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# Sacred Heart of Jesus *Roman Catholic Church*

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 26, 2017

## PARISH BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

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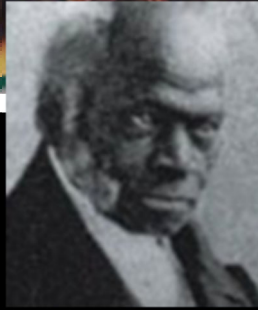
### Know Thy Self: A Seat at the Table



St. Martin de Porres



St. Josephine Bakhita



Pierre Toussaints

A  
Seat at the  
Table of Lord is  
Reserved for

**Y O U**

**“We have to learn to live together as brothers (and sisters)  
or perish together as fools.” - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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# Lent begins on **ASH** **WEDNESDAY**



March 1, 2017

Mass Schedule: **7 AM; 9 AM & 7:30 PM**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Every Friday at 7:30 PM in the Church.

During Lent, take inspiration from the words of St. Paul (2 Cor 8:9), and **contemplate his invitation to live a life of evangelical poverty**. Embrace the Lord's call to being the blessed poor by **"giving up" material things**, including food, superfluous to your basic needs; **"taking up" charitable habits** directed to helping and caring for others; and **"lifting up" those in need** through giving alms, through praying for others, and by **participating in devotional practices**.

## **Sacred Heart of Jesus Church**

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*Rev. Hilaire Belizaire, Pastor ; Rev. Franklin Ezeorah, Parochial Vicar; Rev. Joseph Bruno, In Residence  
Deacon Paul C. Dorsinville, Deacon Francois G. Cajoux, Deacon Roy A. Dudley, Deacon Marcus Mordane*

**EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES: Weekdays: Monday - Saturday 9:00 AM**

**Weekends: Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 AM; 10:00 AM 12:45 PM (Kreyol)**

**Holy Days: Vigil: 7:30PM (English), 9:00AM (English), 7:30 PM (Kreyol)**

**Lent is a season for  
PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING**



**Pick up a Lenten Box  
in gratitude to God for his LOVE to us!**

Drop your savings from your FASTING in this box  
and bring it back to the church on or before  
April 15th.

This collection will go to the needy.

*"As you do it to the least of these who are my  
brothers and sisters you have done it unto me."*

*-Matthew 25:35*

**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, February 25 2017**

5:00 pm Special Intention For  
Gemma Lewis & Family  
Mesmer Salmon (D)

**Sunday, February 26, 2017**

10:00 am Victoria Wilson (B)

**Monday, February 27, 2017**

9:00 am Christopher Louis (B)

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017**

9:00 am Marie Laurence  
(In Thanksgiving)  
Marie Fenela Lucien (D)

**Wednesday, March 1, 2017**

9:00 am Rhoen & Isolyn Searchwell  
(Wedding Anniversary)  
Géralde Alexis (In Thanksgiving)

**Thursday, March 2, 2017**

9:00 am Gladys Milsort  
(For Deliverance)

**Friday, March 3, 2017**

9:00 am Ernest B. Auguste (D)  
Mr & Mrs Andre Lominy (D)

**Saturday, March 4, 2017**

9:00 am

**Daily Mass  
Readings**

- Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7;  
Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;  
Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;  
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19;  
Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13,  
17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19];  
Mt 4:1-11

**PRAYER LIST**

Deacon Roy Dudley, Deacon Marcus Mordan, Myriam  
St Louis Juste, Yolande Pierre, Hubert Mills, Mythe  
Ste Rose, Irma Ali, Saintecile Joseph, Sade Jean-  
Raymond, Jahlil Nahser, Brenda Alleyne, Elliot  
Haynes, Ann Gutman, Candie Olmstead, Augustina  
Pitt, Gloria John, Clarence Hoggard, Lela Moton,  
Narque and Patrick Jean, Carolyn Keller, Carolin Edith,  
Steve Ste Rose, Raymonde Bertrand, Carmene Muscad,  
Genevieve Morin, Marie Kernisant, Cecilie Campayne,  
Monarque Jean, Ucile Pierre-Louis, Kingsley Joachim,  
Denise Briggs, Marie Yolaine José, Clelie Fougère  
Cauvin, Wilford Shillingford, Alain Beaubrun, Stephon  
Ducasse, Josette Numa, Janet Greene, Gilberte Clérier,  
Claudette Perrin, Patricia Donellan, Murat Raymond,  
Jean Halle & Margaret John. May God restore their  
physical & spiritual health.

**SACRED HEART'S TEEN CLUB  
AND SACRED HEART'S YOUTH MINISTRY**

Presents

***"Know Thy Self: A Seat at the Table."***

This year's **Parish Black History Celebration**

will be held this

**Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 5pm**

in the **Sacred Heart Catholic Academy's Auditorium.**

**All are invited. Bring a friend.**

**Admission is free.**

**Food & drinks will be sold.**

***We thank you for your continued support!***

**Congratulations to Elsie Saint Louis!!!**

Elsie was honored for her outstanding leadership and contribution in the local community & abroad. A Civic Award was presented to her and other honorees by the African American Community and the Queens Borough President, Melinda Ratz's on February 16, 2017 on the occasion of the 4th Annual Black History Month Celebration at Queens Borough Hall



## ... among us, who already had a seat in the Table of the Lord



**St. Martin de Porres**, the only black saint from the Western Hemisphere so far, St. Martin de Porres was born in Lima, Peru, in 1579. His mother was a freed slave from Panama, and his father was a Spanish gentleman who did not want him. Early in his life, he demonstrated humility, charity for the poor and a love for animals, and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the age of 11, he took a job as a servant in the Dominican friary in Lima and performed the work with such devotion that he was called "the saint of the broom."

He spent the rest of his life in the friary – as a barber, farm laborer, almoner (church worker in charge of distributing money to the poor) and infirmarian (person who nurses the sick in a monastery), among other tasks. As almoner he routinely begged more than \$2,000 a week from the rich, which was turned into food, clothing and medicine for the poor of the city.

Martin had a great desire to go off to some foreign mission and thus earn martyrdom. However, because this was not possible, he made a martyr out of his body, devoting himself to ceaseless and severe penances. In turn, God endowed him with many graces and gifts, such as aerial flights and bilocation.

St. Martin's love was all-embracing, shown equally to humans and to animals, even vermin, and he maintained a shelter for stray dogs and cats.

In recognition of his devotion, his superiors dropped the stipulation that "no black person may be received to the holy habit or profession of our order" and Martin was vested in the full habit and professed solemn vows as a Dominican brother. Afterwards, he became more devout and more desirous to be of service, establishing an orphanage and a children's hospital.

A close friend of St. Rose of Lima, he died on Nov. 3, 1639, and was canonized on May 6, 1962. His feast day is Nov. 3.



**St. Josephine Bakhita**, born in 1869, was a Sudanese-born former slave who became a Canossian nun in Italy, living and working there for 45 years.

She was known for her smile, gentleness and holiness. She even once said, "If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and Religious today."

She died in 1947, and in 2000, she was became the first African woman to be canonized in modern times. She is the first person to be canonized from Sudan and is the patron saint of the country. Her feast day is Feb. 8.



**Pierre Toussaint**, who was brought to New York as a slave and later became a well-known philanthropist, also declared venerable

Coming to New York from Haiti in 1787 with his owner, Jean Bérard, Pierre Toussaint was apprenticed to a New York hairdresser. He became a friend to the city's aristocracy by dressing the hair of wealthy women, and when Bérard died penniless, Toussaint financially supported Bérard's wife and nursed her through emotional and physical ailments. She granted him his freedom in 1807.

Proud to be black, Toussaint generously supported the Oblate Sisters of Providence in Baltimore. He was also a benefactor of the First New York City Catholic school for black children.

In his later years, Toussaint still worked to help others. One of his clients advised him, "Toussaint, you are the richest man I know, why not stop working?" He replied, "Then I should not have enough to help others, madam." Two years after his wife's death, he died in 1853 aged 87.

**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO THE  
FOURTH ANNUAL DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017 - 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**  
**Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston, NY**

Fee: \$25.00 before March 4 and \$30.00 at the door.

Registration begins at 8:00 am

Continental breakfast and lunch served

Please call Sister Vilma @ 718-528-0577, if interested.

**JOIN US FOR LENT  
TO "CHANGE OUR HEARTS"**

**Don't just give something up this Lent! Do something!**  
*Become a part of an ARISE Together in Christ Small Christian Community*  
*1st Meeting will begin on the 1st week of Lent*

**JOIN** the conversation about connecting faith with life and moving our faith to action.

**300 CLUB DRAWING**

Numbers for the 300 club drawing scheduled are now being sold. Please reserve your number today. Each number is \$80. The grand prizes are \$800, \$1,800, & \$8,000. There will also be numerous other smaller prizes. You can see a member of the committee after mass.

**ENGLISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP  
ANNUAL RETREAT**

The parish English Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to its annual retreat in Mt. Pocono with Fr. Hyacinth Jemigbola from **March 10th to the 12th**. Theme: "My Grace is Sufficient for you." The price is \$210 for shared room & 230 for private room. Bus will leave in front of the church at 1pm on Friday the 10th. Please contact Mike Mekako - 917-593-5108; Claudette Archer - 718-217-1982; Elisa Ward - 516-462-6589 to make reservation.

**Sacred Heart Church  
10-Day European Vacation !!!  
October 1-11, 2017**

**Rome, Barcelona, Marseille, Savona**

**4 Nights Hotel in Rome & 5 nights Cruise  
to Barcelona, Marseille, Savona**

R/T Air & Transfer, All Tax & Port Charges, 5 Nights Ship Accommodations, Breakfast, lunch, Dinner in ship, 4 hotel night in Rome, Tour of Rome, Papal Audience Breakfast & Dinner in hotel, Pool Parties, Casino, Disco Movies, Live Entertainment

Inside Cabins: \$4,009: Ocean View: \$4,199: Balcony Cabins: \$4,299  
(Prices are per person based on two in the cabin)

**\*Register Now! Early Bird Discount\***

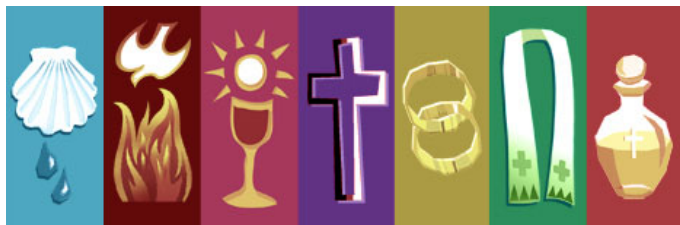
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## CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT



### Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated in English on the 2nd Saturday at 1:00 PM, and in Creole on the 4th Saturday at 1:00 PM. If you are planning to have your child baptized in the parish, please call the rectory.

### Reconciliation/Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays at 4:00 PM in church, or by appointment in the rectory.

### Matrimony

If you are planning to get married, please schedule an appointment with a priest or deacon at least six months before the anticipated wedding date. If you are not in a valid marriage (a marriage not celebrated in church by a priest or deacon), please call or write the rectory for an appointment to see a priest.

### Communion for the Homebound

Anyone unable to attend Mass because of illness may receive Holy Communion at home on a regular basis. Please call the rectory.

## UPCOMING BAPTISM SCHEDULES

### *Creole Baptism Celebration*

Saturday, February 25 - 1:00 PM

#### **Baptism Preparation:**

(for Parents) Thursday, February 16, 7:30 pm

(for Parents & Godparents) Thursday, February 23, 7:30 pm

### *English Baptism Celebration*

Saturday, May 13, 2017 - 1:00 PM

#### **Baptism Preparation:**

(for Parents) Thursday, May 4th - 7:30 pm

(for Parents & Godparents) Thursday, May 11th - 7:30 pm

Please call the rectory to register.

## Rite D'initiation Chretienne Pour Adultes

Êtes-vous membre d'une église différente? N'avez-vous pas été baptisé? Voulez-vous devenir Catholique? Jésus vous appelle à un cheminement spirituel. Veuillez vous rejoindre à nous chaque mercredi soir à 7 heures pour le Rite d'Initiation Chrétienne pour adultes. Pour plus d'information, appeler le diacre François ou le diacre Paul.

## Gwoup Konsolasyon

Pou konsole moun ki pèdi yon moun chè nan fanmi yo. Gwoup Konsolasyon an kapab ede w. Rankontre nou chak dènye Jedi nan mwa a nan basement presbitè a 7è di swa.

## Ministry of Consolation

A group of caring, compassionate volunteers assist families in planning the funeral liturgy of their loved ones. For further information please contact the rectory or Angela DePeaza at 718.525.4311.

## Bereavement

We invite the bereaved to join us for reassurance and support on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in Father Nolan's Unity Room.

## Facility

Wish to reserve a room for your next function?  
Please call Fritz Kernizan at 718-406-5277.

## Annual Capital Appeal

This campaign supports specific needs in the diocese and in our parish. This year, our parish goal is \$48,551. We have only received \$25,689 in pledges. Please consider making a pledge to the ACA 2016. For we budget on the rebates. To make a pledge please contact the rectory at 718-528-0577.

## Generations of Faith

If you have already submitted your pledge card for the Campaign, please send all future payments directly to the Generations of Faith office at: Generations of Faith: Diocese of Brooklyn, **P.O. Box 7356 Berlin, CT 06037**