

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.

September 1, 2019 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

May God bless our students, parents and teachers!



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On a Spiritual Note ...

When Jesus encourages us to be humble, he does not mean the kind of humility that demeans us. Humility does not erase my dignity, it does not belittle me, and it does not make everyone else more important than I am. Humility enables me to step aside from that whole way of thinking and looking at people.

Humility means that I am who I am, no more, no less. Most importantly, I don't have to measure my importance. I do not have to see how I compare with anyone else. I am free of that! So, being free of all that, I can concentrate on who I actually am, - I am a child of God, I am the unique, unrepeatable, lovable person who has come from the hand of God. Instead of having to make myself important (and having to make sure others know it), I simply am who I am. I am free!

Any wonderful qualities I have are a gift from God, so I am grateful. I can use my gifts to help and serve other people, and to praise God. I do not have to run in the "rat race" of scoring points about my status or rank or anything else.

And since I am not conscious of rank or status, I can see everyone else, - really everyone else, as my brother and sister: the sick, the disabled, the very poor, elderly, the outcasts...

The teaching of Jesus does not make us oppressed, it makes us free.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 1, 10:00 am

Pope Francis goes to Daily Mass. Do you?



Tuesday, September 3, 7:00 am
Barbara Eskuche

Wednesday, September 4, 7:00 am
John Nese

Thursday, September 5, 7:00 am
Janice Buus

Thank you to all who donated school supplies for the children in our community. May all students, parents and teacher have a great school year!

Assembly in action!

As a result of our Parish Assembly we want to provide more opportunities to meet and greet each other after Mass. TODAY we will have “end of the Summer” refreshments. Plan to stay and spend time with each other.

Any parent of a young person who would like their child to become an altar server is asked to see Deacon Burton.

Rite of Christian Initiation: 2019-2020

Have you been giving yourself some time in prayer asking God to lead the way for you? Do you feel that it's time to come “home?” Do you know in your heart that God has placed you in the right place at the right time? As the Director of Religious Education, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join “The Rite of Christian Initiation classes. (RCIA) is a spiritual journey in preparation toward becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church. If you would like to take this spiritual journey toward becoming a catholic then please contact Sister Lynn Marie. If you are already Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, I invite you to contact me as well. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at: 215.288.8330 or srlmralph@gmail.com.

Let us pray for the Sick...

We pray for all in our Church Family who are sick and those who care for them: 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, Barbara Dunn, George Ellington, Sharon Faison, Gloria Felder, Rita Felder, Shirley Fields, Frances Floyd, Janice Floyd, Delores Ford, 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, Bucky Shimp, Doris Simmons, Lois Streeter, Larry Tillman, Vicente Velazquez, Audrey Victor, William Victor, Mary Ann Wallace, Tyanna Wallace, Lisa Williams, Mary Jean Williams, Sylvia Williams.

*If you are in the hospital, please call the Church Office so we can visit you:
215- 228-8330*

Upcoming Events!

First day of School – Tuesday, September 3!

***Saint Katharine Drexel Prayer Group
Tuesday, September 3, 11:00 am
Rectory Chapel***

***Community Meeting
Wednesday, September 4, 6:30 pm
Community Hall - ALL are welcome***

***Concert featuring God's Men
Saturday, September 7, 3:00 pm
Saint Ignatius Catholic Church***

***Church Fashion Show
Featuring our 'Classy Seniors'
Saturday, September 21***

***Family and Friends Day 2019
Sunday, September 29***

