

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

Third Sunday of Easter- April 15, 2018

*"I am the good shepherd and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep."*

John 10 - From today's Gospel



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our Mass is recorded with video and audio!*

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On a Spiritual Note

Jesus is not just a Messiah, - he is the Suffering Messiah! It was the "suffering" part that the disciples kept missing. So now, after the Resurrection, Jesus is still teaching the that everything that happened, - all the suffering, all the ugliness, all tragedy, - was part of the Plan for redemption. Jesus took his followers back through the Scriptures to show them that the message was always there.

Of course, it is understandable. Jesus' disciples came to have such confidence in Jesus that it seemed he could just snap his fingers and make everything fine. How could they understand that this suffering was part of "overcoming the world." (see John 16:33)

It would take some time and learning to realize that love conquers all, and that greatest love is to "lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13). And, as John reminds us, "God is love..." (1 John 4:16). Yes, God is love itself. The very Lord God who created the universe, came into our world and died for us, because of his love for us. And the Plan t reveal that love was through suffering and death.

We are called to that same love. When suffering puzzles us, when it seems so absolutely senseless (Why me? Why now? Why this?), it may help to remember the Plan. Maybe it will help to realize we are privileged to carry the cross with Jesus. We are privileged to share in the mission of the Suffering Messiah whose death has made possible repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

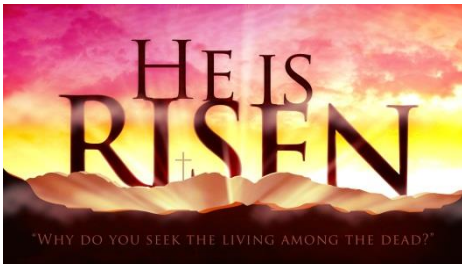
Mass Schedule and Intentions

Third Sunday of Easter-
April 15, 10 am
Church Family

Tuesday, April 17, 7 am
Joseph Hammond

Wednesday, April 18, 7 am
James Ward

Thursday, April 19, 7 am
Gail Brolley



Let us pray for the Sick...

We pray for all in our Church Family who are sick and those who care for them: Annie Andrews, Arlene Berkley, Harold Bond, Dorothy Bradley, Andre Carter, Janice Whitmore Carter, Kivia Carter, Lamont Chase, Helen Clowney, Mario Coleman, Donna Collier, Ella Combs, Danielle Daniels, John Davis, George Ellington, Frances Floyd, Janice Floyd, Renee Turner Freckleton, Patricia Freeman, Charing Garnett, Mary Ann Gill, Martina Granger, Jeffrey Gray, Vainida Hampton, Lynette Ford-Havens, Henry Hoffman, Harry W. Hubbard, Jeffrey Johnson, Mamie Keitt, Harold Lavender, Marie Lawrencin, Mary Livingston, Tiffani Livsey, Hazel Marsh, Donna Moorhead, Erma Patterson, Norma Plenty, James Porter, Kevin Reaves, Andre Roberts, Elias Robinson, Gloria Russell, Doris Simmons, Maxine Turner, Audrey Victor, William Victor, Mary Ann Wallace, Lisa Williams, Mary Jean Williams, Thomas Williams.

If you are in the hospital, please call the Church Office: 214 228-8330.

We offer prayers and sympathy to the family of Mr. Herbert Felder, who recently passed away. May he rest in Easter Peace.

Please support the Health Fair and Choir Competition this coming Saturday, April 21. Flyers are in today's bulletin. Two great events at our Church. !



On Saturday, April 28, we will make our annual visit to our Sister Parish, Saint Katharine of Siena Church in Wayne. Our Choir will sing and Father Thorne will preach at all of the Masses. Following Mass, there will be a dinner reception. The bus will leave our Church at 3:45 pm. Please call the Church Office to sign up.

SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2018

JUBILEE YEAR! 1993-2018

The Best
is
Yet to Come

SAVE THESE DATES ...

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 – HEALTH FAIR

SATURDAY, APRIL 21- CHOIR COMPETITION

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 5:00 PM – MASS WITH OUR SISTER PARISH

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 10:00 AM – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

SATURDAY, MAY 12 – WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT DAY (ONLY WOMEN)
SISTER PATRICIA CHAPPELL, SPEAKER

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 10:00 AM – MOTHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 10:00 AM – “COME HOME SUNDAY”
WE WELCOME ALL FORMER PARISHIONERS

CLOSING OF THE SILVER JUBILEE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2018 – 10:00 AM
MOST REVEREND TIMOTHY SENIOR, CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST