

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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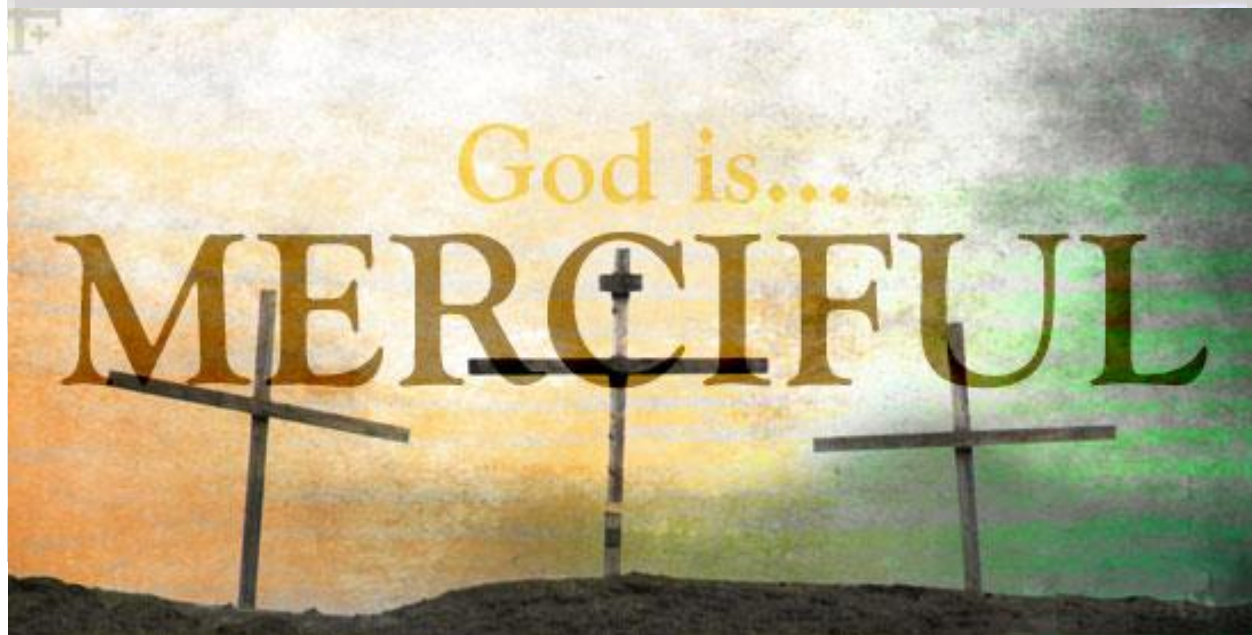
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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 13, 2020



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On a Spiritual Note...

Think of the worst thing you have ever done. Did you ask for God's forgiveness? Did you go to confession? Do you believe God has forgiven you? Now, how many other times have you needed God's forgiveness? Do you believe that God has never refused to forgive you?

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of Noah, Moses, Elijah, Jeremiah and the Maccabees was always ready, even surprisingly ready, to forgive. And the Jesus of the Gospels is not a holder of grudges.

That brings us to ourselves, as people of God, as disciples of Jesus. If we are followers of Jesus, and not just admirers, we have to be committed to the spirit of forgiving. Jesus strongly insists on it in today's Gospel.

Absolutely, sometimes forgiving is hard, - very hard. Sometimes it is not just a matter of overlooking someone's action, - it is also about the hurt. Sometimes we feel deeply hurt, and it is worse when the offender is someone we love dearly. Family quarrels, lovers' quarrels, best friend quarrels, can lead to the most hurtful divisions. Those are the break-ups where people say, "I'll never forgive that." What they (we) are really saying is, "I'll never get over that pain."

Two thoughts from today's readings:

- Sirach advises us to "Remember your last days, set enmity aside." When we stand before the Lord, what will we wish we had done with our grudge?
- Jesus says, "So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

God asks us to be no more merciful to others than he has been to us

Mass Schedule and Intentions

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 12, 2020, 5:00 pm

Special Intention

Sunday, September 13, 2020, 10:00 am

Special Intention

Monday, September 14, 8:00 am

Kent Nixon

Tuesday, September 15, 8:00 am

Michael Hart

Wednesday, September 16, 8:00 am

Juanita Barlow

Thursday, September 17, 8:00 am

John Reilly

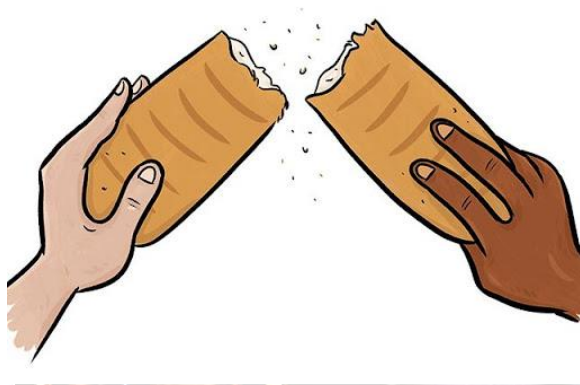
Friday, September 18, 8:00 am

Francis Brolley

We offer prayer and sympathy to the family and friends of Leonard Hodge, who recently passed away. May he rest in the peace of Christ.



Please share your blessings and bring a canned good to Mass with you and leave it at the Shrine of Saint Martin de Porres. This will help us help others!



The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, September 27 after Mass in the Church Hall. All members are asked to be present.

If you would like your home blessed, please call the Church Office, (215) 228-8330

Please keep our young people in prayer as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in November. Special thanks to Father Mekonnen, Catechists and Parents who are teaching them the Faith.

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, Arthur Brandt, Christopher Browne, Andre Carter, Janice Whitmore Carter, Kivia Carter, Lamont Chase, Helen Clowney, Mario Coleman, Donna Collier, Ella Combs, Danielle Daniels, John Davis, Stephanie Durrell, 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, Theresa Hart, Vainida Hampton, Lynette Ford-Havens, Harry W. Hubbard, Jeffrey Johnson, Marie Lawrencin, Mary Livingston, Tiffani Livsey, Hazel Marsh, Yakaisha 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, William Ward, Tyanna Wallace, Lisa Williams, Mary Jean Williams, Sylvia Williams, Cheryl Wright.



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