

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sun. May 11**

**8:00am - All Mothers**

**9:30am - Dolores Brown**

**by the Brown Family**

**Sun. May 18**

**8:00am - Father's Day Remembrance**

**9:30am - LaMar & Rosa Norman**

**by Danis Gehl**

Mass is the highest and greatest form of prayer. Contact the office to request a Mass for yourself, a loved one or for an intention. The offering is \$15.

Please check for a specific date.

### May Lectors

**8:00am Mass**

**May 4 - Stephen Williams**

**May 11 - Barbara Smith**

**May 18 - Barbara Breckenridge**

**May 25 - Patricia Howling**

**9:30am Mass**

**May 4 - Ndi Nwabugwu**

**May 11 - Holy Name Society**

**May 18 - Lurita Boyd**

**May 25 - Sr. Roberta Fulton, SSMN**

### Readings for the Week of May 11, 2025

Sun., May 11 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Mon., May 12 - Ss. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs;  
Saint Pancras, Martyr  
Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

Tues., May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima  
Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

Wed., May 14 - Saint Matthias, Apostle  
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

Thur., May 15 - Saint Isidore  
Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

Fri., May 16 - Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

Sat., May 17 - Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

Sun., May 18 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

**There will be a 2nd collection next  
Sunday for the Church in Latin  
America**

### 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 : Gino Bell, Lula Bell, Robert Brown, Ikeshia Fields, Shirley Hargro, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Antionette (Tonie) Newton, Vanessa Newton, Louise Nolley, Marianne Partee, Samuel Ruff, Dcn. Ronald Walker, Josephine Williams and Elise Wilson

### Road to Renewal Update

**Rev. Stanislaw Zowada, OMI** – With the approval of Bishop Fisher, Father Zowada has been assigned by his Provincial as Parochial Vicar of Family #23 (Holy Cross Parish, Buffalo & Our Lady of Hope Parish, Buffalo), effective April 15, 2025.

The west side parishes are pastored by 3 Order of Mary Immaculate (OMI) priests (a group/order of priests who have served that area of the diocese for many years). Fr. Lou Loughan, a retired OMI priest, also lives with this community. Please keep Fr. Lou in your prayers as he is struggling with some serious health issues.

**Fr. Bob Gebhard**

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GOSPEL MEDITATION  
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING  
OF SCRIPTURE

May 11, 2025  
4th Sunday of Easter  
John 10:27-30

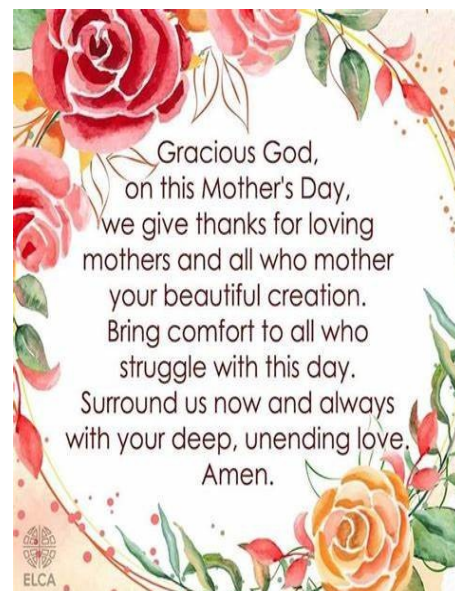
A few years back, I felt as if I couldn't hear God's voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried — how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn't hear God's voice? It went on for months.

Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God's closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me" (John 10:27). Jesus links the hearing of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God's voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul.

— Father John Muir

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### Praying for a Shepherd

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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**There will be a town hall  
meeting on Saturday,  
May 24, 2025 10am to  
12n. All are encouraged to  
attend. There is a box in the  
Gathering Space for any  
questions you may want to  
ask.  
This will give the Parish  
Pastoral Council Members  
time to prepare for this  
meeting. Light refreshments  
will be served.**



**St. Martin de Porres  
Saturday, May 31, 2025  
10am – 12pm / Volunteers needed /  
Lunch provided  
Sign-up Sheet in the Gathering  
Space**

**Parish Financial Information**  
**\*Weekly Totals Include E-Giving**

**May Collections**

	<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>Martin's Future</b>	<b>Diocese Collection</b>
May 4	\$2,636.00	\$1,227.00	\$20.00
May 11			
May 18			
May 25			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,636.00</b>	<b>\$1,227.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

**CENTERED IN GOD:** Sr. Cora Marie Billings, RSM, Masters Theses on Friday, May 16, 2025 at 6:15pm at the Mercy Center, 625 Abbott Rd, Buffalo. Sign up by emailing. See posted flyer.

**KWILLIAMS@SISTERSOFMERCY.ORG.**

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Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?  
 Contact any of our priests and deacons or pastoral associates.

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Our first **Children's Liturgy of the Word** will take place on Sunday, May 18 during the 9:30 AM Mass. Children will hear God's Word and participate in a small project to help them understand the readings. This monthly time together will be expanded when we are able to do so.

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A monthly **Children's Liturgy of the Word** is being planned. We will start June 29 if we have two volunteers. You will have someone with you from our Faith formation team for the first session. Due to our overlapping Mass schedules, we need facilitators at each parish. All instructions and materials will be provided for you. The facilitators must be compliant with Protecting God's Children. (This can all be done online now.) Please contact your parish office.

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**Vacation Bible School News!** Our planning committee met on May 8. Plans are for VBS to be at Ss. Columba-Brigid four mornings during the second week of July. Additional volunteers, especially those who are handy, like to build things, or love crafts and storytelling, are needed. More information will be coming soon. Please contact your parish office to volunteer.

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**Happy Mother's Day from the Women's Guild.**

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Women's Day celebration a success. Our closing event will take place on Saturday, June 7th at noon. Our Luncheon will be held at the home of our dear Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, 241 Lafayette Ave, Buffalo.

Special thank you to Sister Roberta for hosting our event. Catering will be provided by Krysten. Please RSVP Laurie Alford at [lbrown@kent.edu](mailto:lbrown@kent.edu). - Thank you. Marianne Partee & Laurie Alford

## "At A Glance"

### Family 21 Events Calendar

**Sun., May 18** - Children's Liturgy - during the 9:30am Mass

**Wed., May 21** - Prayer Partner Pot Luck Dinner

Ss. Columba-Brigid@ 6pm-(Arrival time-5:30pm)

**Sat., May 24** - Town Hall Meeting @ St. Martin de Porres @ 10am-12n

**Sat., May 31** - Annual Spring Clean-up —10am to 12pm

**Sat., June 7** - "Swing Into Spring" 3rd Annual Father's Day Gala

**Sun., June 22** - First Communion

**Sat & Sun. July 19 & 20**— **Eastside Garden Walk** @ St, Martin de Porres - 10am to 4pm

**Sun., Aug 17**-Annual Picnic (more info to follow)

**Sun., Dec. 21**— St. Martin de Porres Christmas Concert (details to follow)

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### Catholic Relief Services Update:

Malaria, a disease spread by mosquitoes, kills nearly 600,000 people a year. CRS and local partners distributed over 35.2 million insecticide-treated bed nets in 2024 to help protect children and families from malaria. This helped to avert over 3.3 million estimated malaria cases and over 24,700 estimated malaria deaths among children under age 5. Please help us continue this work by urging Congress to halt and reverse all terminations of lifesaving and life-affirming USAID. Interested in joining our local chapter? Contact Dcn. Jerry or Dcn. Don.

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### Catholic Charities Update

**Happy Mother's Day** to all from the Catholic Charities team. Charities supports Mothers and Children with the WIC program (Women Infants and Children's program). This program is administered by Catholic Charities in Erie county and provides nutritional support to women and children. Your support of Catholic Charities helps to keep this program active. Currently St. Martin has reached 75% of our goal for the Appeal. Thank you to all who have donated. The campaign ends June 30th.

Laurie Alford and Paulette Lindsay

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**Gerard Place** has announced May 20th as the next Respite Care date.

\*Pre-registration is required by calling or emailing Eric Hall at 716-897-9948 extension 117 to register your loved ones. See flyer posted in the Corridor.

### Attention All Prayer Partners

Prayer Partner Pot Luck will be in less than two weeks @ Ss. Columba-Brigid. It is May 21st - arrival at 5:30 meal to follow at 6ish! Please sign up today if you are able to come and meet your prayer partner and enjoy a nice meal and friendship.

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Our study of the **Prophets** returns at 6:30 PM on May 12 at Blessed Trinity, in-person. Bibles are available to those who do not have them. We are studying the prophet Amos.

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### Virtus Online Update.

May "Protecting Gods Children for Adults" The Child Advocacy Center: A Vital Step in Conducting a Child Abuse Investigation is now available for viewing.