

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday - September 13

8:00am - Lanette Jennings

9:30am - Sr. Philip Marie by Joyce Davis

Sunday - September 20

8:00am - For All Students & Teachers

9:30am - Miriam Locke

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

September Lectors

8:00am Sunday Mass

September 6 - Luke Dyer
September 13 - Myrna Draper
September 20 - Pat Howling
September 27 - Pat Dyer

9:30am Sunday Mass

September 6 - Ndidi Nwabugwa
September 13 - Youth (TBA)
September 20 - Lurita Boyd
September 27 - Margaret Braun

Readings for the week of September 13, 2026

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Join us in a Celebration
honoring Sister Philip Marie,
Sunday, September 20, 2026
at 11:30am here
@ 555 Northampton .

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, Rochelle Herring, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Sandra Marzulli, Jewel Marshall, Louise Nolley, Adrienne Nelson, Joyce Meniffee, Lisa Hiedi-Oliveto & Josephine Williams

The Heart of Buffalo Catholic Community East

Way Forward Process

Do something surprisingly out of the ordinary! Perform an uncharacteristic kindness! Suddenly display a hidden gift or talent!... When we do something that is astonishing to others, how often we hear their total surprise as they teasingly exclaim, "Who is this person? What did you do with _____?!" When someone or something, disclosed in a striking way, makes our eyes pop open to it, or stops us in our tracks, we're forced to reconsider our presumptions, judgements, stance, position. The experiences move us to change". In the gospel this weekend, Peter and the disciples are forced to answer Jesus' inquiry, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"; in essence, "Who is this person?!" that they're following? They're having their eyes propped open to better see who Jesus is! What they see and experience of Jesus forces them to come to new insights and convictions of faith, new stances, new understandings, and new & different ways of living..... And so, in response to Jesus' questioning, Peter finally responds, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." **Eyes Wide Open!!!** What does that mean to you and to me? And, how does our understanding of who Jesus is challenge us to the constant call to change, conversion, and transformation?!!! Consider this reflection on Mt. 19:20-22: *Jesus... asks us to trust him in our discipleship, and through that trust, to move away from what we might hold familiar and comfortable. Familiar and comfortable things are not bad in and of themselves, but Jesus invites us to continually trust in him, and to notice what things we might be holding onto in place of that trust. Maybe it's moving forward in your relationship with someone, saying "yes" to a new job, moving... across the country for school or work or simply carving out time each day for a moment of prayer instead of something else.*

[America: Scripture Reflections, A Reflection for Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time, John Console] Moving away from what was, to what God prompts us to become, leads us to the place God needs us to be! For this to happen always requires change with eyes wide open. These days, we are challenged to look at ourselves as Church, Family of Churches, & Parish in a whole new way and to make some major changes. What if our **Way-Forward-Changes** as a Family open wide the eyes of others around us and have them ask of us, "Who is this Church?!" Let's make the changes and take the world around us by surprise! ~ Fr. Bob

Are you a Catholic who has never been Confirmed? Worshipping with us from another faith tradition? Have you never been Baptized? Learn more: start Becoming Fully Catholic with Alpha. Those under 18 attend a separate program – please ask for details. Contact Pat Dyer, Paula Hunt, Mary Craig, Sr.. Louise (716-341-3466), or Fr. Bob.

Hands Only CPR, Stop the Bleeding & AED Training @ St. Martin de Porres,

Saturday, September 26, 2026-10am-2pm, sign up in Gathering Space . Lunch will be provided

A Word of Thanks.

I want to share my most sincere thanks to the family of St. Martin de Porres. I stepped into a role I didn't plan nor want but had to be done. I can't tell you how many evenings I went home and thought to myself, "Lanette really?". But then again - no one knows the day or the hour." She was ready. We weren't.

At this time I just wanted to share how grateful I am to those of you who volunteered your help and offered words of encouragement. I want to especially acknowledge Danis who came to help in the office when she found out that both Nikkei and Joyce were out ill. To Nikkei who has returned and who answered my calls while she was recovering at home. Paul, for his patience with my endless questions. Terrance, who never laughed when I asked him to share what he does as sacristan. I also want to share just a few of the acts of kindness and generosity—Walter and Carol Cole, who saw that we didn't have a place to keep food fresh over time and donated the brand new freezer which is sitting in our conference/social room. Barrett, who stepped in when I got a call on Sunday morning that our lector didn't feel well. Maureen who asked me if she could take the altar linens home to wash, Stephanie and Paul, who told me there was a problem in the ladies room and then asked if they could try to fix it—they did! To each of you who didn't miss a beat with what you do, Barbara, Paulette, Laurie, the Ushers. To Shelby, who brought lunch one day, to Phil, our bookkeeper who helped me understand what I needed to know about day to day finances. Finally, to Rodney, who didn't yell at me when I set off the alarm, the first time I had to enter the church by myself, or when I couldn't get my key out of one of the doors. I know there are many others, so if you didn't see your name here, as the saying goes "charge it to my head not my heart". My girls Eboni and Laila gave me a new companion, an emotional support bear named Bearlisha. She's a reminder that sometimes it's the simple things that get you through difficult times. Things will never be the same, but each day brings some lovely memories. Thank you all for your help and for understanding that change is never easy and our Friend will never be replaced. Peace and blessings, Mary Craig

Parish Financial Information *Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
September Collections			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
September 6	\$2,728.00	\$1,068.00	\$20.00
September 13			
September 20			
September 27			
Total	\$2,728.00	\$1,068.00	\$20.00

Message from the Women's Guild..

Women's Guild Annual Tea will take place on Saturday, October 3rd at Ss. Columba Bridge from 11am to 1pm.
A Time of Reflection: Reclaiming our Voice of Faith.

Our Service is Supporting the non-profit group Fostering Greatness who helps to support youth who are transitioning out of Foster Care. Collecting new Undergarment for men and women. Larger sizes are appreciated. A collection bin will be available in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your support.
Laurie Alford

Heart of Buffalo Catholic Community East News

Our *The Way Forward* representatives, from each of our 3 parishes, have been tasked to develop possible models of change as we look and act toward the future as the Heart of Buffalo Catholic Community East (HOBCCCE). At our meeting this past Wednesday evening, representatives shared ideas and priorities that will move our HOBCCCE Family into the future with vitality and strength. They are being asked to respond to the question, "If I had to make the decision of a "way forward" for our Family of parishes, what would I do?" This is not an easy brainstorming task because significant change is never a breeze! But, prayerfully they are offering us their best in ideas and insights. Please keep them and our process in your daily

You are Cordially invited to our
6th ANNUAL CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Celebration Dinner

Friday, October 23, 2026

Venue: Classic V
2425 Niagara Falls, Blvd,
Amherst NY 14223

RECEPTION AT 5:30PM
DINNER & PROGRAM BEGINS 6:30PM
(Dinner | Music | Raffle Baskets | Awards)

Dress to Impress in your Culture Attire
Tickets \$60.00
Email: rfulton@buffalodiocese.org

Family 21 at "A Glance"

Sun.-Mon, September 13th @ 9:30am & Mon. 14th @ 6:00 pm
Annual Revival @ St. Martin de Porres

Sat.-September 19-Compassion Ministry Retreat and Update for all non-clergy who make Communion calls or home visits in
Family 21 @ Columba-Brigid @ 9a to 1:30pm

Sun., September 20th - Remembering Sr. Philip Marie
at St. Martin de Porres after the 9:30m Mass

Mon., September 21-Movie Night-St. Oscar Romero
w/ Dcn. Don Weigel @ Columba Brigid 6:30pm

Wed. September 23-Baptism Call for parents of children 7
and under @ St. Martin de Porres—6:30pm.

Sat. September 26-Baptism & Confirmation classes for children
& teens between 7 & 18 at Blessed Trinity 1pm

Sat., September 28 -Hands Only CPR, Stop the Bleeding
& AED Training @ StMDP-10am-2pm. Lunch will be provided

Mon. October 19-Subs N' Suds w/Sr. Louise Alff presents Mother
Marianne Cope-Supper @ 5:30pm, Ss. Columba-Brigid—
Discussion @ 6:30pm

Fri., October 23— 6th Annual African Cultural Diversity Dinner
@ Classic V Restaurant. Tickets \$60.00

Mon. November 16-St. Josephine Bakhita Movie and discussion
@ Blessed Trinity-6:30pm

The Women's Respite Program will be hosting moms (and other women) who are raising a child on the autism spectrum. **DATES: Sept 25 to 27, 2026, WHERE: Center of Renewal at Stella Niagara in Lewiston, NY . HOW MUCH: We ask for \$20 donation at time of program. See Flyer & application form in the Gathering Space. APPLICATION DEADLINE: Sept 4, 2026** Remember that women must be at least 25 years old to attend. If there are drug or alcohol issues, women must be sober for at least one solid year before attending. We may be able to help with transportation.

Our next Family 21 Baptism class for parents of children under seven will be held at St. Martin de Porres, 6:30 PM on Wed., September 23rd. Please contact your parish office to register. You are encouraged to attend before your baby is born.

First Communion classes begin on October 1 at 6:00 PM at Blessed Trinity. Please advertise however you think will work best for you. Registration is due September 24.

If you bring **Holy Communion** to or visit on behalf of your parish those who are homebound or in nursing homes, you need to be certified in Protecting God's Children. According to the Safe Environment Office, home-bound parishioners are by definition vulnerable adults. If you are not certified, or need to be reinstated, please see Pat Dyer, Paula Hunt, or Mary Craig. There will also be a Retreat and Refresher on September 19 at Ss. Columba-Brigid. At that time, we will go over the vulnerable adult piece in more depth.