

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2023

AND JESUS SAID



**“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,
nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.”**

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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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We are thankful for all those who participated in our Birthday celebration for the Blessed Mother! Despite the weather it was a success because of you. Special thanks to our cooks: Ms Yvonne Gray & Terrence Landham and all those who worked tirelessly to make it a memorable event!



Eucharistic Congress!

Saturday, September 30, 2023

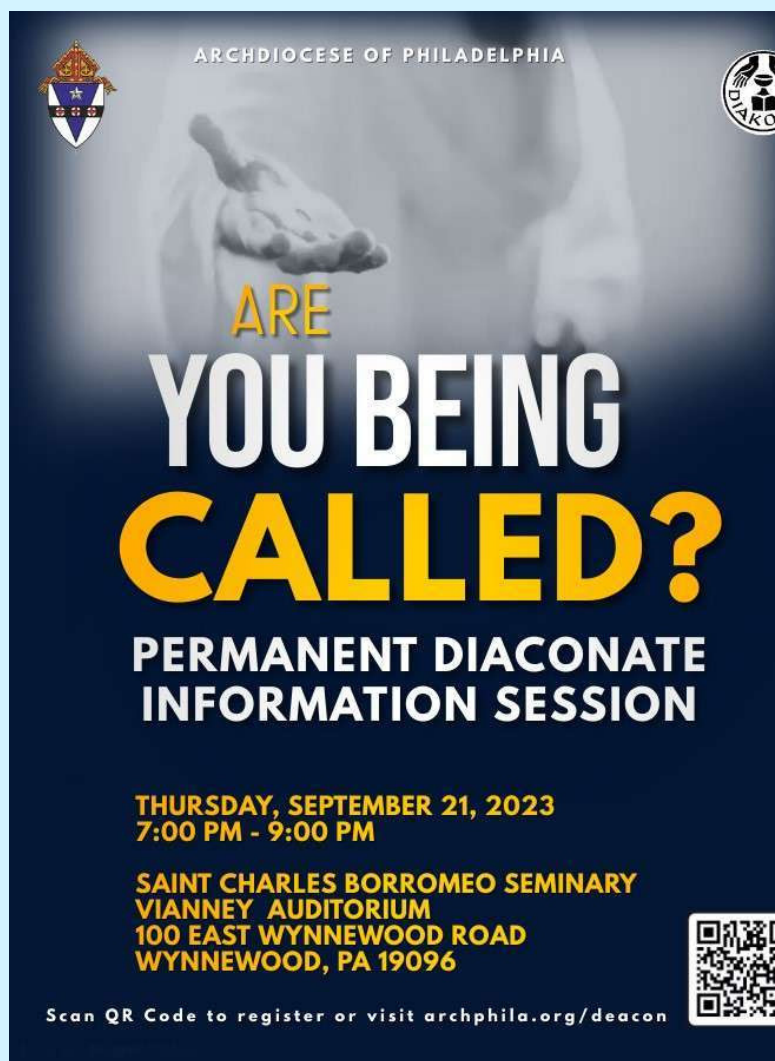
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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).

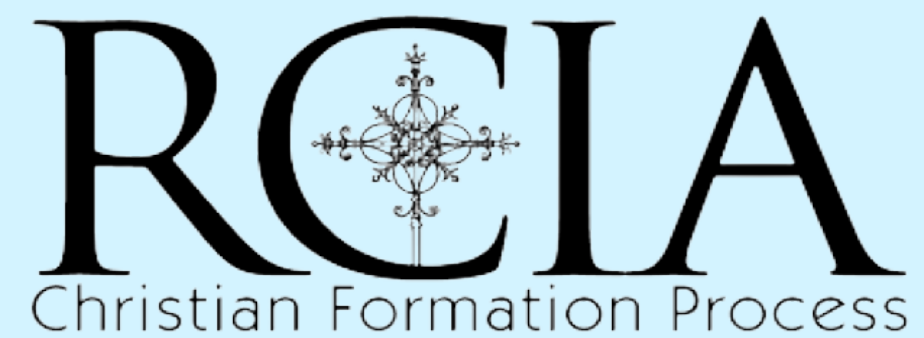
Virtual participation only (in person event is sold out)

Consider participating virtually via livestream! The cost is \$20 per household.

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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?



Christian Initiation of Adults RCIA Program This prepares adolescents and adults for Baptism and full Communion in the Catholic Church. Do you know anyone who might be interested in becoming Catholic or wanting to know more about the Catholic faith? If so, meetings every -

Saturdays at 2 p.m. in the Rectory



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

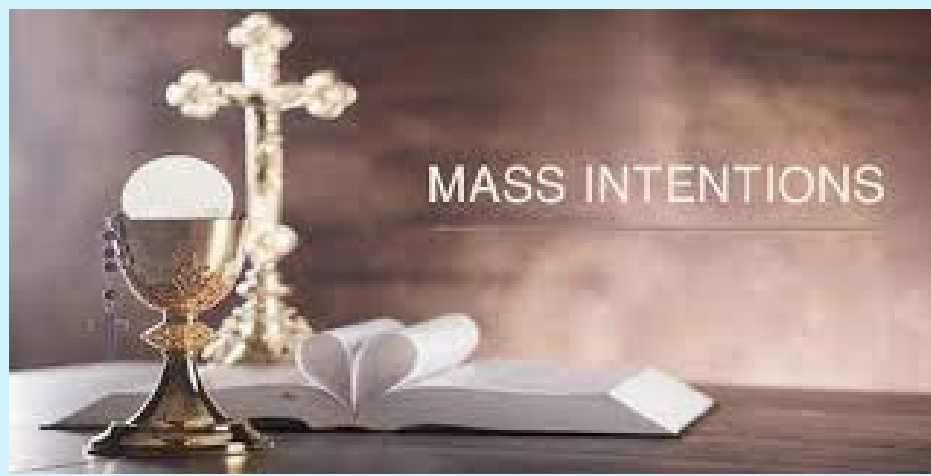
October 12 - 14th National Black Men's Conference, Louisville, KY

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

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



7:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule & Intentions



Begin your day with Mass

Sunday, September 17, 2023
in the Church

“For the People of the Church”

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Dorothy L. Barnum

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Anna Bailey

Friday, September 22, 2023

Joseph M. Dixon

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Linda Garland



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 9: 9-13

THURSDAY 6:30 PM

Meeting ID: 570 117 8316

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Reflections
from the Deacon's desk !

A prayerful reflection on forgiveness:

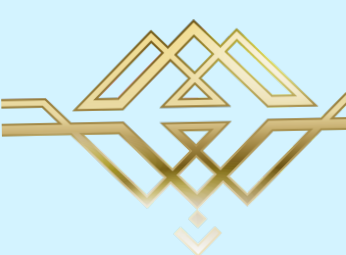
The parable of the prodigal son reveals explicitly God's desire to restore a loving relationship with us. By forgiving us our faults we are empowered to become God like (Mt.5:48).

When we have been hurt by another, it can be exceedingly difficult to come to terms with the woundedness we would feel. But by accepting and embracing Jesus Christ, our wounds open a door to forgiveness and a new life with Him. There is an African proverb that states: "He who forgives ends the quarrel." Church, forgiveness builds us up and helps us move forward toward God. whereas revenge destroys and creates bitterness. Forgiving helps us to heal our own wounds.

Church family, believe me, when we change our hearts and forgive one another through Christ, we change ourselves and we can change the world we live in. This is how we translate the life and message of Jesus into our own daily lives. Our situation in this nation, in our Church, and in our community invites us to undertake this change of heart if we want to change the world.

Jesus invites us to believe and have faith in him. Only then, we can break down the walls of evil in our culture, social, political, religious, psychological, and economic world that hinder us from forgiving ourselves and others to be reconciled to God.

May the Lord bless us all so that we may continually carry in our hearts the true Spirit of repentance and forgiveness until we have perfected ourselves, looking toward the glories and exultation of Christ on the cross. Amen.





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.

