

Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church

In the Kingdom of North Philadelphia

“The Kingdom of God is among you.” Luke 17, 21

Reverend Stephen D. Thorne, Pastor

Sunday Mass – 10:00 am

Holy Family Sunday - December 31, 2017



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our Mass is recorded with video and audio!*

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On a Spiritual Note

FAMILY. That word can bring feelings of warmth, consolation, comfort and security for many people. BUT, it can bring feelings of anger, disappointment, hurt, confusion and insecurity for many others.

Our relationships with family members touch us at our deepest parts: that is why they are so very important.

When God entered our world in a human body, he came as a member of a family, rather than just dropping down from heaven. He landed in that place that touches all of us most deeply. And look at what happened: from the time the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus, there was confusion for Mary and Joseph and risk of scandal. When Jesus was going to be born, there was no place for shelter except a cave. When Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple, Simeon praised God but gave a sad, confusing warning to Mary. And when Jesus was twelve years old, he caused his parents heartache when he stayed behind in the Temple. Even the Holy Family had its share of ups and downs. If Jesus really came to redeem the human race, he truly started in the most sensitive, complicated place!

Loving deeply, especially in the family, does not come automatically. That is why the Bible contains some instructions, such as today's reading from the Book of Sirach as well as St. Paul's teaching.

We need to remember that God's love for us is deeper even than any family love, whether our family is happy or not. We also must remember to thank God for the great gift of family, and to turn to Jesus, Mary and Joseph especially when we need help with

family troubles. They have been there! And they found out that God, who is love, can redeem us no matter what, if we turn to him.

Sunday, December 31, 10 am

For the Church Family

*Join us for Mass on New Year's Eve. We will gather in Church at **11:30 pm** and pray together as the new year begins.*

Daily Mass will not be offered this week.



Thank you to all who were so generous to our Church in the Christmas collection.

A report will be issued on the 2018 Church finances soon.

The Church Finance Council will meet on Sunday, January 14 after Mass to review the Church finances for 2018. All members are asked to attend.

Mass Schedule and Intentions



We are very grateful to the DuPree Funeral Home, who once again, donated our Church Calendars. Please support their business.

Let us pray for the Sick...

We pray for all in our Church Family who are sick and those who care for them: Greta Newman, Lynette Ford-Havens, Dorothy Bradley, Erma Patterson, Audrey Victor, Harold Lavender, Mary Ann Gill, James Strothers, William Victor, Charles Belser, Alfred Burrell, Annie Andrews, Martina Granger, Devon Walker, Amira Barnhill, Carlos Benson, Darren Spann, Jamaal Maitlan, Yashida Wing, Phyllis Wing, Janice Whitmore Carter, Gloria Wilder, Ella Combs, Charing Garnett, Danielle Daniels, Donna Collier, Norma Plenty, Mary Livingston, Donna Moorhead, Andre Carter, Patricia Freeman, John Greene, Lisa Williams, Denim Moore, Harold Bond, James Porter, Elias Robinson, George Ellington, Jeffery Gray, Andre Roberts, Harry W. Hubbard, Mario Coleman, Helen Clowney, Mary Ann Wallace, Tiffani Livsey, Lamont Chase, Mamie Keitt, Janice Floyd, Doris Simmons, John Davis, Mary Wilchcombe, Jeffrey Johnson, Vainida Hampton, Maxine Turner, Hazel Marsh, Gloria Russell, Arlene Berkley, Kivia Carter, Kevin Reaves.

If you are in the Hospital or want Holy Communion
in your home, please call the Church Office - (215)

228-8330

“The best is yet to come” - Jubilee Year 1993-2018

As we celebrate our Jubilee Year this year, let us continue to lift up the Name of Jesus by our worship and service. There will be many special events this year. Let us do the ordinary things extra-ordinarily well.

May God bless us in this year of Grace!

