

St. Martin de Porres Parish

St. Columba

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Office Hours M - Th 8:30 - 4:00, Fr 8:30 - 1:00
Saturday 4:00 pm

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Office Hours M - Th 8:30 - 4:00, Fr 8:30 - 1:00
Sunday 9:00 am

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Maria Neale - Music (C)

Ann Buyea - Secretary (M)

Paula Gallo - Music (M)

Jeanne Dudek - Music (V)

PARISH VISION STATEMENT:

St. Martin de Porres Parish is a faith community gathering at our worship sites, St. Columba (Caledonia), St. Mary of the Assumption (Scottsville), and St. Vincent de Paul (Churchville), striving to live the sacramental life together through vibrant liturgical worship, loving service, and life-long faith formation for spiritual growth. Through wise use of our gifts, leadership, and shared resources, we are one community of Catholics worshipping our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we embrace an atmosphere of belonging and discipleship to make visible the life and work of Jesus Christ.

December 17, 2023



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

- Jn 1:26-27

Liturgies of the Week

Saturday, December 16

4:00 pm (C) Gertrude & Frank Stein
by Blanche & Paul Stein

Sunday, December 17~ The Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am (M) In Thanksgiving for Matt & Brianna Bowers
for leading our parish Pre-baptism sessions by Deacon Matt
11:00 am (V) Marilyn Decker by bequest

Monday, December 18

8:30 am (V) For peace in our world and in our hearts

Tuesday, December 19

9:00 am (M) Kathleen Stein by family

Wednesday, December 20

6:00 pm (C) Pat Guenther by Peter Connelie

Friday, December 22

12:00 pm (C) Bart Rams by Peter Connelie

Saturday, December 23

4:00 pm (C) Matthew Arena by Peter Connelie

Sunday, December 24 ~ The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am (M) Mary Miller by family
11:00 am (V) For all of our brothers and sisters escaping
persecution and violence in the Middle East.

Sunday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

4:00 pm (C) Austin Craig
9:00 pm (V) Brian & Anne Hayes

Monday, December 25 ~ The Nativity of the Lord

9:00 am (M) Slim & Mae Auble

Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 17

12:00 pm Confirmation Class (M)

6:00 pm Youth Group (M)

Monday, December 18

12:00 pm Senior Citizens Group (C)

Tuesday, December 19

10:00 am Rosary Group (V)

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl (V)

6:30 pm Book Club

Wednesday, December 20

7:00 pm Choir practice (V)

Thursday, December 21

10:00 am Bible Study (M)

Friday, December 22

Saturday, December 23

Sunday, December 24

Parish offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 26th. There will be no Tuesday 9 am Mass that day at St. Mary's.

Readings for the week of December 17, 2023

Sunday:

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
(Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/
Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday:

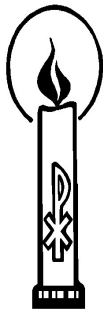
1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
Lk 1:46-56

Saturday:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and
14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,
27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



The Sanctuary Candle at **St. Columba's**
burns for a **Special Intention**
requested by Connie & Doreen.

The Sanctuary Candle at **St. Mary's**
burns in loving memory of
Stanley & Irene Jusko,
requested by Sylvia Jusko.

The Holy Family Candle at **St. Mary's**
burns in loving memory of
Louis Angeline,
requested by family.

It's almost time for the new schedule on MSP! Please go in and update your profile with your "can't serve" dates before December 18th!

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Calendar

- See upcoming activities
- RSVP for special events
- Easily add parish events to your phone's calendar

Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

Sacrificial Giving ~ 12/3

St. Martin de Porres Parish 12/3

Attendance.....	376
Sunday & Online Offering.....	\$8,955.53
Budgeted.....	\$12,548.00
Actual YTD.....	\$247,455.75
Budgeted YTD.....	\$277,447.00

Go Forth With Christ Catholic Ministries Appeal
CMA Goal: \$99,000.00 Pledges: \$51,845.00
52.37 % of our Goal from 203 Donors

- ⇒ You can donate online through our website
www.stmartinrochester.org
- ⇒ You can make out a check to Catholic Ministries Appeal and mail it in to the office.

Go Forth With Christ

2023-2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



Stewardship Thought:

As good Christian stewards, we learn to surrender and let God mold our lives.

Bambinelli Sunday is December 16th/17th!

Bring your baby Jesus from your nativity to Mass for a special blessing next weekend! If you make one at the Faith Formation drop-in art night, bring that one too!

Why are we celebrating this?

Pope Benedict XVI described it well: "The blessing of the "Bambinelli" [Baby Jesus] reminds us that the crib is a school of life where we can learn the secret of true joy. This does not consist in having many things but in feeling loved by the Lord, in giving oneself as a gift for others and in loving one another... Our Lady and St Joseph do not seem to be a very fortunate family; their first child was born in the midst of great hardship; yet they are full of deep joy, because they love each other, they help each other and, especially, they are certain that God, who made himself present in the little Jesus, is at work in their story."

The blessing of the Bambinelli presents a wonderful occasion to remind us all that, amidst the garland and Christmas trees, the true meaning of Christmas celebration is the Birth of Jesus! We are celebrating the great gift of Jesus and appreciation of God come to earth!



Dear Friends

Dear Friends,

Gaudete Sunday, the liturgical equivalent of the children of God saying, "Are we there yet?" Some of you may remember that phrase coming from the back seat of the family car as you drove to a much anticipated, destination. Perhaps you recall saying it yourself as a kid.

However, there is a reason we refer to this Sunday as Gaudete. It means 'to rejoice'; and why do we rejoice? Because we really are almost "there". "There", being the celebration of Christmas. Marked by the shock of pink in both candle and vestments.

You've heard me refer to Advent as a journey of joyful anticipation. I hope that's what it has been for you; that in all of the bustle that is so easily associated with our preparations for Christmas I hope that the Spiritual element of the season was able to prevail.

With all the demands that can be put upon us during the holiday season perhaps Advent should be looked at as a season of multi-tasking – getting a lot of 'externals' done so that at some point, we can take some 'internal' time to spend with our Lord and reflect on the reason for the season.

So, if it helps any; if it brings any peace to your soul; rejoice! Relax! We are almost there. In fact, we may be even closer than we realize!

God bless,

Fr. John



Alanna Allen, Chris Beach, Mary Bligh,
 Ann Boughner, Nicholas Boyce, Nora Brunette,
 Bob Carson, Ricky Claybourn, Tammy Compton,
 Tim Collins, Karen Daszczyzak, Jennifer DeMarco,
 Millie Ezrow, Brianna Gianforte, Mary Gillen,
 Pam Gladstone, Paul Glor, Don Graczyk, Jane Hallinan,
 Josh Harding, Audriana Herrera, Susan Hilderbrandt,
 Karen Houk, Ted Kosciolk, Harland Reed LaFountain,
 John Lauffer, Frank Lenhardt, Tony Liccione, John Loftus,
 Fran McAllister, Rylee Markwitz, Jo Martin, Jason Mattice,
 Elaine Montrois, Fred Montrois, Rissy Mooney, Carla Myers,
 Chris Nelson, Nichole Pealo, Malerie Phillips,
 Mike Pullyblank, Barbara Robinson, Eli O'Brien Rymer,
 Joyce Sackett, Josephine Saeva, Joan Savino, Katrina Scharvogel, Michele Schubert, Paul Stein, Bill Sythes,
 Lori Thompson, Dominic Wease, Diane Wilkinson,
 Ida Wilson, Fred Wood, Ellenanne Zima,
 and Joan Zummo.

Faith Formation

December

Upcoming Playlist events & options:

- **12/18**, 7pm Prayers in Pajamas on Zoom - Advent Compline
- **12/20**, 6pm Daily Mass at Columba

Don't forget to complete the Google form when you complete a playlist activity!

Complete & document all 3 to pick a prize from the prize box next month!
QR code links to the December form



The Third Week of Advent: Wreath Prayer

*light the 1st & 2nd purple candles, & the pink candle

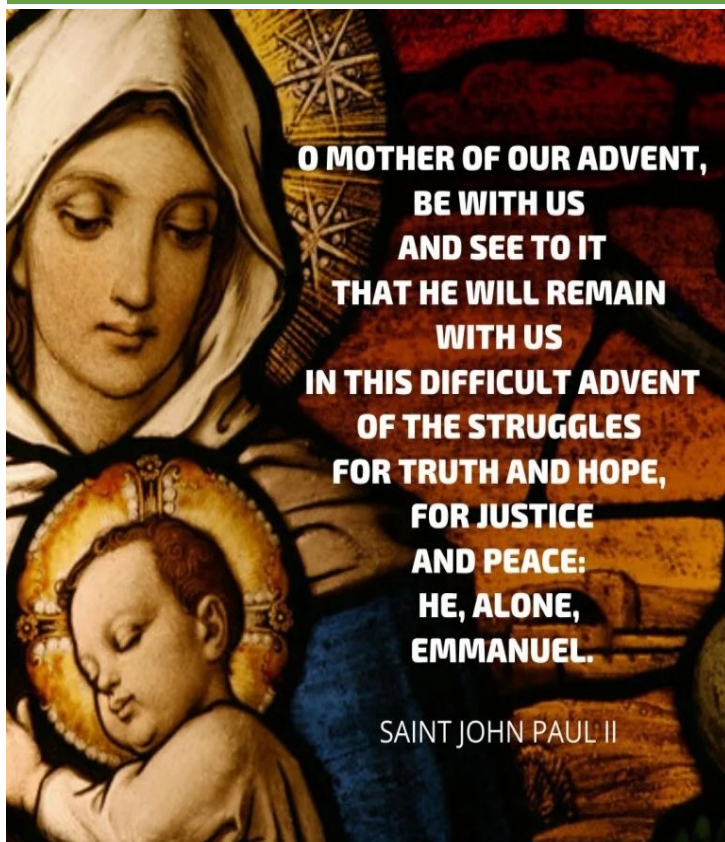
Scripture Reflection: "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." Luke 2:20

*pause for reflection

Advent Wreath Prayer: Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

From Dynamic Catholic

Eucharistic Revival



**O MOTHER OF OUR ADVENT,
BE WITH US
AND SEE TO IT
THAT HE WILL REMAIN
WITH US
IN THIS DIFFICULT ADVENT
OF THE STRUGGLES
FOR TRUTH AND HOPE,
FOR JUSTICE
AND PEACE:
HE, ALONE,
EMMANUEL.**

SAINT JOHN PAUL II

Food Pantry Updates

Fruit Mission for Backpack Program - pineapple, peaches, pears, applesauce

St. Columba's - hearty soups, pasta and sauce, canned vegetables

St. Mary's - hearty soups, rice mixes, powdered juice & milk, anything that can be added to Christmas food bags

St. Vincent's - jelly, 1lb. bags of rice



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. - Jn 1:6-8

Pre-Baptism Class Planned for January

Our St. Martin de Porres Parish's next pre-baptism session is a Zoom meeting at 9:00 am Saturday, January 13th. If you are seeking baptism for your child and have never attended a pre-baptism session, you need to attend a session.

For more information, you can email Deacon Matt.



General Information

PATRICK PLACE COMFORT CARE:

www.patrickplace.org

Email: patrickplacevolunteers@gmail.com

MASS SCHEDULE: see inside bulletin.

CONFESSIONS:

St. Columba: Saturdays at 3:15 pm

St. Mary of the Assumption: Sundays at 8:15 am

St. Vincent de Paul: Sundays at 10:15 am

(Fr. John will also be available by appointment)

BAPTISMS: For adults and children, call the office for initial interview. For infants, attendance of parents at Pre-Baptism class is required. Classes are in January, May, and September. Please plan accordingly. Call the church office for date.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance.

CARE OF THE SICK: Please call the church office if you will be in the hospital, are not able to attend Mass and would like communion, or if you would like prayers.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY: For information on this ministry or for communion, contact the church office.

ESTATE PLANNING: Please remember St. Martin de Porres Parish in your estate planning. Bequest of memorial donations can be sent to our parish upon a loved one's death.



St. Martin de Porres
CHRISTMAS
SCHEDULE

December 23/24
Fourth Sunday of Advent

4pm Saturday at St. Columba
9 am Sunday at St. Mary
11 am Sunday at St. Vincent

Christmas Eve

4 PM St. Columba
Choir concert begins at 3:30 pm
This Mass will be live-streamed

9 PM St. Vincent de Paul
Choir concert begins at 8:00 pm

Christmas Day

9 am St. Mary's,
Choir concert begins at 8:40 am

New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, January 1st

8:30 am Morning Mass at St. Vincent's
Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

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