

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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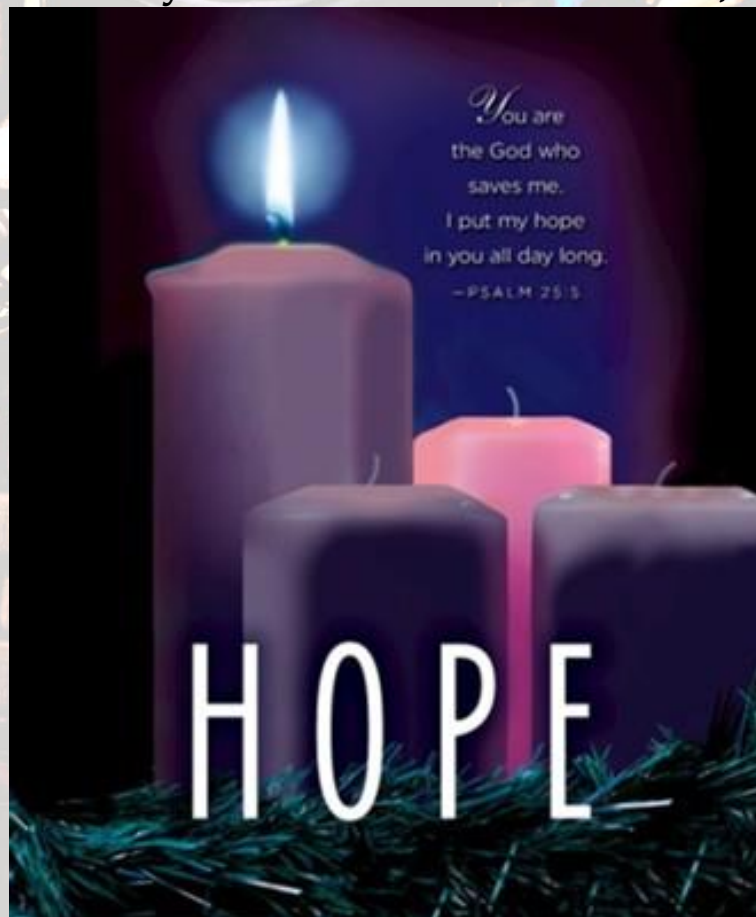
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First Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2020



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Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

On a Spiritual Note...

First Sunday of Advent

“What I say to you I say to all, ‘Watch!’” Stay awake! Stay alert! Stay true! Stay faithful!

At this point in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus is thinking, feeling and speaking on two tracks.

He knows

that he is approaching the end of his life. But he is also talking to his disciples about the end of the world,

- the end of everyone’s life. He knows when his own life will end, but the rest of us do not know when

the end, - of the world or the end of our own life, - will come.

And even though we always insist that God is love, here we are making sure we are ready for when he

comes in judgement. “Watch!” Do we lose our nerve and resort to the motive of fear when we actually face “the end?” Where is the God of love in all this?

He is right there. Everything God asks and demands of us is about love, - love of God and love of

neighbor (one another). When we sin, we are failing in love. We may not see the connection, but if we

look for it, it is there. The great suffering of hell is not the pain of fire (if there is any), but the pain of

isolation, the absence of love. One great artist pictured hell not as consuming fire but as ice and frigid

cold.

The terrible defeat of hell is the realization that we missed the very reason for our existence.

God does not want that to happen, and we do not want that to happen. So, “Watch!”

Mass Schedule and Intentions

First Week of Advent

Saturday, November 28, 2020, 4:00 pm

Special Intention

Sunday, November 29, 2020, 10:00 am

Special Intention

Monday, November 30, 7:00 am

Jacqueline Gardner

Tuesday, December 1, 7:00 am

Sr. Margaret Ann McGuire, SSJ

Wednesday, December 2, 7:00 am

Sr. Eileen Haggerty, SSJ

Thursday, December 3, 7:00 am

Sr. Marie Natalie Sommer, SSJ

Friday, December 4, 7:00 am

Al Brennan

Women's Bible Study with

Sister Lynn Marie

On ZOOM

THURSDAY, December 3, 6:30 pm



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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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!



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.

All youth are invited to join Father Mekonnen in praying the Rosary after Mass.



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, Barbara 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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