



St. Simon of Cyrene Parish

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St. Martin Church - 773 287-0206

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St. Agatha Church - 773 522-3050

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Mass Times

Sunday:

St. Agatha Church, 9:00am
St. Martin de Porres Church, 11:00am

Weekdays:

St. Agatha Church, Thursday, 7:30am
St. Martin de Porres Church
Tuesday, 9:00am and Thursday 9:00 am

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Deacon William Pouncy.

R.C.I.A. Adults seeking Baptism or to make their Profession of Faith and other sacraments should contact the Director of Religious Education to register.

Reconciliation is available upon request.

Marriages: Couples must contact the Pastor six to twelve months prior to a proposed wedding date. Attendance at a Pre-Cana Session will be required.

Ministry to Sick and Shut-In: If a member of the church is in a hospital, nursing home or homebound, please call the parish office if they would like to receive the Eucharist.

Funerals: Please contact the Pastor before making arrangements for funerals of church members.

NOVEMBER 03, 2024
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

TO BE LOVED
BY GOD IS
THE
HIGHEST
relationship

Our Parish Vision...

Rooted in and propelled by the love of Jesus Christ, we, the people of St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish, one Parish Family with ministry sites at St. Agatha & St. Martin de Porres Churches, profess a life-giving, all-embracing faith, fostering full participation in worship that nourishes us to care for one another and extend our lived faith, relentless hope and life-giving love to our Westside Communities.

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Thadeo Mgimba

Deacon Couple: Rev. Mr. William & Gayle Pouncy
[Deacon Pouncy, **Director of Charity and Outreach**]

Deacon Couple: Rev. Mr. Greg & Carolyn Shumpert
[Deacon Shumpert, **Director of Evangelization**]

Parish Operations Director: Yvonne Coffey

Parish Administrative Assistant: Carol Johnson

Parish Secretary: Refoncia McGowan

Director of Religious Education: Marvin McCurry

Housekeeper: Scarlett Evans-Perez

Music Director: Dennis Smith

Musician: Calvin Smith

Choir Director: Antonio Anderson

Outreach Ministry: Derek Brown

Outreach Ministry: Heather Johnson

Websites & Social Media: Emily Dillon

Sunday Collections for October 27, 2024

Sunday Contributions	\$3,784.00
Give Central	1084.00
Fundraising Collection	<u>3680.00</u>
Total	8,548.00

Thanks for your generosity!





For Whom Shall We Pray...

Walter Adams, Susie Aldrich, Bertha Anderson, Jewel Austin, Cheryl Baker, Gia Brown-Baxter, Geraldine Baylor, Kyle Becnel, Hildegard Bezdicek, Hazel Bills, Margaret Brown, Christopher Browne, Carlos Chino Chapa, DiMarkco Chandler, Sandra Coffey, William Crown, Jermaine Curtis, Natalie Davis, Tylesia Day, Shelma Dillon, Elnora Dorsey, Mary Ann Evans, Carter Evans, Joyce Evans, Norene Evans, Zenobia Fuller, Enochs Galloway, Anna Garcia, Manuel MeMe Garcia, Danny Gardner, Shea Gardner, Callie Gee, Pamela D. Gee, Yvonne Gibson, Patricia Graham, Marian Graham, Kia Gray, Bill Hainey, Nathaniel W. Hall, Mary Harrell, Leutrice Harris, Tony Harris, David Hicks, Gwendolyn Hicks, Jacqueline Hicks, Veronica Hicks, Joesaya Henderson, Kesiea & Melinda, Kim Henderson, Leonard Henderson, Jerron Johns Jr., Joyce Ann Johnson, Sr., Julius Jones, Virginia Jones, Corine Jourdan, Ashanti Kelly, Jacqueline Kelly, Brian Lares, Jimmy Lee, Sayyid Lestrade, Melvin Lightford, Anthony Lyons, Alexander Madden, Martin Mannelle, Dolores Mapp, Larry Mapp Jr., Arelys Marquez, Catherine Martin, Marilyn Martin, Martina Mgingba, Melik McCloud, Latrice McGee, Carmella Miller, Connie Montoya, Arlene Moore, Ezekiel Clement Msembe, Tamma Norals, LaVita Norris, Clara Orlando, Michael Parham, Luvenia Parker, Emma Peradas, Gordon Perry, Jan F. Peters, Sylvia Peters, Burke Pledage Jr., Essie Pledage, Queenie Randle, Marvin Register, Sommer Reynolds, Ed Ricks, Aquila Rogers, Deborah Rutledge, Lorraine Sanford, Eunice Scripp, Lazaro Alexander Singh, Linda Smith, Rosa Solano, Brenda D. Taylor, Jose Teran, Clarice Thomas, Michael Triplett Sr., Richard Spearman, Terri Triplett, Deano Tretter, Joseph Tretter Sr, Charese Troupe, Clarence Walker, Joan Watkins, Shirley West, Diondai Whitfield, Walter Whitlow, Tyler Williams, Armonie Witherspoon, Beverly Wright, Flora Yancy

The Multiple Effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation has many effects on Catholic Christians. Its primary effect is that it confers upon those who receive it worthily an increase in sanctifying grace. Sanctifying grace is a supernatural gift from God that renders a person holy and pleasing in His sight. Through this grace, those who are spiritual infants become spiritually mature, and the simple citizens of Christ's Kingdom become Christ's soldiers. This increase in sanctifying grace also strengthens the moral virtues of prudence, justice, temperance, and courage; the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love; and the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

Secondly, the sacrament imprints an indelible character upon the soul of the confirmand, effecting a real, lasting transformation. For this reason, confirmation is received only once, as it leaves a permanent mark on the soul. It empowers one to bear witness to the faith through public profession in both word and deed, just as the Apostles became fearless confessors of their faith on the Day of Pentecost. They preached the resurrected Jesus in a hostile environment without fear of persecution, practiced the corporal works of mercy even when resources were scarce, and were willing to die for their faith in Christ. Through confirmation, we are called to become strong in our faith, following their example.

Thirdly, the sacrament of Confirmation prepares the confirmands to become missionary disciples who continue Christ's work in the world, seeking the salvation of souls and drawing others to Him. This mission calls the confirmands to imitate Christ, to embody His presence, and to proclaim the Good News of salvation to the whole world.

In summary, the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1303 states: "...Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace: it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!"; it unites us more firmly to Christ; it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us; it renders our bond with the Church more perfectly; it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witness of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and to never to be ashamed of the Cross." [Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second Edition, p. 330]

God Bless You,

Brother Thad

**SERMON: THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(CYCLE B)**

Today, you hear the Shema, “Hear, O Israel” as the central profession of our faith, our creed that there is one God, only one, and that we are to love him with all our being. It is Jesus Christ himself who commends this faith to us. The Shema, then, is as Christian as it is Jewish.

- We venerate Jesus as a teacher in this regard, surely. But the Second Reading today also gives the place of Jesus, within the Jewish tradition. This reading is from the Epistle to the Hebrews, that is, to Christians who think of themselves as Jewish, Christians who speak Greek but are, at the time of writing, part of the Jewish faith. They are addressed as Hebrews because at this time they still think of themselves as Jews, even though they accept Jesus as the Messiah.

- The teaching of the Epistle to the Hebrews is that Jesus is a priest, indeed a priest forever. That’s no surprise to us. We already think we know what a priest is. I would venture most of us would define a priest as a sacred person, perhaps, someone who does holy things, someone who is set apart. That’s a viewpoint common to both Catholic and Orthodox Christians. Yet the Epistle to the Hebrews says something different, both to its readers and to us.

- In these words of the New Testament, Jesus is a priest because he is praying for us. Yes, that’s right. Today’s text says that Jesus can save people who come to God through him. Jesus can do this, says the Epistle to the Hebrews, because he lives forever; he is risen. He will never die again. For this reason, Jesus can always pray for us, always intercede for us with God, always be our mediator. The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews says that Jesus is not like the priests of the Old Testament; those priests offered animal sacrifices again and again. Jesus doesn’t do that and doesn’t need to do that. His one offering on the cross is greater than all the sacrifices that took place in the temple of Jerusalem. Now, those sacrifices are over and done. The temple is destroyed, and those sacrifices have ended.

- In the perspective of the New Testament, especially in the Epistles, Jesus is understood to be on our side, our advocate, like a lawyer who argues on our behalf. The Epistle to the Hebrews says he “forever lives to make intercession” for us.

It is through the humanity of Jesus, says the Second Vatican Council, that our salvation was achieved. That’s true not just in the past, in his death and Resurrection, but also in the present. Right now, here and now, Jesus Christ is interceding for us in the liturgy. Right now, our salvation is being brought about. That’s why we’re here. It is in the liturgy, especially the Eucharist, that we pray through him, with him, and in him. In our Roman Rite, every Eucharistic Prayer ends with these words. The First Eucharistic Prayer, the Roman Canon, ends all its prayers with the words per Christum Dominum nostrum, “through Christ our Lord.” Our prayer, here and now, is effective because Christ himself is praying with us and for us. He is indeed an excellent teacher, as the Gospel says. He is also an excellent intercessor and mediator.

—*Father Michael Gilligan*



As you give
your life to Jesus,
He'll give you His very best...
a heart that's filled with wisdom,
contentment, peace, and rest.
He'll make the path in front of you
a straight, fulfilling way...
and guide you with His Spirit
through each and every day.
CONGRATULATIONS

**Welcome
Bishop Joseph Perry
as he
Confirms Our Youth
CONGRATULATIONS TO**

Kailah Ellison

Patrick Ezeanyim

Erik Hernandez

Jalayah LeCoure

Jaison Parbar



Next Sunday, November 10, 2024
Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: 1 Kings 17:10-16
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Celebrant Mass Schedule

St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

11/03/24 Confirmation Unity Mass - 10:00 a.m.
at St. Martin de Porres - Celebrant: Bishop J. Perry

11/10/24 Fr. Tetwigs Fr. Thad

11/17/24 Fr. Thad Fr. Tetwigs

11/24/24 Fr. Raphael Makhori Fr. Thad

BAPTISMS FOR SMALL CHILDREN

If you need the Sacrament of Baptism for Babies and small children, call the Parish Office during weekday business hours. **Deacon Pouncy** or **Deacon Greg Shumpert** will contact you. There will be a meeting for Parents & Godparents after we set the date for the new date for Baptism. Baptism will be held every 2nd and 4th Saturday or Sunday after Mass.

St. Martin de Porres Credit Union
Located in Purcell Hall

4300 W. Washington Blvd. - 773-626-0776
Open Saturdays: 10:30a.m.-1:30p.m.

Purcell Hall Rental Information

Contact the Parish Office
Charitable Hands Ministry
 Deacon William Pouncy and Liz Becnel
 Call Deacon Pouncy (312) 841-3974

St. Simon of Cyrene Parish

Parish Council Members

Chair: Keynin Seabrook
Vice Chair: Mark Henderson
Secretary: Remy Spearman

Commissions

Spiritual Life:

Angela Wilson, Remy Spearman

Evangelization Commission:

Mark Henderson, Mia Cornelius

Life Long Education and Faith Formation:

Laquita Porter, Stacey Jasper

Parish Leadership:

Carolyn Shumpert, Michael Wilson

Human Concerns Commission:

Stella Palmer, Jan Peters

Parish Life:

Michael Wilson, Keynin Seabrook

Social Justice:

Tanya Ball, Portia Parker

Finance Council Committee

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Co-Chair: Philippe Beauzile

Secretary: Linda Vick

Council Members: Lavetta Beauzile,
 Mark Boone, Kathy Davis, Janice Ode Gray,
 Diane Levy, Paul Morris



Mass Intentions for this Week



Sunday, November 03,
2024

† In Loving Memory of James and Christine Jones
 From the Jones and Blaze Family

Prayers to Caryn and Mike Kondrat
 Anthony and Renae Wallin
 From Linda Wallin

We encourage our parishioners to pray for their loved ones, living and deceased, by offering a Mass Intention.
 Donation for Mass is \$10.00

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Church Sites Rectory Office Hours - 773.287.0206

St. Agatha: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
 9:00am - 2:00pm

Tuesday 8:00am - 12:00 noon

Friday, open upon demand

St. Martin de Porres: Monday - Friday
 8:00am - 3:30pm