

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUN.	Apr. 18 - 9AM - In-Person Mass: -SMDP Families 10:30AM - Zoom Mass - Helen Dailey
MON.	Apr. 19 - 12PM - Zoom Mass - Andy Quinn
TUE.	Apr. 20 - 12PM - Zoom Mass - Roach Family
WED.	Apr. 21 - 12PM - Zoom Mass - Roach Family
THU.	Apr. 22 - 12PM - Zoom Mass - Roach Family
FRI.	Apr. 23 - Church & Parish Office – closed
SAT.	Apr. 24 - 12PM - Zoom Mass - Coffey & Roach Families
SUN.	Apr. 25 - 9AM - In-Person Mass: -SMDP Families

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 11th

Sun	4/18 - Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Mon	4/19 - Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tue	4/20 - Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wed	4/21 - Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thu	4/22 - Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Fri	4/23 - Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Sat	4/24 - Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Sun	4/25 - Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Have you ever wondered about the Paschal Candle that is lit in our church?

The Paschal candle represents Christ, the Light of the World.

The pure beeswax of which the candle is made represents the sinless Christ who was formed in the womb of His Mother. The wick signifies His humanity; the flame represents His Divine Nature, both soul and body.

Five grains of incense inserted into the candle in the form of a cross recall the aromatic spices with which His Sacred Body was prepared for the tomb, and of the five wounds in His hands, feet, and side.

During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, the priest or deacon carries the candle in procession into the dark church. A new fire, symbolizing our eternal life in Christ, is kindled which lights the candle. The candle, representing Christ Himself, is blessed by the priest who then inscribes in it a cross, the first letters and last of the Greek alphabet, (Alpha and Omega 'the beginning and the end') and the current year, as he chants a specific prayer; then affixes the five grains of incense.

The Easter candle is lighted each day during Mass throughout the Paschal season until Ascension Thursday.

Pastor's Contact Information

Any parishioner who wishes to communicate with Fr. Peter Ekanem may do so by either:

Cell Phone - 1-646-709-4821,

Email - peccimb@gmail.com,

or by calling the Church Office - 716-883-7729

Sunday In-Person Mass 9:00am Sunday Zoom Mass @ 10:30am

Monday - Thursday Zoom Masses @ 12 noon

Zoom (Access Code 8054760701, Password 722212) or by dialing 1-415-762-9988 or 1-646-568-7788 via your phone. Listen for the prompt to tell you to enter (Access Code 8054760701, Password 722212 (This is a long distance call))

There will not be a Zoom Mass on Sunday, April 25, 2021 due to Confirmation Mass with Bishop Michael W. Fisher at 9:30am

Please continue to contribute to our church by dropping off your offering at the church office Monday through Thursday between 9am and 2pm or by placing it into the mailbox near the front door.

Donations can be also made through On-line Giving via the St. Martin de Porres website at www.stmartindpbuffalo.org

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

Please let the office know if you have any changes in your address, phone number or email address.

We are trying to maintain an open line of communication with all parishioners.

Thank you for helping us keep our records current and up to date.

St. Martin de Porres Mass Intentions 2021

A Mass stipend is not only for your deceased loved ones. It is also for anyone in need of prayer and consolation: family, friends and all who may be going through a difficult time. Each Mass intention can be secured for \$15 in the Church Office.

"Live as if you were Living a Second time, As though you had acted wrongly the first time" Viktor Frankl.

Printed bulletins will only be available after Mass on Sundays. You can stop by the church and pick one up. You are able to access the bulletins on our webpage.

Compassion Ministry**Sick and home bound – April 2021**

Joseph Bugman, Sr. Philip Marie Cirincione, Lillie Favors, Tamika Ferguson, Denise Dickinson, Carol Griffin, Sal and Sarah Howard, Karl Magby, Jewell Marshall, Daisy McGill Crespo, Thomasina McDougald, Renee Mills, Ernestine Morrell, Brandon Moses, Vanessa Newton, Daisy Pleasant, Mary Preston, Brenda Smith, Monica White, Chevelle Wiggins, and Josephine Williams.

Pray for all 1st Responders and our military and their families.

SAVE THE DATE

Please join us for the Swing into Spring virtual silent auction which will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 4pm to 6pm via Zoom. Some of the prizes are:

Vizio 40' Smart TV
Cannon Printer/Copier/Scanner
Women's 3 pc Leather Purse Set
Toastermaster Airfry
... and many more!!!!

Registration is only \$25 per household. Pre-registration for the for the auction ends on Sunday, April 25th. Make checks payable to the St. Martin de Porres Church, which can be mailed to or dropped off at the Parish Office.

Deadline for auction items to be donated is Sunday, April 25th and can be dropped off at the office Tuesday through Thursday between 9am and 2pm or dropped off after Sunday Mass.

All proceeds raised will be donated to St. Martin de Porres

Confirmation Information: We are pleased and proud to announce that the following children are currently attending classes for Confirmation. They are Athieng L. Dut, Mawien Dut, Laila Myree, Zahara Morrell, Nia Becton, Achan Ayiy, Anger Ayiy, Chioma Ekene Ifedigbo, Uchenna Michael Ifedigbo, David Iheke, Grace Iheke. Please keep them in prayer. Confirmation will be held at St. Martin de Porres Church on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 9:30am. Bishop Michael Fisher will be confirming these young people.

Parish Pastoral Meetings are held monthly and open to any parishioner wanting to attend. All meetings are currently being held on Zoom. Dates and times will be posted in the bulletin and on our website.

Terry Alford, Parish Pastoral President.

Job Postings

**St. Martin de Porres Church
555 Northampton St. 14208**

The following positions are available:

Part-time Bookkeeper - 5 hours per week. Hourly Pay
Bookkeeping Experience, Catholic Mission of the Parish, Manage Payables and Receivables. Knowledgeable of the Parish Data System. Bank Accounts Reconciliations, Payroll. Must pass a criminal background check.

Part-Time Custodian - 20 Hours per week. Hourly Pay
The custodian is responsible for maintaining the cleanliness, repairs, and other related duties of the church and church grounds. Must have automobile and New York State Driver's License in good standing. Must pass a criminal background check.

Resumes will be accepted up to and including April 15, 2021. You can send resumes to smartindeporresbuffalo@gmail.com.

General Information - New Virtus Module for April has been released. Please complete the assignment to remain in good standing.

We would like to stay connected to all of our parishioners. If you are not receiving information from our church office via email, please call the office at 883-7729 and give us your email address so that we can include you on our mailing list. We realize everyone does not have email, computers, etc. so we will continue to communicate through mail or by phone @ 883-7729.

Are you a graduate of a **South Catholic Elementary**? Please check out this brand-new Facebook group just for you! South Buffalo Catholic Elementary School Alumni Group.

**FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
In re The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y. Case No. 20-10322**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").

If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofbuffalo> or call (855) 292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.