

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

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 10, 2018



"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption"

Psalm from Mass today

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Smile...

our Mass is recorded with video and audio!

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On a Spiritual Note...Satan, the Power of Evil, is a master of deception. He has great skill at taking a half-truth and twisting it to be what it is not. And from there, he can twist our hearts and turn us against one another.

Look at today's first reading. What did he do to Adam and Eve? He did not approach them and convince them that they could eat the forbidden fruit because it was forbidden by God. He did not acknowledge God's love, kindness or mercy. He did not acknowledge that God is the Creator who gave us everything there is, and who gave us the breath of life. No, he played around with their curiosity about good and evil. At the same time, he presented God as having something to hide from them. Once he did that, all the other truths about God flew out the window for them, and the deed was done. By that time, Adam was blaming Eve, and Eve was blaming the serpent. Evil found a home on earth!

In today's Gospel, Jesus is confronting the manipulating, confusing Power of Evil. Satan got the scribes to accuse Jesus of being possessed, and of doing good deeds by the power of evil. Once there was enough confusion, he could turn people's heads and hearts around. But Jesus knew his tricks, and stopped him in his tracks.

How does Satan tempt us? Does he try to convince us that it is fine to turn against God? No, of course not! He tries to trick us, by telling us that evil is really good. Stealing something is good, because "they are out to get you." Cheating on your spouse is good, because they "don't understand you, but I do." Gossiping and back-stabbing are good, because "you need to know this."

The only thing that matters is our friendship with God, helping it to grow, and trusting the Lord who is everything to us. Whatever violates that is from the Evil One, no matter how good it looks.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 10, 10 am

For the Church Family

Tuesday, June 12, 7 am

Sr. Catherine Robinson, SSJ

Wednesday, June 13, 7 am

Sr. Regina Mary Meehan, SSJ

Thursday, June 14, 7 am

John Reilly

Thank you to all who are supporting the White Sunday Special Collection. Each member is asked to donate an additional \$100. We will use this money to make repairs to our buildings. We will celebrate "White Sunday" on September 9.

Thanks for your support!



We offer our best wishes to Deacon Anthony Willoughby, who was ordained a deacon on Saturday, June 9. Deacon Anthony is our most recent African American Catholic Deacon of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

We offer our prayers and support to Melvin and Monica Burton as Melvin continues to journey toward ordination.

Finally, we offer our prayers and support to our seminarian Jamey Moses, who has been assigned for the Summer to Saint Margaret Parish in Narberth, PA. Please keep Jamey and the people of Saint Margaret in prayer.

Fathers' Day / Tie Day
All men of the Church are invited to the Pastor's Prayer Breakfast on Sunday, June 17, 2018. 8:45 am.



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,

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Mamie Keitt, Harold Lavender, Marie Lawrencin, Mary Livingston, Tiffani Livsey, Hazel Marsh, Donna Moorhead, Marva Murray, 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
Theme: 'The best is yet to come'

Sunday, June 17, 8:30 am

Father's Day / Tie Day

Pastors' Breakfast for all men followed by Mass for Father's Day at 10:00 am

First Anniversary of our Men's Choir - "God's Men"

ALL men are invited!



Closing of the Silver Jubilee

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Sunday, October 28, 2018 - 10:00 AM
Most Reverend Timothy Senior, Celebrant and Homilist