

# Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church

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**Our Clergy**  
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Parish Deacon: Melvin Burton Jr.

June 1, 2025

## Seventh of Easter Year C



### Mass Schedule

**Weekday Masses:**  
In Chapel

Tuesday & Thursday 9 am

At Temple Newman Ctr  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
12:10 pm

(except winter and  
summer break)

**Sunday Mass**  
In Church  
10 am

### Adoration

Thursday's 10 to 11 am  
(Chapel)

### Reconciliation

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

### Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday  
8 am to 4pm

### Parish Staff

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

**EACH ONE CATCH ONE  
CAN YOU LEAD SOMEONE TO CHRIST ?**

## The Blessings of a United Community

Today's Gospel is the final part of the "priestly prayer" of Jesus after the Last Supper. This chapter of John is referred to as "The Testament of Jesus" or "Jesus' High Priestly (or Intercessory) Prayer." Throughout that long prayer, Jesus prays for himself and for his glorification as he prepares to face the cross. Then, he prays for his disciples, asking that they may be united and protected against opposition from the world. Finally, due to their witness-bearing, he prays for those in distant lands and far-off ages, including ourselves, who will embrace the Christian Faith. Thus, this is Jesus' prayer for each of us. We can have complete faith and certainty because Jesus placed his confidence in God, to whom he entrusted us.

The mind of Jesus teaches that we cannot achieve unity with others unless we first establish unity among ourselves as his disciples. Even more fundamentally, we cannot find this unity unless we share unity with God our Father through Christ by his Spirit. This signifies that Jesus prays for a unity of love among Christians, grounded entirely in our connection with Him, living His Life, and the bond shared between heart and heart – God with us and we with each other. Jesus wishes for Christian unity to transcend all denominational differences and unite his followers in love.

The Church must be one in the Spirit with its members, united in love and holiness. In addition to fundamental theological and doctrinal differences, a significant cause of Christian disunity today is that Jesus' followers love their ecclesiastical organizations, creeds, and rituals more than they love Christ. Only genuine Christian love, implanted by God in the hearts of Christians, can reconcile these real divisions and dismantle the barriers that, over the centuries, have been erected among denominations.

God's design for humankind is for us to recognize that we are all children of God and are brothers and sisters to one another. This implies that we should live in accord with this divinely inspired insight—that we exist in peace, harmony, and unity. Such genuine spiritual unification is possible only through the work of the Holy Spirit.

We need to pray for unity and serve one another in unity. We must pray for unity and discuss the similarities and differences we share with others. In addition to prayer, we must put our words into action. This means we are to serve and love one another as brothers and sisters in the Lord. As we draw closer to Jesus Christ, we draw closer to one another in Him. Such unity is ultimately a gift from God's Spirit and His guidance.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fr. Wilfred would like to thank all the members who took part in the first PPC for their time and sacrifice.**

### **Bible Study with Deacon Burton Schedule Change**

Please note Bible Study has now moved to Wednesday night at 6 pm.

Zoom Meeting # 570-117-8316 - Phone # 1-646-568-7788 Host Key # 20165

### **Zoom Webinar: Parish Life in an Apostolic Age Tuesday, June 3, 2025 – 1:30-2:45 PM**

Parish leaders are invited to join the Office for the New Evangelization and the Strategy

During the webinar, we'll focus on these questions:

What is a missionary disciple? How do we make missionary disciples in our parish?

What's the difference between Christendom and Apostolic Mission? How do we move our parish from the one mode to the other?

What is a missionary hub?

If we are not going to be a 'hub parish', what should we be doing?

What should be the relationship of a 'non-hub parish' to a missionary hub?

To register, visit [phillyevang.org/events](http://phillyevang.org/events).

### **The Martin de Porres Foundation**

The Martin de Porres Foundation will be supporting Black Catholics throughout our Archdiocese through reimbursing registration fees 100% for Archdiocesan programs including:

Abbyfest, Women's Conference, PDCARE Gathering in Avalon,

Office of Black Catholic Workshops, Men's Conference, Catechist Training

Diaconate Training, Professional Days, D/CRE Overnight Retreat

D/CREs Orientation Days, Advent Day of Reflection

Spring Professional Development Day (coming soon)

Fall Professional Development Day, Catechists Night Out

The Well - Young Adult, PCYC, Yambi, Ycopy, FIAT, Quo Vadis

Parishioners who are interested in attending should contact the office. We will make the payment and get the reimbursement.

See <https://officeforblackcatholicsadphila.org/annual-events/> for dates and information.

### **Daily Reading for Sunday June 1, 2025**

Reading 1, Acts 7:55-60

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 97:1-2, 6-7, 9

Gospel, John 17:20-26

Reading 2, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

### **Daily Reading for Monday June 2, 2025**

Reading 1, Acts 19:1-8, Gospel, John 16:29-33

### **Daily Reading for Tuesday June 3, 2025**

Reading 1, Acts 20:17-27, Gospel, John 17:1-11

### **Daily Reading for Wednesday June 4, 2025**

Reading 1, Acts 20:28-38 Gospel, John 17:11-19

### **Daily Reading for Thursday June 5, 2025**

Reading 1, Acts 22:30; 23:6-11, Gospel, John 17:20-26

### **Daily Reading for Friday June 6, 2025**

Reading 1, Acts 25:13-21, Gospel, John 21:15-19

### **Daily Reading for Saturday June 7, 2025**

Reading 1, Acts 28:16-20, 30-31, Gospel, John 21:20-25

**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.

**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.

**Invite Someone to Church**

As we strive to grow our church attendance, every parishioner is a missionary disciple, sent out to share the gospel with family, friends, and neighbors and to invite someone to church. We are called to create a welcoming church environment and care for our visitors.

**Prayers for Parishioners**

Muriel Booker, Lucile Brown, Andre Carter, Barbara Carter, Janice Whitmore-Carter, Gerald Carter, Melody Cooper, Mary Cooper, Helen Dirkson, Rita Felder, Janice Floyd, Theresa Hart, Lynette Ford - Havens, Harry W. Hubbard, Hazel Marsh, Yakaisha Marsh, Lisa McCleod, Clarence Preston, Lois Streeter, Tamika Tender, Vicente Velazquez, Audrey Victor, Janice Whitmore, Lisa Williams, Mary Jean Williams, Flora Hall, Lakia Moon, Edna Moon Wilkes, Jenai Ballard

**Mass Intentions**

Sunday: Lennon Martin - Living  
Monday: John Gendek - Living  
Tuesday: Barbara Gallen  
Wednesday: Jean S. Comby  
Thursday: Joan Voce  
Friday: Kenneth Powley  
Saturday: Melody Cooper - Living

**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.