

# 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.**

**October 6, 2019 - 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Blessings upon 'God's Men' as they go off to the  
National Black Catholic Men's Conference in Los Angeles*



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## ***On a Spiritual Note ...***

Jesus is tough: he demands a lot!  
When his disciples ask him about faith,  
he gives them an earful!

Jesus is a good Jew: he knows his Bible. He remembers the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk, and today's first reading, where the prophet asks God to explain himself, because of all the evil he sees. God tells him, in other words, to mind his own business, and to trust God more. Do not doubt that God will take care of his people, but also don't try to give God directions. Jesus knows that God also gave the same kind of answer to Job, when he was trying to question God.

So Jesus tells the disciples that they must not try to control God, or try to bargain with him. Don't try to get what you want from God by reminding him of all the good things you have done for him! You are nothing but a worker who just does his or her job! When Jesus asked the Father to let the cup of suffering pass him by, he added, "Not my will, but yours be done." (Luke 22:42) Jesus, more than anyone, might have felt justified to say, "Look at all I have done for you!" But he bowed his head to the will of the Father. And only by way of suffering, humiliation, torture, and unjustified death did he arrive at the Resurrection.

Should we expect a better deal than Jesus?

God asks us to trust him, and to trust in his love. Let go, don't try to control, don't try to bargain, - just be his child!

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### **27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October 6, 10:00 am  
*For the Church Family*

*Tuesday, October 8, 7:00 am*  
*Joseph Consentine*

*Wednesday, October 9, 7:00 am*  
*Geraldine Shane*

*Thursday, October 10, 7:00 am*  
*Betty Smith*

### **OCTOBER COUNT... YOU matter...**

During the month of October, every parish in the Archdiocese must count every person who comes to Mass. This is one of the important indicators of a healthy Church family. As always, please make Sunday Mass a priority in your life.

### **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 say after Mass TODAY for refreshments in the Church Hall.



Thank you to all who brought Family and Friends to Mass last Sunday. Please continue to invite people to Mass ANY Sunday.

## **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, Bill Davis, John Davis, Barbara Dunn, George Ellington, Sharon Faison, Gloria 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*

# ***October events in the Kingdom!***

***Please support our Fall Fund Raiser  
by buying and selling Roman Chances***



***Sunday, October 6, 10:00 am  
Blessing of "God's Men" as they go off to Los Angeles for the  
National Black Catholic Men's Conference***

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

***Saturday, October 19  
Pantry Party sponsored by the Ladies of Peter Claver***

***Sunday, October 20, 10:00 am  
Mass with our Sister Parish -  
Saint Katharine of Siena***

***Sunday October 27, 10:00 am  
Wear PINK to Mass as we support  
Cancer Survivors***