrence (Nov 1st cancelled) Nov. 8th at Blessed Trinity.

Wed., Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Mass at St. Lawrence at 6pm

Wed., Nov. 23 to Nov. 28 - Church office will be closed until Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Wed., Nov. 30 - Advent Penance Service @ Blessed Trinity at 7pm.

Sun., Dec. 4 - "Do You Hear What I Hear?" a Christmas Program at Blessed Trinity at 2pm

Sat., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass at St. Martin de Porres at 4pm.

Sun., Dec. 25 - There will be no 8am Mass. The only Christmas Day Mass at St. Martin de Porres will be at 9:30am

Sun., Jan. 1 - There will be no 8am Mass. The only New Year’s Day Mass at St. Martin de Porres will be at 9:30am

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**Vocation Blurb**

At the Resurrection, we “neither marry nor are given in marriage,” in other words, in Heaven, everyone is celibate! Some even live that way on earth. If you are called to the priestly or religious life, do not be afraid. It’s a literal heavenly calling. Learn more by contacting Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

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Attention: All Ministries of St. Martin de Porres.

If you would like to hi-light the activities of your ministry, please advise the office so that your information can be added to the bulletin.

Also, information for the bulletin should be given to the office by the Wednesday prior to that Sunday’s bulletin by 12noon.



**ELECTION DAY - NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>**

There are a host of positions to be filled in the General Election this year in : **U.S. Congress, NYS Legislature, State and Local judgeships, Erie County Clerk and the Board of the Buffalo Public Schools.** Let’s be **Faithful Citizens** and study the issues and the positions of the candidates. **The last day to register to vote is Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>.** **The option to Early Vote is available from Oct. 29 to Nov. 6.** More information about registration, in-person early voting and absentee ballots is at [www.elections.erie.gov](http://www.elections.erie.gov), or 716-858-8891.

**VOTING is OUR RIGHT and OUR RESPONSIBILITY**

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

November 6, 2022

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Facing her 50th birthday and recently diagnosed with Type-2 Diabetes, Rebecca was at a crossroads. Realizing that she had neglected her health and fitness over the years and allowed herself to gain significant weight, she felt poorly about who she had become. While it was easier to give in to temptation and the gratification received from food, her family needed her, and she desired a long life. She had an image of the person she could become. She wanted to be more trim, focused, disciplined, and healthy. She liked what she saw in her mind and set out on a journey to create it. With great effort, she succeeded and accomplished her goals. When we have a goal ahead of us, we are more apt to do whatever is necessary to get it.

Is heaven a goal you want to achieve? Our popular images and metaphors to describe heaven can leave some people wondering if this is something they want for all eternity. Living like an angel, wearing white robes, meeting St. Peter, and reconnecting with loved ones are all welcome notions to some extent. But do they really inspire and captivate us enough to want to dramatically change how we live our lives? Heaven’s reality is more profound than any human image or idea can fathom. Even though we believe in a bodily resurrection, heaven is more about attaining union with God. To achieve heaven is to attain eternal happiness and fulfill all desire. How do we awaken within us an ardent and passionate desire for heaven?

St. Isaac of Nineveh counsels, “Enter eagerly into the treasure house that lies within you, and so you will see the treasure house of heaven, for the two are one and the same, and there is but one single entry into them both. The ladder that leads to the kingdom is hidden with you, and is found in your own soul. Dive into yourself and in your soul you will discover the rungs by which to ascend.” Our souls are made to be eternal. Once we discover our true selves and are captivated by the wonder of who we really are, we will unleash our unwavering desire for a lasting union with our Creator. Heaven is about who we are. “For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages.”