

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 22, 2019 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Burton baptizes his first baby, his grandchild.



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On a Spiritual Note ...

What is your relationship with money? That is a tough question. We all have a relationship with money, and it is complicated. We need it in everyday life. Sometimes we love it, especially when there is a little more than we expected. Sometimes we hate it, especially when it disappears too quickly.

Jesus today is telling us to be careful about that relationship, because it can lead to trouble. How often are people tempted to dishonesty, stealing, betraying a trust, ruining a relationship, - all because of money? There is never enough to suit us, and trouble follows.

Jesus talks about this, because money is one of those things that can become an addiction. It can damage our life, the lives of others, and even our relationship with God.

The key is to keep close watch on who is in the driver's seat. Do we use money to meet real needs, and to appreciate life enough to praise God? Or does money control us?

Only God is our God. Praise him and thank him!!!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 10:00 am
For the Church Family

Tuesday, September 24, 7:00 am
Dolores Young Dawson

Wednesday, September 25, 7:00 am
John Bullen, III

Thursday, September 26, 7:00 am
Janice Boyle



There will be Bible Study on Wednesday,
September 25, 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.

The next Community Meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 6:30 pm. All are welcome!



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 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, 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:
215- 228-8330*

Family and Friends Day 2019

*NEXT Sunday
September 29, 10:00 am*

Give me 5!

All are asked to come to Mass and bring 4 others!

The color of the day will be “Grateful Green”

