

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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The Baptism of the Lord



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Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

On a Spiritual Note...

Why was Jesus baptized? Was it because he decided he wanted to become a Christian? No, of course not. Did he want to change his way of life? No. Did someone, maybe his mother, convince him it was the right thing to do? No. Then why?

So, let's back up. John the Baptist was baptizing people. It was a baptism of repentance. This was for people who were seeking God, and who knew they were guilty of sin: they wanted to wash the sin away, and begin a new life. They would go down into the water of the Jordan River, "die" to their old self, and "rise" to a new life.

So, what sin did Jesus have? Absolutely none. What was he repenting of? Nothing. His baptism was about standing with us, - all of us. WE are the sinners, and HE is willing to step into our place. By accepting baptism, he went down into the house of the "evil one," to do battle for us. Isn't that why he was born in the first place? To become one of us? He was God, and he stepped into our human nature. On this day of his baptism, the very beginning of his public life, he is saying to us, "I know your sin; I know you want to be forgiven; I am with you. I will take your sins on me, and I will wash them away. Then, I will die for you."

Perfect love! Incredible mission! That is why heaven was torn open, the Holy Spirit came upon him, and the Father was so pleased!

God loves me so much that he does all that for me!

O my God!!!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Baptism of Our Lord

Saturday, January 9, 2021, 4:00 pm
Special Intention

Sunday, January 10, 2021, 10:00 am
Special Intention

Monday, January 11, 8:00 am
Margaret Green Fox

Tuesday, January 12, 8:00 am
Peter Jacobs

Wednesday, January 13, 8:00 am
Bill Malone

Thursday, January 14, 8:00 am
Hope Lansberry

Friday, January 15, 8:00 am
Judith H. Baldino

We offer prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Barbara Woods and Tony Coleman, who both passed away. May they rest in peace.



Bible Study On ZOOM

THURSDAY, January 14, 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!

If you know of anyone who needs food, please see Father Thorne, Father Mekonnen or Deacon Burton

Thank you to all who join us in prayer by live stream every Sunday. We are blessed to have you with us spiritually. Please consider supporting our Church Family by mailing a donation or egivng.

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Father Mekonnen invites you to join him on Tuesday and Saturday, 6:30 pm on zoom.

Topic: ROSARY & TOTAL
CONSECRATION TO JESUS
THROUGH MARY

Join Zoom Meeting

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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!

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, Bill Bromley, Andre Carter, Barbara Carter, Janice Whitmore Carter, Kivia Carter, Lamont Chase, Helen Clowney, Donna Collier, Ella Combs, Danielle Daniels, John Davis, Stephanie Durrell, Barbara Dunn, George Ellington, Sharon Faison, Shirley Fields, Janice Floyd, Delores Ford, Charing Garnett, Mary Ann Gill, Paul Giovetisis, Martina Granger, Jeffrey Gray, Kerry Hall, Theresa Hart, Vainida Hampton, Lynette Ford-Havens, Harry W. Hubbard, Jeffrey Johnson, Marie Lawrencin, Janell Lavendar, 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.



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE



Monday, January 18, 2021

6:00 p.m.

St. Dorothy Catholic Church

4910 Township Line Road

Drexel Hill, PA

Archbishop Nelson J Perez

Rev. Edward Sparkman

Rabbi Jeremy Gerber

Reflections & Music

**ALL MUST WEAR A MASK & ADHERE TO
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