

Saint Martin de Porres

Catholic Church

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Our Clergy

Parochial Administrator: Fr. Wilfred Emeh

Permanent Deacon: Melvin Burton Jr.

MARCH 9, 2025 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses:
In Chapel
Monday & Wednesday 9 am

At Temple Newman Ctr
Tuesday and Thursday
12:10 pm
(except winter and
summer break)

Sunday Mass
In Church
10 am

First Sunday of Lent



Adoration

Wednesdays at 10 to 11 am (Chapel)

Lenten Season

Friday

4 pm to 5 pm (Church)

Followed by Stations of the Cross

Reconciliation

Sunday 9:15
to 10 am or by
appointment

Parish Office Hours :
8 am to 4 pm
Monday through
Thursday

Parish Staff

Business Mgr. John Duffner
Bookkeeper Ramona Milburn
Music Director - Tonya Dorsey
Office Mgr. - Elizabeth Maitre

Fridays of Lent- 4 pm-5 pm

Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

As Catholics, we believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. We are in his divine presence when Jesus is exposed in the Blessed Sacrament.

During his passion in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus wanted his special friends, Peter, James, and John, to stay awake for an hour of prayer.

The adoration hour is a precious moment in which we immerse ourselves in worship, intimately united with the passion of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Jesus invites us: “Come to me all you are weary and burdened and I will give you rest” (Mtt11:28).

How to pray during adoration. You can fill the hour with any of these prayers

- Thanking God for blessings
- Ask for forgiveness(contrition)
- Praise and worship
- Make your requests(include intention for lapsed Catholics to come back to church)
- Say the rosary
- Read scripture or spiritual reading
- Say the Psalm
- Make silent moments; be there for at least 10 minutes
- Listen to praise and worship songs(during guided Holy Hour)

Stations of the Cross: 5 pm-5:30 pm

Stations of the cross is a pious devotion during the Lenten season in which we recall the passion, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus in fourteen stations that depict the various mysteries of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. These prayers help us to appreciate the sufferings of Jesus for our sake, and as we contemplate the realities in our daily lives, we are challenged to follow Jesus more closely daily

The Holy Rosary

During this season of Lent, we should renew our commitment to praying the rosary individually and as a community. The rosary is a mighty prayer in which we contemplate the mysteries of our salvation with our Blessed Mother, who accompanied her divine Son until death. When we pray the rosary, we unite ourselves to Jesus with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We shall pray the rosary every Sunday during Lent, beginning at 9.30 am.

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Sacrament of Confessions

Lent is a time to experience God's love in the Sacrament of Confessions. As Catholics, we are blessed with this Sacrament, which Jesus gave to his church to forgive our sins after baptism. “Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy”

(Pr.28:13).

We shall announce a date for penitential service soon.

Announcements

Parish Registration Information

We want to keep our parish information up to date.

If your phone number, email address, or home address changes, please get in touch with the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick/Homebound parishioners

If you know a homebound parishioner who would like to receive Holy Communion and a visit, please get in touch with the parish office to schedule an appointment.

Evangelization ministry

One crucial ministry is evangelization as we strive to grow church attendance and reconnect with our lapsed parishioners.

Please contact the parish office if anyone has been part of this ministry or has ideas on forming one.

Vision 2025: Growing our Church Attendance

In his recent Pastoral Letter inviting us to reflect on the vision of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Archbishop Perez wrote:

“Today, 83% of our fellow baptized Catholics don’t come to church.
This is true of our church and calls for urgency.

Therefore, in line with our Vision 2025, let us consider the following prayers:

- a) The Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – for one hour a week during Lent
- b) The Holy Rosary before every Mass and at home as families or individuals
- c) The Prayer of St. Monica for the return of lapsed Catholics before every Mass

Prayer to St. Monica

Eternal and merciful Father, I thank you for the gift of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, who offered His life on the Cross for all mankind. I thank you also for the gift of the Catholic faith that I share. Help me to grow in faithfulness to You by prayer, by works of charity and penance, and by regular participation in the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist. You gave Saint Monica a spirit of selfless love manifested in her constant prayer for the conversion of her son, Augustine. Inspired by boundless confidence in Your power to move hearts and the success of her prayer, I ask for the grace to imitate her constancy in my prayer for (N.). In Your mercy and kindness, O Lord, grant that (he/she/they) may be open to the promptings of Your Holy Spirit to return to Your love and mercy in the communion of Your Church. Grant also that my prayer be ever hopeful and my witness be ever joyful. And grant me, O Lord, the grace never to judge another person's motives, for You alone can read what is in our hearts. I ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Rosary / Bible Study with Deacon Burton

Wednesday 6:30 pm

ZOOM MEETING # 570-117-8316

BY PHONE: 1-646-568-7788

Host Key # 20165

RETURN, RENEW, REBUILD

God's House Is Open

Come & Feel His Love

Prayers for Parishioners

Muriel Booker, Lucile Brown, Andre Carter, Barbara Carter, Janice Whitmore-Carter, Gerald Carter, Marsha Cooper, Melody Cooper, Mary Cooper, Helen Dirkson, Rita Felder, Janice Floyd, Theresa Hart, Lynette Ford - Havens, Harry W. Hubbard, Hazel Marsh, Yakaisha Marsh, Lisa McCloed, William Patterson, Clarence Preston, Lois Streeter, Tamika Tender, Vicente Velazquez, Audrey Victor, Janice Whitmore, Lisa Williams, Mary Jean Williams, Rosa Gallon, Lenora Chapman, Flora Hall, Patricia Moon, Lakia Moon

Mass Intentions

Sunday: Peggy McCardle (Fr. Wilfred)

Monday: Ed O'Flynn (Fr. Wilfred)

Tuesday: James Carroll (Fr. Wilfred)

Wednesday: Mary Rolleston (Fr. Wilfred)

Thursday: Jeremiah Lynch (Fr. Wilfred)

Legion of Mary

The essential aim of the Legion of Mary is the sanctification of its members through prayer, the sacraments and devotion to Mary and the Trinity and the whole world through the apostolate of the Legion.

Please call rectory for information and meeting dates.

Parish Mission Statement

We are a Catholic Community nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist to proclaim the good news of salvation in North Philadelphia. Inspired by our Patron Saint Martin de Porres, we strive to welcome everyone, regardless of race or background and to attend to the needy of our community. We aspire to be a beacon of hope in the City of Philadelphia, moved by an unwavering determination to revive, rebuild trust, and mediate a loving relationship between the people of our city and Jesus Christ.

Vision Statement

Our Vision is to form intentional disciples and to build a faith filled and vibrant church community through a commitment to faith formation, prayer, Eucharistic celebration and Adoration, and care for the less fortunate brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit we shall recreate the spirit of the early Christian community.