

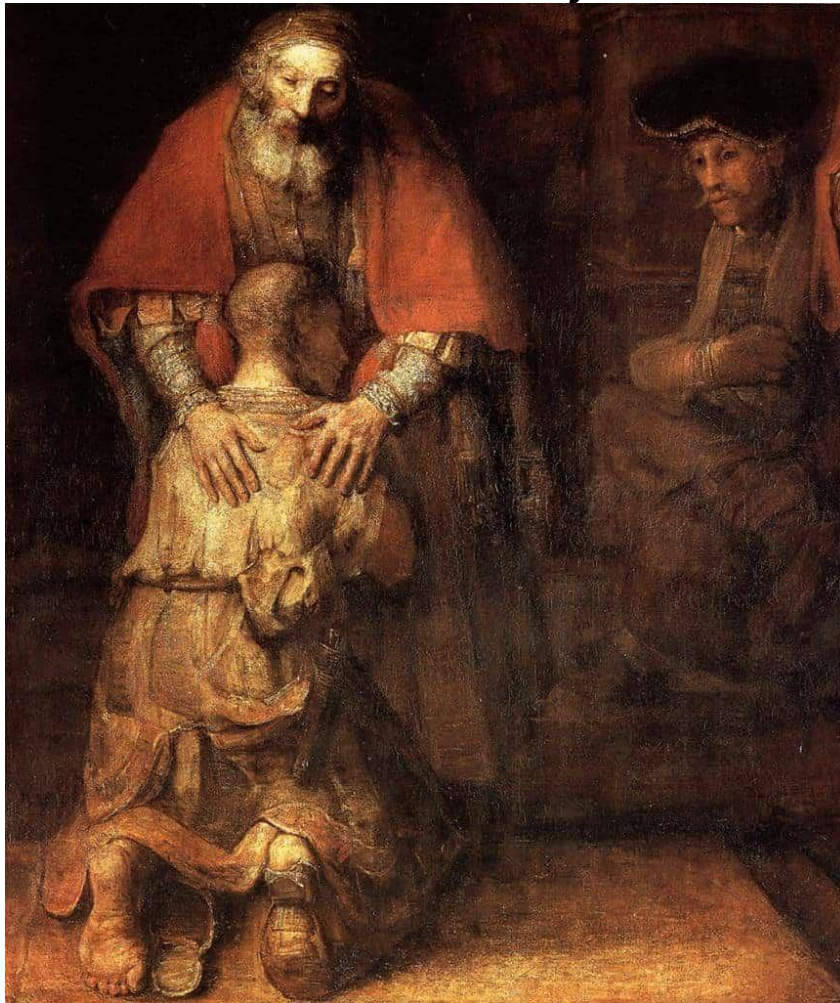
Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church

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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September 15, 2019 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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On a Spiritual Note ...

The story of the Prodigal Son (sometimes also called the Prodigal Father), is one of the most beloved stories in Scripture. As in most of Jesus' stories, we may be able to see ourselves in one of the characters. Take your pick:

- The younger son: at first greedy, selfish, promiscuous; but later hungry, regretful, and finally repentant. Then he comes face-to-face with the father's incredible love and forgiveness;
- The father, at first allowing himself to be used by that son, even made to seem foolish; but so full of love for his children, that he runs to meet his repentant son, cuts short the son's apology, and then comes out to talk things over with his older son;
- The older son, - hard-working, obedient, loyal, but then jealous and indignant, self-righteous.

Here are just few questions for each character. If you have identified with one of the characters, these questions are for you:

- For the younger son:
 - Does your father's love change your life now? Have you grown past your hunger for food to hunger to return and spread the flood of love and mercy you have received?
- For the father:
 - You never stopped loving that wayward son, even though he had made a fool of you. How did you do that? How did you balance your love for each son with their different needs?
- For the older son:
 - Did you ever come to understand what your father was trying to teach you when you were self-righteous? Have you outgrown your self-righteous attitude?

Jesus was, of course, teaching us about God the Father and his love for us. How absolutely wonderful!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 10:00 am

For the Church Family

Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 am

Helen Zaroda

Wednesday, September 18, 7:00 am

Janice Boyle

Thursday, September 19, 7:00 am

Anna Di Marco



There will be Bible Study on Wednesday,

September 18, 6:30 pm

ALL are welcome

Assembly in action!

As a result of our Parish Assembly we want to provide more opportunities to meet and greet each other after Mass. Plan to join us on Sunday October 6 after Mass for refreshments in the Church Hall.

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

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, September 16, 6:30 pm in the Rectory. All members are expected to attend.

Rite of Christian Initiation

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 Giovettsis, 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, Taylor Stringer, 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:

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Upcoming Events!

***Saint Katharine Drexel Prayer Group
Tuesday, September 17, 11:00 am
Rectory Chapel***

***Church Fashion Show
Featuring our 'Classy Seniors'
Saturday, September 21, 1:00 pm***

***Family and Friends Day 2019
Sunday, September 29, 10:00 am
All are asked to come to Mass and bring 4 others!
The color of the day will be "Grateful Green"***



***Trip sponsored the Golden Age Ministry
Saturday, October 12***

***Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the
National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Saturday, October 19
Please call the Church Office for more information***