

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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They left everything to follow Jesus...



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Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

On a Spiritual Note...

Just about everybody knows that we are living in polarized times. People are divided about so many issues. And, you know, "...if you don't agree with me, there is something wrong with you..." We are not only polarized, we are angry, bitter, outraged, self-righteous...

Bishop Robert Barron, who is a leading preacher, writer, evangelizer, poses an interesting question for us: when you are arguing a heated point, are you trying to win the point or are you trying to win the person? It makes a big difference: one attitude is calculating; the other is compassionate.

Jonah, in today's first reading, preaches repentance, and is successful: the whole city of Nineveh listens and repents. But Jonah is not happy: he thinks that God is too easy, because he backed off from punishment when Nineveh repented. Jonah preached fire and brimstone, and he wanted fire and brimstone more than he wanted repentance and mercy. Jonah was trying to win the point that evil leads to punishment and annihilation. God reproached Jonah, saying that he wanted to win the hearts of the people. God won.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is trying to win people. He calls his first disciples, Simon and Andrew, who were fishermen. He tells them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Jesus never called down fire and brimstone to "teach" sinners a lesson: instead, he died for them.

We can ask ourselves: what makes me angry? Why? What am I trying to prove? If I argue over something, what result do I want? To win? To be considered strong? Smart? Quick on my feet? OR, am I reaching for the heart of that person? It will surely change the way I argue!!!

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers..."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
Saturday, January 23, 2021, 4:00 pm
Special Intention

Sunday, January 24, 2021, 10:00 am
Special Intention

Monday, January 25, 7:00 am
Bob Stanley

Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 am
John Reilly

Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 am
Gloria Felder

Thursday, January 28, 7:00 am
Maria M. Perro

Friday, January 29, 7:00 am
Mary A. Fioravanti



Bible Study On ZOOM
THURSDAY, January 28, 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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Father Mekonnen invites you to join him on Tuesday and Saturday, 6:30 pm on zoom.

Topic: Understanding the Mass

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2825645789>

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If anyone would like a report on your contributions to our Church for 2020, please call the Church Office on Tuesday or Wednesday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, 215. 228.8330.

Thank you for generosity to our Church!

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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!

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 giving.

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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 Giovetsis, 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, William Ward, Tyanna Wallace, Lisa Williams, Mary Jean Williams, Sylvia Williams, Cheryl Wright.

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Featuring His Eminence the Most Reverend
Wilton Cardinal Gregory on February 13 and 27

Join us every Saturday in February for an in-depth educational experience for Black History Month. We strive to inspire the Christian faithful through the witness of our Catholic candidates for sainthood. We will celebrate how they triumphed over tragedies and learn how can we do the same.

February 6	Pierre Toussaint and Elizabeth Lange
February 13	Henriette Delille and Augustus Tolton
February 20	Julia Greeley and Thea Bowman
February 27	Augustus Tolton: Renewal, Restoration and Reconciliation

Virtual Doors Open: 3:45 p.m. EST

Program Starts: 4 p.m. EST

Free Admission: eventbrite.com/e/134671105903

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