

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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June 30, 2019 – Thirteen Sunday in Ordinary Time

God bless our youth!



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On a Spiritual Note ...

God's work is urgent! The Kingdom of God must be proclaimed and built up! The forces of evil, - Satan and his co-workers are busy trying to tear it down! Don't resume that everything is just fine! It depends on you!!

Can you feel the urgency in today's readings? As soon as Elisha learns that he is to inherit the mission of prophet, what does he do? He drops everything, and destroys his plow and oxen, separating himself completely from his old life. He will obey God humbly and absolutely.

In the Gospel, Jesus stirs up the sense of urgency in what seem like cruel ways. He seems insensitive to the young man's need to bury his father, or to the other person's wish to say good-bye to the family. In reality, Jesus was probably not forbidding those human needs and obligations, - he was most likely telling those persons, "Don't let those things distract you, or take you away from your mission. Proclaim the kingdom of God!"

What about us? The Kingdom of God needs us, - urgently. Satan is only too willing to jump in if we slacken. Our love for our family and our attention to the children must be urgent. Our actions and words as a Christian at work are desperately needed. If co-workers know we are Catholics, they will ask questions, they will wonder why, they will want to know, - well, bring it on! When we don't know the answer to a question, we can find out in a hurry! When a neighbor needs help, don't let a Christian be asleep!

Loving God and being a disciple of Jesus Christ is the highest calling, the greatest privilege, the most attractive kind of love. As Jesus says, "...you, go and proclaim the Kingdom of God."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time– June 30, 10:00 am
For the Church Family

Tuesday, July 2, 8:00 am
Holy Souls

Wednesday, July 3, 8:00 am
Michael Michrech

Congratulations to Harriet and Frank Sistrunk, who are celebrating 50 years of Marriage today!

Thank you to all who supported the Roman Chance Drive.

Here are the winners of the 2019 Spring Chance raffle.

1st Prize for \$5,000: Margo Jones
Seller: Chase Alcorn

2nd Prize for \$2,000: Mark Robinson
Seller: Jayne Cook

3rd Prize for \$1,000: Jessica Calderon
Seller: Rosy Robinson

4th Prize for \$1,000: Marcella A. Rice
Seller: same

5th Prize for \$1,000: Melissa Morales
Seller: Pollard

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, Kerry Hall, 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, Vicente Velazquez, 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 so we can visit you:
215- 228-8330*

Please support our college students by donating a small gift for them as they off to school. Simply take a “post it” note off the statue of Saint Martin de Porres, purchase the gift and retrun it to Church. Thank you for supporting our youth.





As you know during the Sundays of Lent, we held a Parish Assembly to discuss the blessings and opportunities of our Church Family. Many thanks to all who participated in those sessions. The Parish Pastoral Council met to review the findings of those conversations. Also, last week there was an open Church Meeting to do the same. The following is the draft of the Pastoral Priorities that came from the Assembly. If any Church Member has any concerns, questions or disagreements on these priorities, please email Father Thorne: frsthorne@gmail.com

DRAFT of our PASTORAL PRIORITIES (2019 – 2024)

1 – WORSHIP AND GROWING IN HOLINESS OF LIFE

How can we improve relationships with each other as we grow closer to God?

2 – SHARING OUR BLESSINGS, THE GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP

How can we get more people involved in ministries and continue to strengthen our financial vitality?

3 – CARE FOR OUR ELDERS WHILE WE PREPARE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

How do we care for our elders and pass on their wisdom as we engage the new generation of leaders?

4 – COMMUNICATING OUR MESSAGE

How do we better use social media and other platforms to share our message?

5 – OUR MINISTRY IN THE “KINGDOM”

How do we improve the quality of life in North Philly, be activists for social justice and care for the poor?