

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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Solemnity of Christ the King - November 22, 2020

He Reigns Forever!



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On a Spiritual Note...

Of course, Jesus Christ is our King: he is the Center of our lives, our Ruler. But what kind of king is he? What do kings care about, - what do they do?

A king is in charge: he has the final authority. He is the ruler. He makes sure there are good laws, and he makes sure they are kept. He provides for a well-run, safe, peaceful place for his people to live. He rewards the good, he punishes the bad.

In return, he gets a lot of power and glory. He gets a palace; more servants than he knows what to do with; more riches than he can handle; tremendous respect, and, hopefully, the love of his people.

Well, that is **not** Jesus our King. He certainly does provide for and care for his people. But as for pomp and glory and riches and servants? No. He is the One who said, "I have come not to be served but to serve." (Matthew 20:28) His idea of greatness is, "The one among you who wants to be the greatest must be the servant of all and the least of all." (Cf. Matthew 20:27)

Of course he cares about his people, but he has special concern for the "least:" the hungry; the thirsty; strangers (migrants, homeless, etc.); the naked (dirt poor); the sick; the imprisoned (doesn't say whether justified or not). (Matthew 25:31-46) He also cares deeply about the poor in spirit; people who "mourn;" the meek; the merciful; people who seek righteousness; the clean of heart; peacemakers; people who are persecuted. (Matthew 5:3-12)

If you are lonely, left out, belittled, made fun of, discriminated against, etc.: our King loves you and wants you. He wants his servants to find you and care for you. If you are one of His servants, - you know what to do.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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Saturday, November 21, 2020, 4:00 pm
Special Intention

Sunday, November 22, 2020, 10:00 am
For the Church Family

Monday, November 23, 7:00 am
Lawrence Scarpato

Tuesday, November 24, 7:00 am
Sr. Helen Francine Cantwell, S.S.J.

Wednesday, November 25, 7:00 am
Sr. Anne Clare Fitzpatrick, S.S.J.

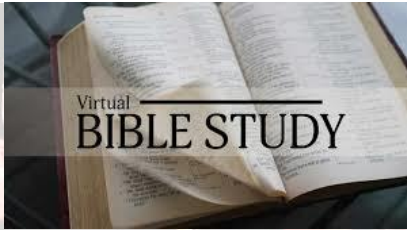
Thursday, November 26, 10:00 am
Thanksgiving Day
Sr. Joan Gray, S.S.J.

*Join us for Mass in Church to give
thanks to God for all of your
blessings!*

**Please share your blessings and bring a
canned good to Mass with you and
leave it at the Shrine of Saint Martin de
Porres. This will help us help others!**



Food Collection



*Join Father Thorne for
Bible Study on ZOOM on
THANKSGIVING DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 6:30 pm*

*What a great opportunity to say thank
you to God for your blessings. The text
will be Luke 17, 11-19*

- Directions:** 1) Get your Bible
2) Log onto Zoom
3) Type in the meeting identification
#: 812-526-9359
4) One tap mobile /
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*As we gather for Mass, we want
everyone to be safe in these
challenging times. If you do not feel
well, please pray at home.*

*If you do come to Mass, facemasks
that cover the nose and mouth are
required for the entire time you are in
the Church building. Also, we will be
taking temperatures of all at the
Church door.*

*May God continue to bless us and
keep us safe!*



*We continue to thank God for our newly
confirmed Catholic young people! Let
us keep them in prayer as we find new
ways to involve them in the life of our
Parish and form a youth group.*

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, Arthur Brandt,
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, 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,
Lisa McLoed, Donna Moorhead, Marva Murray,
Erma Patterson, John Perry, Norma Plenty,
James Porter, Kevin Reaves, Andre Roberts,
Elias Robinson, Ira Robinson, Gloria Russell,
Mary Ann Skipper, Bucky Shimp, Doris
Simmons, Lois Streeter, Taylor Stringer, Larry
Tillman, Renee Turner, Vicente Velazquez,
Audrey Victor, William Victor, Mary Ann
Wallace, Willam Ward, Tyanna Wallace, Lisa
Williams, Mary Jean Williams, Sylvia
Williams, Cheryl Wright.*

November is Black Catholic History Month!

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