

# ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

## BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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Deacon Melvin Burton, Jr.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2023

## AND JESUS SAID



**“For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible,  
and nothing secret that will not be known and come to light.”**

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Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

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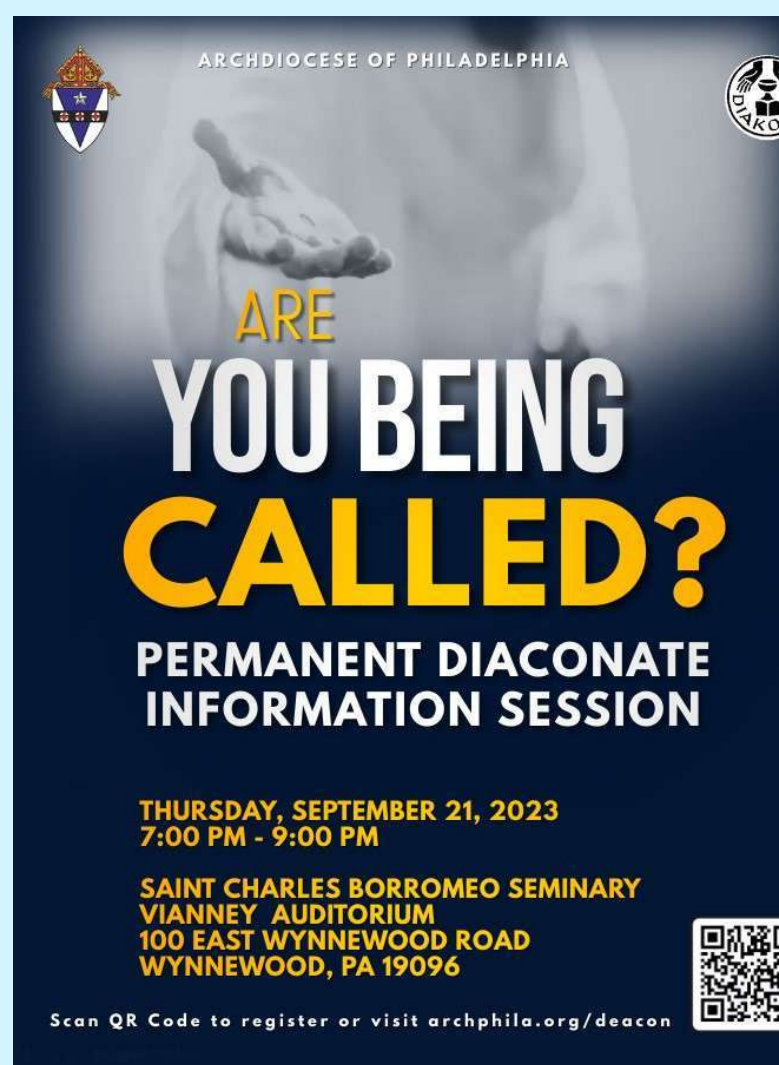
# Congratulations!

We are thankful for our new Pastor  
Fr. Addisalem T. Mekonnen

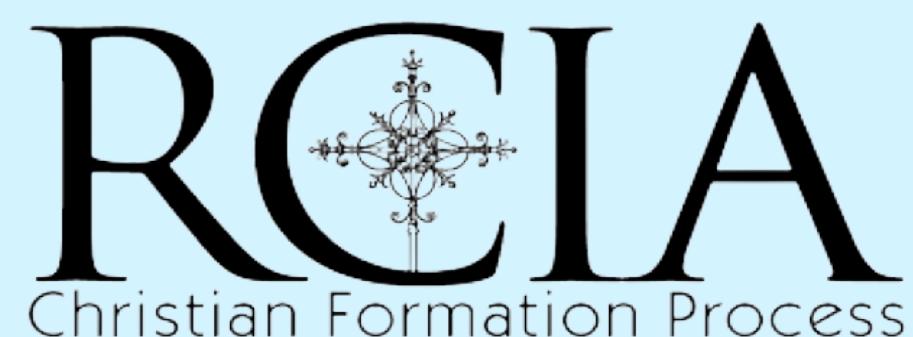


"St. Agatha - St. James Parish invites you to its Black Catholic Mass celebration! Saturday, October, 14th at 5:30 mass (Main Church). Fr. Rayford Emmons will be the Celebrant, joined by the Philadelphia Catholic Gospel Mass Choir! Food and Fellowship to follow in the Church Hall. 3728 Chestnut St., Phila, PA 19104. ALL ARE WELCOME TO CELEBRATE OUR FAITH.

For questions, email [outreach@saintsaj.org](mailto:outreach@saintsaj.org).



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**

## Eucharistic Congress!

Saturday, September 30, 2023

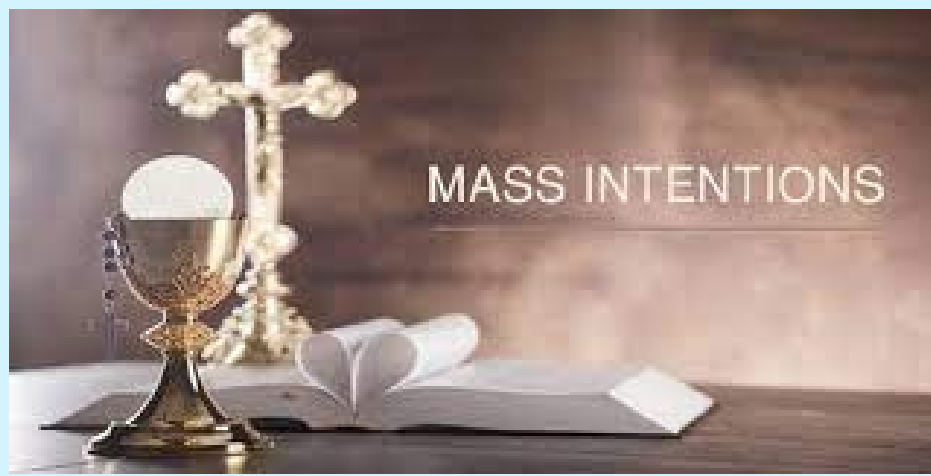
Virtual participation only (in person event is sold out)

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

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# 7:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule & Intentions



*Begin your day with Mass*

Sunday, September 24, 2023  
in the Church

**“For the People of the Church”**

Tuesday, September 26, 2023  
**Joan McCabe**

Thursday, September 28, 2023  
**Veronica Stolzer**

Friday, September 29, 2023  
**Naja Amirah Brooks**

Saturday, September 30, 2023  
**Lois Zandier**



## **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 26: 36-46**

**THURSDAY 6:30 PM**

**Meeting ID: 570 117 8316**

**Phone# +6468769923, 5701178316**

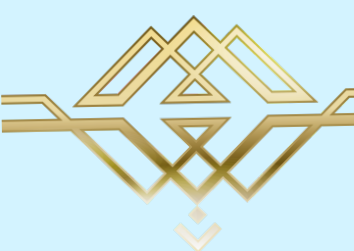
**Deacon's email - burtonmel417@gmail.com**



## *Reflections* from the Deacon's Desk !

What comes to mind when you think of the word love?

- Take a second to reflect on any memories, words, or images that you associate with love. Do your memories agree with the Bible? The Bible has many verses about love. Here are a couple of examples: "Love is patient and kind" (1 Corinthians 13:4); Love is not irritable or resentful" (1 Corinthians 13:5). These examples of love may not agree with the secular definitions of love. We can easily get distracted by romantic movies or other worldly definitions of love, but we are challenged not to be overly influenced. Love is so much more than an emotion. The love of God was made apparent to us in this way: that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world, so that we might live through him (1 John 4:9). God's love is not simply an emotion, idea, or feeling. God's love is real. In showing God's love, we are called to take up our cross and follow Jesus daily. We are called to consider others more significant than ourselves. We are called to present our bodies as a living sacrifice. In other words, we must give our time, our energy, our thoughts, our emotions, and our treasures to others.
- God's love is seen in each of us, God's love is seen in our church as we grow in love, support, and ministry. just as Jesus laid down his life for his sheep, let us also lose our lives for the sake of the gospel. And let our love be made manifest. Let it always point to the love of Jesus that was made manifest in both His life and death for mankind. Amen.



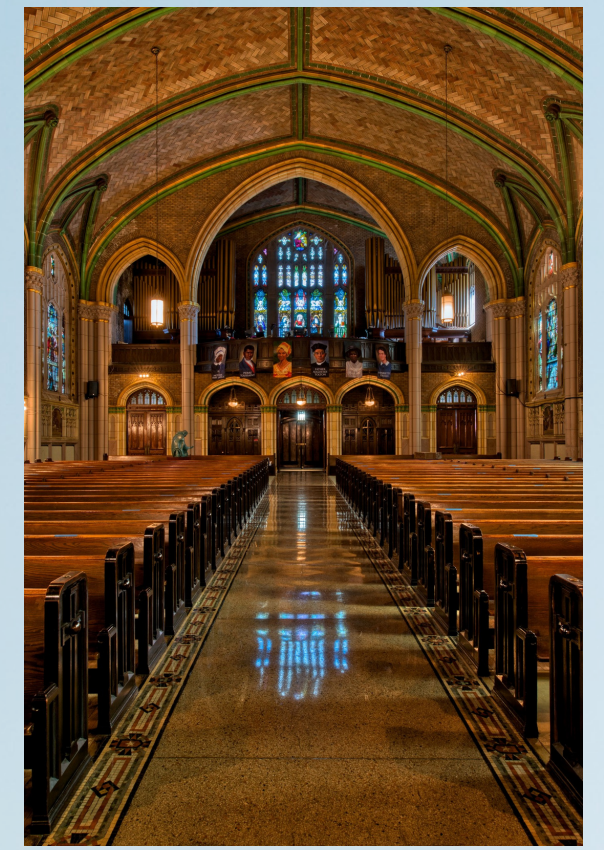




**Saturdays -11:00 a.m. Mass**

**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.**

