

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
Deacon Melvin Burton, Jr. - Church Deacon

June 9, 2019 - The Solemnity of Pentecost

*May God bless our new deacon,
Deacon Melvin Burton, his wife Monica and their family*



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On a Spiritual Note ...

What happens when the Holy Spirit comes and is with us? Well, today's first reading shows how dramatic it can be. Tongues as of fire, a loud wind, the house shaking, speech in languages that the disciples did not even know, telling the wonderful works of God - all bringing together people from all over.

Often it is dramatic. Luke tells us that when Mary went to visit Elizabeth after Mary learned she was to be the mother of Jesus, Elizabeth started praising God "in a loud voice" (Luke 1:42). You can imagine. And many of us have either experienced it ourselves, or know someone who has, that there was a sudden powerful burst of joy at the presence of the Holy Spirit.

But it is rarely dramatic. The Holy Spirit is with us all day every day, if we are open to him, and he works in quiet but powerful and noticeable ways. Isaiah chapter 11 tells us the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, right counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord. These are not dramatic, but they are certainly powerful. In Galatians chapter 5, Saint Paul says that the fruits of the Holy Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. In other words, these are a way of life, a set of attitudes, a positive embrace of God and other people. Here are the things Jesus taught: they give us the path to UNITY, PEACE, HARMONY, being truly the Body of Christ, - ONE body. The Holy Spirit is the very soul of the Church, and the Church is the Body of Christ.

Living with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit does not happen automatically. There are powerful forces fighting against us, - most especially, Satan. Again, Saint Paul, still in chapter 5 of Galatians, lists the works that he calls "the flesh:" immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness, dissensions, factions, occasions of envy, drinking bouts, orgies, and the like.

So, how do we side with the Holy Spirit and against the works of "the flesh?" We have to ask: prayer, deliberate actions to foster the right way of living, even fasting. We have to want the Holy Spirit: we must be open and be ready for change. He will take us where we sometimes do not want to go: we must go anyway! The "flesh" offers artificial happiness: the Holy Spirit offers the real thing!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Pentecost Sunday– June 9, 10 am
For the Church Family

Tuesday, June 11, 7:00 am
Sister Margaret Siegfried, S.S.J.

Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 am
Joan Dombrowsky

Thursday, June 13, 7:00 am
Tony Wong

Church Meeting!

As you know during the Sundays of Lent, we held a Parish Assembly to discuss the blessings and opportunities for our Church Family. Many thanks to all who participated in those sessions. All are welcome to a Meeting to discuss the pastoral priorities from the Assembly. We will meet on **MONDAY, JUNE 10, 6:30 pm** in the Church Hall.



Please support the Church Flea Market on Saturday, June 15! We are in need of vendors. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

Congratulations to Joshua Brooks, who was welcomed into the Catholic Church and received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist last Sunday. May God bless him and his family!



See the insert about the Jazz Concert on June 30! Please support this event.

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, Muriel Booker, Dorothy Bradley, Christopher Browne, 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, Shirley Fields, 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, Mamie Keitt, 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, Lois Streeter, Larry Tillman, Audrey Victor, William Victor, Mary Ann Wallace, Mary Wilchcombe, Lisa Williams, Mary Jean Williams, Baby Tyanna Wallace.

If you are in the hospital, please call the Church Office: 215- 228-8330

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Upcoming Events

June 16, 2019 - Father's Day / Tie Day



Pastor's Prayer Breakfast – 8:45 am

All men and young men invited. Please wear a tie!

Doug Stanford will give the word of encouragement.

Mass – 10:00 am