

Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church

In the Kingdom of North Philadelphia

"The Kingdom of God is among you." Luke 17:21

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 30, 2018

Let us pray...



and work for justice

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*Smile...
our Mass is recorded with video and audio!*

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'An Independence Mission School'

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On a Spiritual Note

“Scandal.” We usually use that word in the wrong way. We usually mean some action or situation that is shockingly evil. When a well-known person does something terribly wrong, and it becomes big news, we call it a “scandal.” We have had far too many of this type of scandal recently.

But that is not the original meaning of “scandal.” That is when an action leads another person into sin. When we hear the news of a celebrity’s wrongdoing, we do not think of that as a cause of yet another person’s wrongdoing. If anything, it might make other people think twice before doing something wrong.

To “scandalize” someone is like taking them by the hand and leading them to sin. If I take a young person into a corner store and show her how to shoplift, then encourage her to do it, I am leading her into sin. Then I can help her to graduate to a department store. Or, at home, if I am always shouting and cursing, and threatening my spouse with emotional or physical abuse, and the children are around to hear it, I am teaching them the worst way to live married life. I am scandalizing them, because they are likely to enter relationships thinking this is acceptable. If I do not go to Church on Sunday, even though I know I should, not only am I doing something very wrong, I am “scandalizing” any children or young people who are impressionable enough to copy my behavior when they become adults.

Now let’s go back and read again today’s Gospel, knowing that Jesus is talking about teaching children. He may not mean that we should literally cut off our hand or foot, or pluck out our eye, but he is using very strong language to make his point: “Be extremely careful how you teach children, not only by your words, but by your actions.”

Mass Schedule and Intentions

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30, 10 am

For the Church Family

Tuesday, October 2, 7 am

Trish Houck

Wednesday, October 3, 7 am

Margaret Marro

Thursday, October 4, 7 am

Victor White

Thank you to all who purchased the 'Jubilee Tee Shirts'. Special thanks to the Martineer Women who led this ministry.



Thanks to all who supported the 'Race for the Kingdom 5K' last week! Special thanks to Cheryl Greene for coordinating this ministry. Did Father Thorne really finish the race?

Jubilee Year! 1993-2018

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, 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, Patricia Freeman, Charing Garnett, Mary Ann Gill, Martina Granger, Jeffrey Gray, Vainida Hampton, Lynette Ford-Havens, Harry W. Hubbard, Jeffrey Johnson, Gus Johnson, 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, Ira Robinson, Gloria Russell, Doris Simmons, Sarah Solomon, Vernita Trent, Maxine Turner, Audrey Victor, William Victor, Mary Ann Wallace, Lisa Williams, Mary Jean Williams, Baby Tyanna Wallace. *If you are in the hospital, please call the Church Office: 215- 228-8330*



**JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF JAZZ,
WINE AND CHEESE!
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018, 3:00 PM
TICKETS - \$25.00
SEE ANY MEMBER OF THE
HOSPITALITY CLUB FOR TICKETS.**

We are assembling a photo directory and Church history book. All Church members are asked to have their photograph taken. Sign up after Mass for a time slot. Please see Rick Cothran for more information.

Theme: "The best is yet to come"
Closing Mass for our 25th Anniversary
Sunday, October 28, 2018 – 10:00 am



**The Best Is Yet to Come
(feat. Patti LaBelle)**

Grover Washington, Jr.
Patti LaBelle

The Best Is Yet To Come

*Jubilee Banquet - Saturday, November 3, 2018
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm*

*Cottage Greene
9001 Ashton Road, Philadelphia, PA 19136*

*Tickets: \$25.00 - includes full meal, champagne toast and
special jubilee gift.*

Tickets are available after Mass