

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

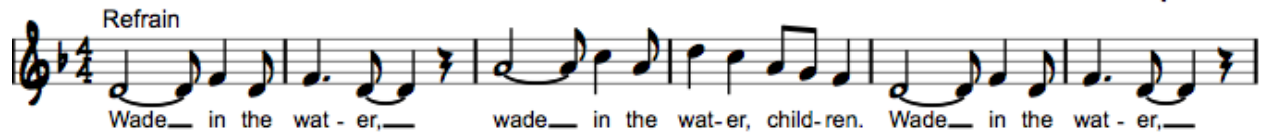
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January 13, 2019 ~ The Baptism of the Lord

Wade in the Water

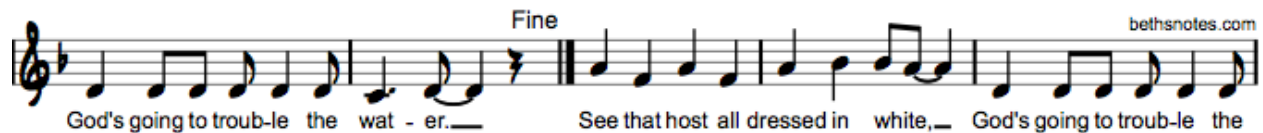
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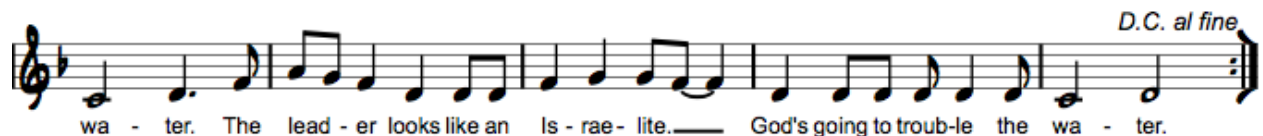
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Who are these children dressed in red?
God's gonna trouble the water
Must be the children that Moses led
God's gonna trouble the water. *Refrain*

Jordan's water is chilly and cold.
God's gonna trouble the water.
It chills the body, but not the soul.
God's gonna trouble the water. *Refrain*

If you get there before I do.
God's gonna trouble the water.
Tell all of my friends I'm coming too.
God's gonna trouble the water. *Refrain*

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On a Spiritual Note

Did Jesus need to be baptized? No, of course not. John the Baptist was performing a baptism of **repentance**; through his baptism, people were turning away from their sins, and starting a fresh relationship with God. Jesus did not need any of that. So why did he do it? Good question.

The Church celebrates today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord as the end of the Christmas Season. Why? What does this have to do with Christmas, which, of course, is the birth of Jesus? Good question.

If we read today's Gospel, what does the Baptism of Jesus look like? It looks like a **presentation, a beginning, an introduction**. John the Baptist is actually fading away: "**I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming...**" John points to Jesus. Then, after Jesus is baptized, while he is praying, "**...heaven was opened and the holy Spirit descended upon him...and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'**" So, why did Jesus do it? This Baptism was the hand-off from the work of John to the work of Jesus.

And, what does this have to do with Christmas? Christmas is about God coming to earth, coming into our world, coming to be with us, to show us his love, and to save us. This Baptism tells us that he is here, God the Father sponsors him, God the Holy Spirit is with him, and his work is beginning. It completes the Christmas miracle.

Where does this leave us on this Feast? Amazed, grateful, assured. Amazed that God really has come into our flesh and into our world. Grateful for the unspeakable gift of God's presence. Assured that we are on the road to eternal life, as long as we listen to him and follow him who loves us so much

Mass Schedule and Intentions

The Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 10 am

For the Church Family



Tuesday, January 15, 7 am

Special Intention

Wednesday, January 16, 7 am

Frank Harrison

Thursday, January 17, 7 am

John Reilly

*The Church Finance Council and Pastoral
Council will meet next Sunday after Mass.*

All members are asked to be present.

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GOSPEL FROM MASS

TODAY...

LUKE 3, 15-21

On Sunday, February 3, 2019, 10:00 am, we will welcome Father Rayford Emmons as our celebrant and homilist to begin Black History Month. After Mass, Father will give a presentation in the hall for our Library Ministry. All are welcome!



In 1974, Fr. Emmons was the first African American priest ordained in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and later he became the first African American pastor of a parish.

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, Sharon Faison, Frances Floyd, Janice Floyd, Patricia Freeman, Charing Garnett, Mary Ann Gill, Paul Giovetsis, 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, John Perry, Norma Plenty, James Porter, Kevin Reaves, Andre Roberts, Elias Robinson, Ira Robinson, Gloria Russell, Doris Simmons, Vernita Trent, Audrey Victor, William Victor, Mary Ann Wallace, Mary Wilchcombe, Lisa Williams, Mary Jean Williams, Baby Tyanna Wallace.

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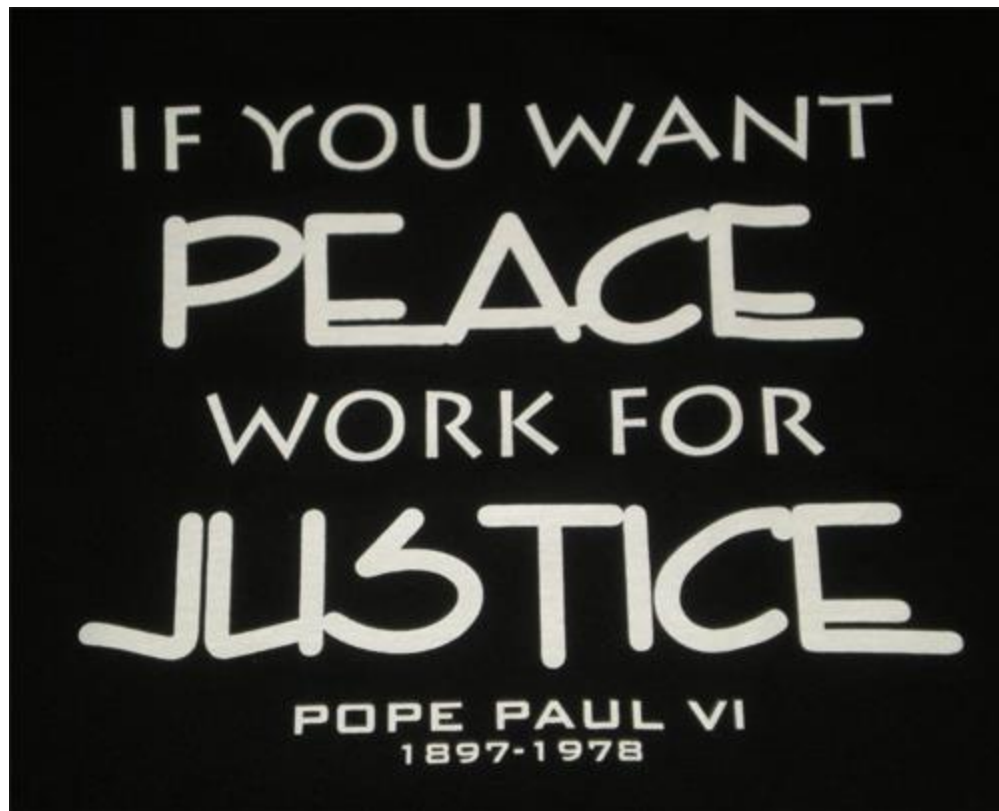
Archdiocesan Celebration in Remembrance of the life of
Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Monday, January 21, 2019 - 7:00PM

Guest Speaker

Bishop Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D.
Bishop of Belleville

Saint Joseph University - Chapel of St. Joseph
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Monday, January 14 – Tuesday, January 22

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