

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.

December 8, 2019

*"A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."*



Second Sunday of Advent

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On a Spiritual Note ...

Prayer is a wonderful way to help cut away from distractions of the season and open your heart to prepare for the joy and hope of Christ's birth. Here is a sample prayer to use during the season to focus your heart and mind for the birth of Jesus Christ.

This Advent, Lord, come to the manger of my heart. Fill me with Your presence from the very start. As I prepare for the holidays and gifts to be given, Remind me of the gift You gave when You sent Your Son from Heaven. The first Christmas gift, it was the greatest gift ever. You came as a baby born in a manger. Wrapped like the gifts I find under my tree, Waiting to be opened, to reveal Your love to me. Restore to me the wonder that came with Jesus' birth, When He left the riches of Heaven and wrapped Himself in rags of earth. Immanuel, God with us, Your presence came that night. And angels announced, "Into your darkness, God brings His Light." "Do not be afraid," they said, to shepherds in the field. Speak to my heart today, Lord, and help me to yield. Make me like those shepherds, obedient to Your call. Setting distractions and worries aside, to You I surrender them all. Surround me with Your presence, Lord, I long to hear Your voice. Clear my mind of countless concerns and all the holiday noise. Slow me down this Christmas, let me not be in a rush. In the midst of parties and planning, I want to feel Your hush. This Christmas, Jesus, come to the manger of my heart. Invade my soul like Bethlehem, bringing peace to every part. Dwell within and around me, as I unwrap Your presence each day. Keep me close to You, Lord. It's in Your wonderful Name I pray.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

2nd Sunday in Advent

December 8, 10:00 am

James Richardson

Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 am

Joe & Mickey McGoey

Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 am

Michael Quigley

Thursday, December 12, 7:00 am

Maria Angelina Mercadante

*There will be Bible Study on
Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 pm.*

*We will focus on the Scriptures of
Advent. Joins us with your Bible.*



We offer our deepest prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Ceani Smalls, who was tragically murdered last week near our Church. Ceani was a graduate of our school and an intelligent, gifted young lady. Her murder reminds us of the many lives lost by gun violence. May Ceani rest in peace and may we PRAY and WORK for peace in our community.



The Hospitality Club is sponsoring a New Year's Eve basket raffle. Tickets are \$2.00 and are available after Mass



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, 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, Renee Turner, 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

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I don't mind waiting

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
and quiet prayer before Mass begins
Sunday at 9:00 am.*

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
will be available before and after Mass.*

*Advent Bible Study
Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 pm
Come and learn about the Scriptures of Advent.*

*“At Home with the Word”
Take a Prayer Book for you and a friend.*

*Please support the ‘Giving Saint’ Ministry
Simply take a tag from the statue of Saint Martin de Porres,
purchase the gift and return it to Church.*