

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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Deacon Melvin Burton, Jr.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2023

AND JESUS SAID



"Amen, I say to you,
whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

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Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

Dir. of Parish Services - Mr. James Andrews

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Congratulations!

Ms. Letitia Owens Holloway

&

Ms. Ellen Pearson

Winners of the Labor Day Raffle

sponsored by

Knights & Ladies of Peter Claver

Eucharistic Congress!

Saturday, September 30, 2023

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Event: 2023 Eucharistic Congress "The Gift of Finest Wheat: This is My Body Given Up for You"

Join us for a day of encounter with Jesus' infinite love for us in the Eucharist! The day begins with Holy Mass at 9:00 AM celebrated by Archbishop Pérez and concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 PM. Talks by compelling speakers will be offered. Tracks are available in English, Spanish, American Sign Language as well as a College Track, Teen Track (ages 13-17) and a Children's Track (ages 6-12).

Location: National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA

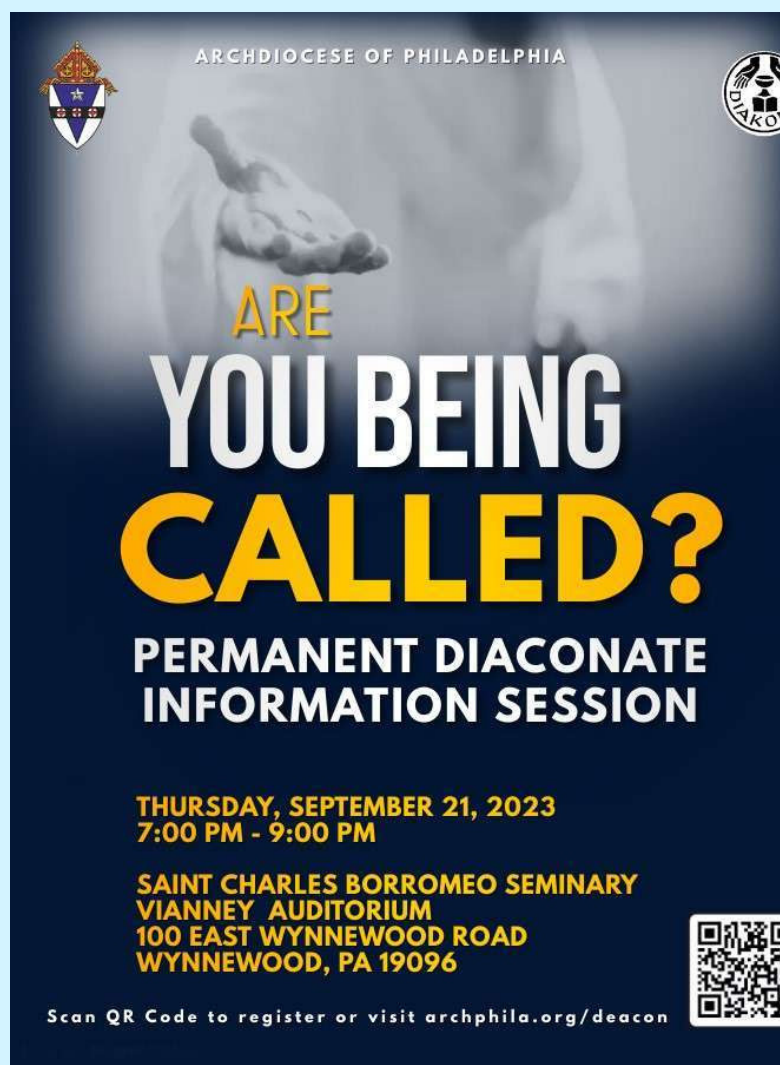
More info: Meals will not be served, please bring your own lunch; Adults \$25.00 per person, no charge for clergy and youth under age 18; please register at: phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress

Anointing of the Sick

This "is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived." –

Catechism of the Catholic Church.

We invite Catholic men (and wives if married) between the ages of 29 and 55 to join us for an in-person panel of clergy about discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate and admittance to the School for Diaconal Formation program. Interested in attending this Permanent Diaconate Information Session?



Save the Date

September 24 - Fr Mekonnen's Pastor Installation Mass & Reception*

October 12 - 14th National Black Men's Conference, Louisville, KY

October 28 - Catholic Womens Conference, National Shrine Our Lady of Czestochowa Doylestown, PA

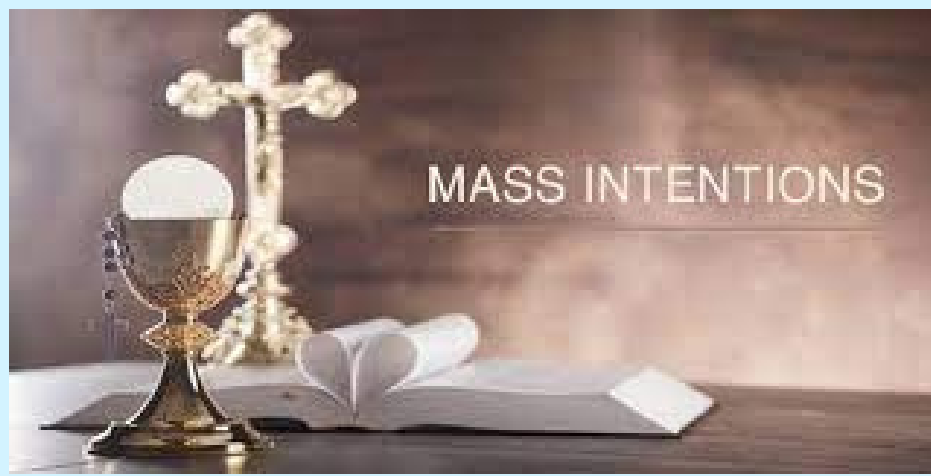
*Fr. Philip Bochanski, Celebrant & Homilist
Monsignor Frederico A. Britto, Deanery 9

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the process to become Catholic? Or are you curious about what initiation for adults means?

Saturdays at 2 p.m. in the Rectory



7:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule & Intentions



Begin your day with Mass

Sunday, September 10, 2023
in the Church

“For the People of the Church”

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Eleanor Rulley

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Richard Savoy

Friday, September 15, 2023

Lois Zandier

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Stephen Sykes



The power of prayer!
Let us pray for the Sick.

We pray for all in our Church Family who are

SICK AND THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM:

**JENAI BALLARD, MURIEL BOOKER, LUCILE BROWN,
ANDRE CARTER, BARBARA CARTER, JANICE WHITMORE-
CARTER, GERALD CARTER, MELODY COOPER, MARY
COOPER, HELEN DIRKSON, RITA FELDER,
JANICE FLOYD, THERESA HART, LYNETTE FORD-HAVENS,
HARRY W. HUBBARD, AUGUSTUS JOHNSON, MARIE
LAWRENCIN, HAZEL MARSH, YAKAISHA MARSH, LISA
MCLOED, WILLIAM PATTERSON, CLARENCE PRESTON,
ALMA ROSS, LOIS STREETER, TAMIKA TENDER, RENEE
TURNER, VICENTE VELAZQUEZ, AUDREY VICTOR, JANICE
WHITMORE, LISA WILLIAMS, MARY JEAN WILLIAMS,
SHARON WILLIAMS, SYLVIA WILLIAMS**

Please contact the church office to add or remove loved ones from our Prayer list. 215.228.8330

Bible Study
with Deacon Burton

Matthew 18: 11-35

THURSDAY 6:30 PM

Meeting ID: 570 117 8316

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Reflections
from the Deacon's desk !

Dear Church family,

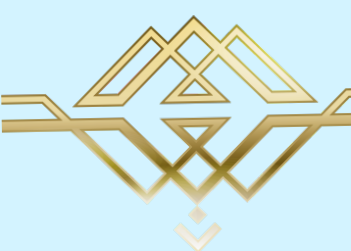
St. Paul is the most important theologian in the history of the Church. He first gave an expression to many truths that are the basis of the Creed and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. I spent some time looking into his life. My guide was Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen who said that he spent one hour of preparation for every minute of preaching.

St. Paul had a personal encounter with the glorified Christ on his way to Damascus. That private revelation took just a minute in Paul's life, in which he was blinded for three days, and changed Paul into a converted new man. The persecutor of Christ was changed into a strong zealous believer to proclaim that Jesus is the promised Messiah. Because he saw the glorified Christ and listened to him, he was called by him, and he was sent to convert the world.

Church family, Christ is the key to St. Paul's conversion, we are to experience what St. Paul experienced. Somewhere somehow in our own spiritual life journey, we all will find ourselves on that road to Damascus to be transformed by the same Jesus who will take hold of us with love and show us who he is and who we really are. This can change the way we speak, the way we worship, and encounter fellowship within our church. If we listen as St. Paul did and allow Jesus to enlighten our spirit, He will bring us everlasting peace in ourselves.

We can pray for the grace to turn away from sin and embrace a new life in Christ. Amen.

Yours in Christ.
Deacon Melvin

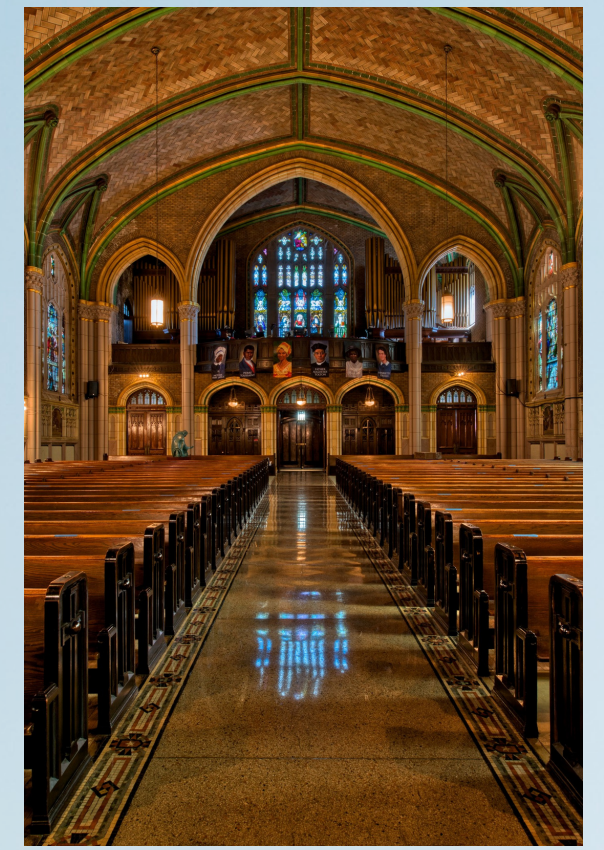




Saturdays -11:00 a.m. Mass

**Sundays - 9:15 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
or by appointment**

All are Welcome!



Welcome to Saint Martin de Porres Church. Based in North Philadelphia, we are a Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We are one diverse spiritual community called to follow Jesus Christ. "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life" - John 3:16.

When we pray the Rosary, we put ourselves and our intentions into God's hands. As we pray, we can let go of any worries we may have and we can choose to completely trust in God, knowing that He is listening to our prayers and that He wants the best for us and those we pray for.

ROSARY ONLINE - FRIDAY 6:30 PM

ZOOM Meeting # 282 564 5789

Mobile # (16465588656) (2825645789)

Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

The essential aim of the Legion of Mary is the sanctification of its members through prayer, the sacraments and devotion to Mary and the Trinity, and of the whole world through the apostolate of the Legion.

Saturdays 12:00 p.m. LEGION OF MARY



New Rectory Office Hours:

Thursdays and Fridays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

New Parishioners are most welcome and are encouraged to register as soon as possible after moving into the Parish. Please see an usher after church and request a form.

Home blessings & Holy Communion are available. Anyone who wishes their home blessed, please call the rectory. If any of our homebound or shut in parishioners wish to receive Holy Communion, please call the rectory 215.228.8330.



If you are in the hospital or sick, please contact the church office, 215.228.8330 for a visit from Fr. Mekonnen.

