

Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church

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Our Clergy
Parochial Administrator: Fr. Wilfred Emeh
Parish Deacon: Melvin Burton Jr.

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday Year C



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

Adoration

Wednesdays at 10 to 11 am (Chapel)

Reconciliation

Sunday's 9:15 - 10 am
or by appt.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8 am to 4pm

Parish Staff

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

Happy Easter!

Happy Easter! Christ is risen, Alleluia! Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church because the Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith. It is the greatest of the miracles, proving that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: “If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain” (I Cor 15:14). “Jesus is Lord! He is risen!” (Rom 10:9), was the central theme of the kerygma (or “preaching”), of the Apostles. Following the resurrection as the cornerstone of our faith, we believe that:

- Easter is the guarantee of our resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies...” (Jn 11:25-26).
- Easter is a feast that gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrow, and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It also strengthens us to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears.
- Easter gives meaning to our prayers: It supports our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in and around us, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven, hearing our prayers, and so gives meaning to our personal and communal prayers.

St John Chrysostom once said that the life of a Christian is a life of joy because Christianity is an introduction to eternity. We are an Easter People, and alleluia is our song (John Paul II). Therefore, let us live the lives of Resurrection people: We are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, dangerous addictions, despair, discouragement, or doubts. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the presence of the Risen Lord, who loves us in all the events of our lives and amid the boredom, suffering, pain, and tensions of our day-to-day lives.

We rejoice because, by His resurrection, Christ has reversed our death sentence. Death has no power over us anymore because our Lord destroyed death and restored life. How beautiful it is that after this temporal life, abundant life awaits us. “One thing I ask of the Lord is to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life and to behold his beauty” (Ps 27:4). By the merits of our Lord's resurrection, may every yoke be broken, every darkness be scattered, and new life and hope restored. Arise and shine; the Lord is here! May the blessings of peace and joy rest upon you and your loved ones through Christ, Our Risen Lord! Happy Easter!

Announcements

Saint Katharine of Siena Bus Trip April 26 !

All are welcome !!! Please arrive at church by 3:30 pm for Bus.
Please see the Greeting Table for sign up sheet and information.

Parish Pastoral Council(PPC) meeting on Sunday, May 4, at 11:15 a.m.

The first Parish Council meeting will be held after Mass on Sunday May 4. Former Parish Council members are being contacted to return. If you were a former member and we missed your name please let us know, and please come and join the meeting.

Parish Life Coordinator Position

This position organizes, manages, implements, and promotes evangelization initiatives.
Organize faith formation programs and OCIA for school-age children and adults.
Ability to use social media profitably through regular content creation
Representing the parish in community, diocesan, and ecumenical events.
Fostering efforts at evangelization and outreach.
Publishing periodic youth activities newsletter

Bachelor's Degree required (Theology, Pastoral Care, or related field preferred)
Ability to work flexible hours, including evenings and weekends

For full job description please request
via email: smdp2340@hotmail.com
Or call office 215.228.8330

The Sister Bea Jeffries Formation Program

Courses are offered in Black Catholic Parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Spring Semester begins week of April 21 and ends week of June 9, 2025.

Register:

<https://www.scs.edu/school-of-theological-studies/institute-for-christian-formation/black-catholic-formation-program/>.

See greeting table for brochure and information on locations.

Be a Part of the Conversation, Take the Survey !

Please see trustandhope.org to read the letter from Archbishop Nelson Perez to learn more about the vision for us to come together to encounter each other with open hearts to build the strongest possible church of Philadelphia.

Disciple Maker Index

The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) is an anonymous survey of parishioners that provides insights into the level of missionary discipleship in the parish in addition to the effectiveness of the Mass experience, preaching and other aspects of the parish.

Your Archbishop has invited all parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to take part in the Disciple Maker Index survey. To take the DMI survey for your parish, Saint Martin de Porres go to: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/xp60b6>

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
Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Zoom Meeting # 570-117-8316
Phone: 1-646-568-7788 HostKey # 20165

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, Edna Moon Wilkes, Paul J. Haggerty, Jenai Ballard

Mass Intentions

Sunday: Joan M. Voce (*Fr. Wilfred*)
Monday: Brett Hoftman (*Fr. Wilfred*)
Tuesday: Kevin Maupay (*Fr. Wilfred*)
Wednesday: Jan Lipsmeyer (*Fr. Wilfred*)
Thursday: Comasia Semeraro (*Fr. Wilfred*)
Friday: Dorothy Fort (*Fr. Wilfred*)
Saturday: Harry Ballis (*Fr. Wilfred*)

The 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.

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.