

Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church

In the Kingdom of North Philadelphia

"The Kingdom of God is among you." Luke 17:21

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March 29, 2020 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Lazarus, come out...untie him and let him go" John 11,1-45



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Mass Schedule and Intentions

5th Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

For the Church Family

Tuesday, March 31

Felton Gallon

Wednesday, April 1

Phillip Kretschman

Thursday, April 2

M. Mungun & J. Sakowski

Dear Church Family,

I greet you on this 5th Sunday of Lent, as we continue to walk together in these challenging days. So many are hurting physically, emotionally and financially at this time. Let us continue to keep all in prayer

As your Pastor, I trust in the Lord and know how good you are, so we will get through this together. Recently, I met with the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils on conference call. As a result of that meeting and following Archbishop Perez's directions, I share the following with you:

- 1) *Mass will not be offered until further notice.*
- 2) *The Church will be open for private prayer on Sunday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.*
- 3) *I am available for spiritual conversation, please email me: fristhorne@gmail.com*
- 4) *To keep our Church open and vital, please continue your financial contributions in the following ways: drop them off in Church on Sunday or the Rectory during the week (9:00 am - 12:00 pm), mail it, or let me know if you need your offering picked up. We will be setting up e-giving and other ways you can contribute electronically. Your continued generosity and sacrifice is appreciated at these trying times.*
- 5) *If you have a pastoral issue or are in need of food, please contact me at the Church Office, 215 228-8330. Either Deacon Burton or I will reach out to you.*

Finally, please join me for prayer at 10:00 am every Sunday wherever you may be. I will be offering a spiritual message that you can view on our website and YouTube. Also, I will be offering Mass via livestream in the near future. As Baptized Christians, please call each other for prayer, as well as, check on each other.

As I have said many times for the past nine years as your Pastor, "the Kingdom of God is among us." (Luke 17, 21) God has not and will not abandon us.

Reverend Stephen D. Thorne, Pastor