Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church

In the Kingdom of North Philadelphia

"The Kingdom of God is among you." Luke 17:21

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2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time- January 19, 2020

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On a Spiritual Note …

John the Baptist introduces Jesus, and tells us some interesting things about him. He says, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." "Lamb!?" What is that about? Where else does Scripture talk about a lamb? There is the Paschal Lamb in Exodus. The blood of that lamb saved the Israelites from death and started them on their journey away from Egypt and slavery. Jesus, the Lamb of God, was sent to save people from the death of separation from God, and from slavery to sin. John said he "takes away the sin of the world." He does that by shedding his blood. Then, Isaiah talks about a Servant who will be led to slaughter like a lamb. (Isaiah 53:7) That is the mission of Jesus on this earth.

John also says that Jesus "existed before me." Wait a minute. When the Angel Gabriel told Mary that she was about to conceive Jesus, he also told her that Elizabeth was six months along with John. So how did Jesus exist before John? Well, because, the first chapter of John's Gospel says that the Word (Jesus) was "in the beginning with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1-2). Does the Bible say that Jesus is God? Yes, right there.

So, in this new year, we will follow all the actions and words of this very Jesus: Lamb of God, the Man who is God.

This weekend, we honor a man whose inspiration was this same Jesus, Lamb of God. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. preached Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead. He worked hard to spread love where there was hatred, non-violence where there was violence, understanding where there was prejudice and bigotry, and justice where there was none. He was a friend of Jesus.

Jesus: friend of yours.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

The 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 19, 2020 10:00 am

For the Church Family

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH!

Tuesday, January 21, 7:00 am

Ralph Squitieri

Wednesday, January 22, 7:00 am

Marianne Devine

Thursday, January 23, 7:00 am

Rev. Edward Burke

CHANGE THE CHANNEL!

Do you know anyone who needs the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or First Communion? Please contact Sister Lynn Marie: 215 228-8330

If you would like a report of your financial contributions please send an email to: smdp2340@hotmail.com

Did your child sign up for the Youth Choir?

Men in Action...Thank you for your continued support of our donation drive for the veterans transitional housing facility (Fresh Start). A cash donation of $5.00 will purchase a toiletry bag or several empty 8 oz. bottles for hair shampoo & body wash. Above all, your support will keep this project moving forward. All donations of clothing & toiletry products are deeply appreciated by the vets!!....Men's Ministry

Let us pray for the Sick…

We pray for all in our Church Family who are sick and those who care for them: ***Harold Bond, Muriel Booker, Dorothy Bradley, Christopher Browne, Andre Carter, Janice Whitmore Carter, Kivia Carter, Lamont Chase, Helen Clowney, Mario Coleman, Donna Collier, Ella Combs, Danielle Daniels, John Davis, Stephanie Durrell, Barbara Dunn, George Ellington, Sharon Faison, Gloria Felder, Shirley Fields, Frances Floyd, Janice Floyd, Delores Ford, Patricia Freeman, Charing Garnett, Mary Ann Gill, Paul Giovetsis, Martina Granger, Jeffrey Gray, Kerry Hall, Theresa Hart, Vainida Hampton, Lynette Ford-Havens, Harry W. Hubbard, Jeffrey Johnson, Marie Lawrencin, Mary Livingston, Tiffani Livsey, Hazel Marsh, Yakaisha Marsh, Donna Moorhead, Marva Murray, Erma Patterson, John Perry, Norma Plenty, James Porter, Kevin Reaves, Andre Roberts, Elias Robinson, Ira Robinson, Gloria Russell, Bucky Shimp, Doris Simmons, Lois Streeter, Taylor Stringer, Larry Tillman, Renee Turner, Vicente Velazquez, Audrey Victor, William Victor, Mary Ann Wallace, Tyanna Wallace, Lisa Williams, Mary Jean Williams, Sylvia Williams.***

If you are in the hospital or want Holy Communion at your home, please call the Church Office so we can visit you:

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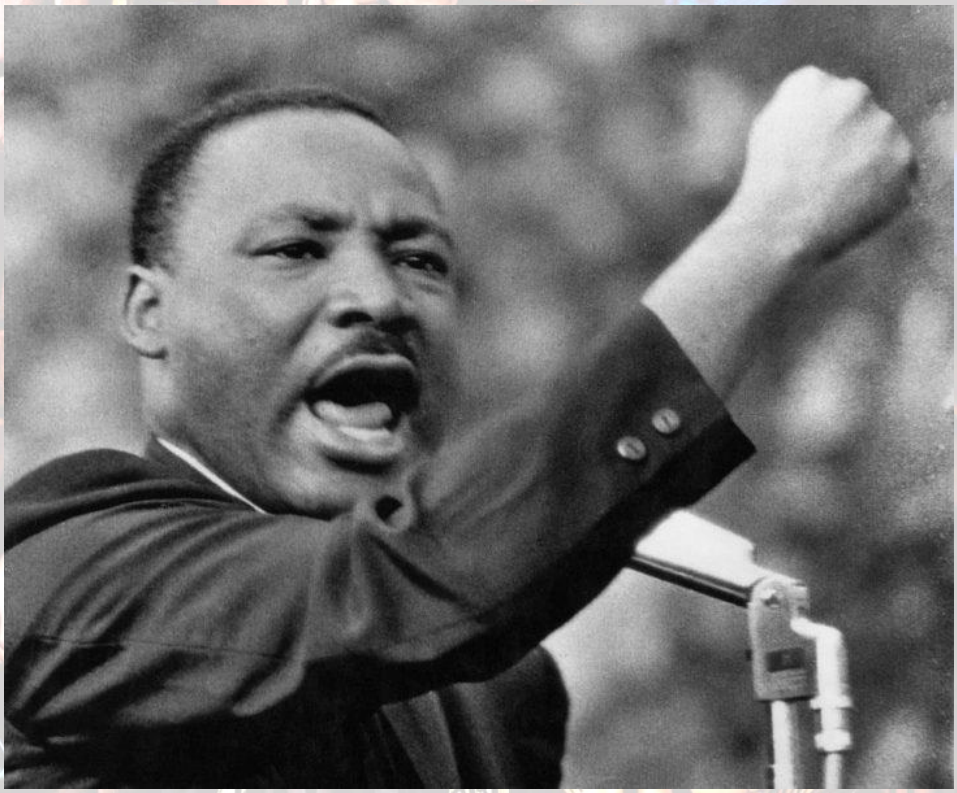
Martin Luther King Jr.
Archdiocesan Interfaith Prayer Service

Open Wide Our Hearts: Our Call to Heal the Racial Divide



Monday, January 20, 2020

6:00PM – Prelude and Reflections

6:30PM – Interfaith Prayer Service

Our Mother of Consolation Parish

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Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

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