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

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 6, 2018

"Jesus said to his disciples:
"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love."

John 15 – From today's Gospel

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our Mass is recorded with video and audio!

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On a Spiritual Note

Saint John makes a very strong effort to make sure we know about God's love. As we heard a few weeks ago, not only is God the Creator of love, but God is love, - love is God's very nature. So, to live in love is to experience God, to be in God, to allow God to "breathe" in us. That is the lesson Jesus is teaching in the Gospel: this passage is actually taken from a long talk Jesus had with his disciples at the Last Supper.

Jesus tells us to "keep my commandments…" (John 15:10): these are directions about how to live in love. Jesus tells us that he has kept his Father's commandments, so we are in good company.

Most astounding is a fact that may sometimes be in the back of our mind, or we may never actually bring it into our consciousness, but **God loved us first.** God's love is not a reward for good behavior: it is our breath of life. Saint John tells us, "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins." Saint Paul says the same thing: "But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

The first Christians, the early Church, understood that since Jesus rose from the dead, we believers must be the most loving of people, no matter what. Because Jesus loved us and loved us to the death, no matter what.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Fifth Sunday of Easter-
May 6, 10 am
Church Family

Tuesday, May 8, 7 am
Floyd Hall

Wednesday, May 9, 7 am
Saint Eugene's Prayer Group

Ascension Thursday, May 10
10 am in Church
Catherine Chesko

"Thank you to my dear Church Family"
My family and I are overwhelmed by your love and compassion and expressions of sympathy on the loss of Herbert. There are no words written to express our gratitude.

Mrs. Gloria Felder

Mothers' Day is NEXT Sunday, May 13. All ladies are asked to wear their "helmet of salvation" that day to Mass. All will receive a special blessing and gift. Wear those hats!

Also…did you sign up for the Women's Empowerment Day, Saturday, May 12. See Sister Lynn Marie for more information.

TREAT HER LIKE A LADY!

On Sunday, May 20, we will welcome all former parishioners to Mass at 10:00 am. Please reach out to anyone who has moved away or left the Church and invite them to come home that day.

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: 215- 228-8330

Jubilee Year! 1993-2018

SAVE THESE DATES …

Saturday, May 12 – Women's Empowerment Day

Sister Patricia Chappell, Speaker

Sunday, May 13, 10:00 am – Mother's Day & Hat 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