

# ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

## BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2023

## AND JESUS SAID



**“No one knows who the Son is except the Father,  
and who the Father is except the Son  
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”**

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Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

Dir. of Parish Services -Mr. James Andrews

Business Manager- Mr. John Duffner

Bookkeeper - Ms. Elaine Eptalivo

Secretary - Ms. Elsie Banks



Every Wednesday and Second Saturday, 12-1 PM

Event: **Lunch in the Park with Christ in the City**

Join Christ in the City missionaries as we serve over 50+ men and women experiencing homelessness, building relationships while enjoying lunch.

- Every Wednesday, 12-1 PM on the lawn next to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia (required training for new volunteers begins at 11:15 AM)
- Second Saturdays, 12-1 PM on Logan Square (required training for new volunteers begins at 10 AM)

More info: Registration is required and all new volunteers must attend a training prior to the event. Full details and registration available at:

<https://christinthecity.org/philadelphia-lunch-in-the-park/>

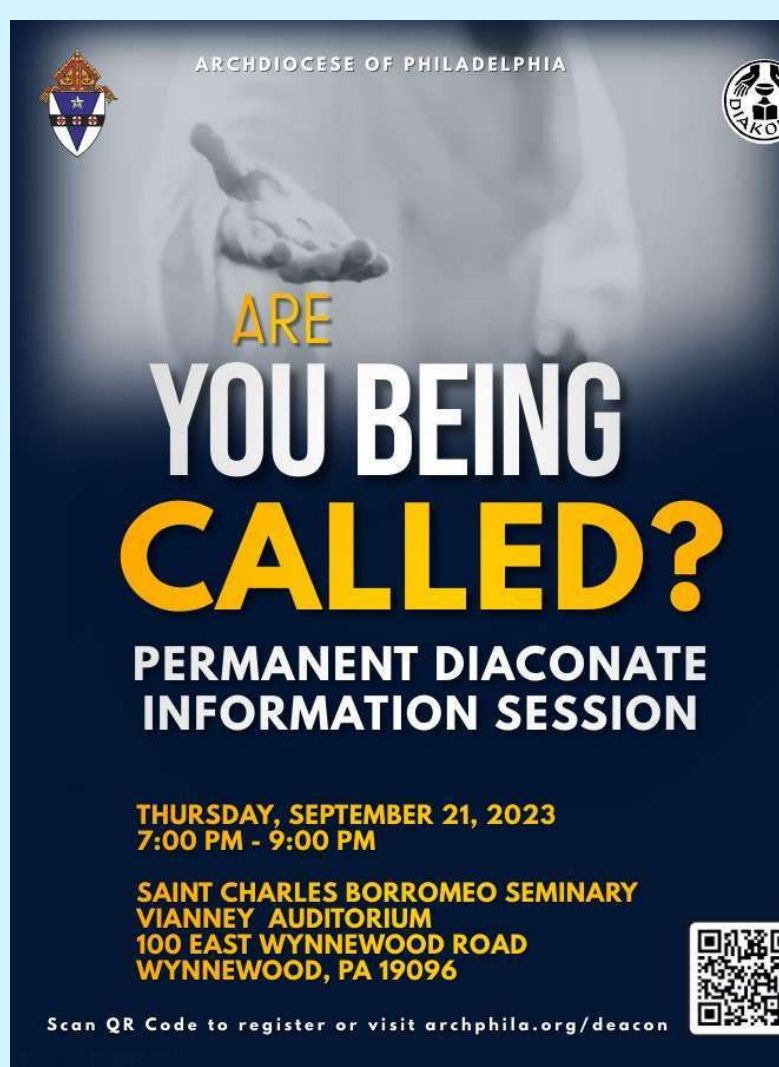
October 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 7 – 8 p.m.

Online Event: Life Affirming Choices - A Free Online Series on End-of-Life Issues, The St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia present a four-part online series related to end-of-life issues. Topics include benefits and burdens, nutrition, and hydration, do not resuscitate, and withholding and withdrawing care.

Location: This is an online event on the Philly Nonnatus YouTube channel.

To Learn More: Visit the website: [www.nonnatus.org](http://www.nonnatus.org) under Programs and Events

To Sign-up: <https://www.nonnatus.org/life-affirming-choices.html>



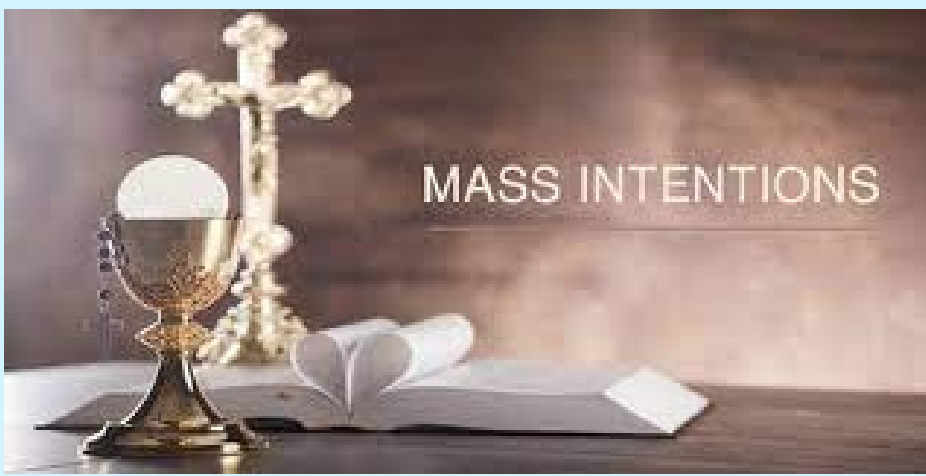
We invite Catholic men (and wives if married) between the ages of 29 and 55 to join us for an in-person panel of clergy about discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate and admittance to the School for Diaconal Formation program. Interested in attending this Permanent Diaconate Information Session?

**RCIA**  
Christian Formation Process

**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**



# 7:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule & Intentions



*Begin your day with Mass*

Sunday, October 1, 2023  
in the Church

**“For the People of the Church”**

Monday, October 2, 2023  
**Holy Souls**

Tuesday, October 3, 2023  
**Lois Zandier**

Saturday, October 7, 2023  
**Ann Henderson**



**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**

**Luke 10: 1 - 12**

**THURSDAY 6:30 PM**

**Meeting ID: 570 117 8316**

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## Reflections from the Desk of Deacon

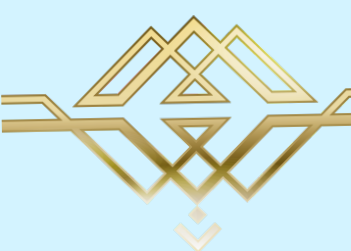
As Christians, we believe that the Bible is God's Word. In both the New and Old Testaments are the divine revelation of God. The Holy Spirit inspired the original writings. Revelation is God's self-disclosure to us. It is God making Himself known to man.

Stop for a moment and ask yourself this question: When was the last time I felt inspired? Inspiration starts by reading the Bible with an open and contrite heart. According to 2 Timothy 3:16-17, the Bible was designed in such a way that it can shed light on our faults and shortcomings—that is, reprove us—and then correct us.

The answer to the question of whether all the stories in the Bible are true depends on how one defines truth. Many stories in the Bible are historical accounts of real events, while others are parables or allegories that convey spiritual truths.

Brothers and sisters, our approach to the Bible requires two different methods. One is to study the Bible to absorb the stories and grow in familiarity with the Word of God. The second is the prayerful approach of the scriptures. This method requires a strong faithful approach.

May God guide your spirit in the truth of the Bible and Bless your heart to be open to receive Jesus Christ.



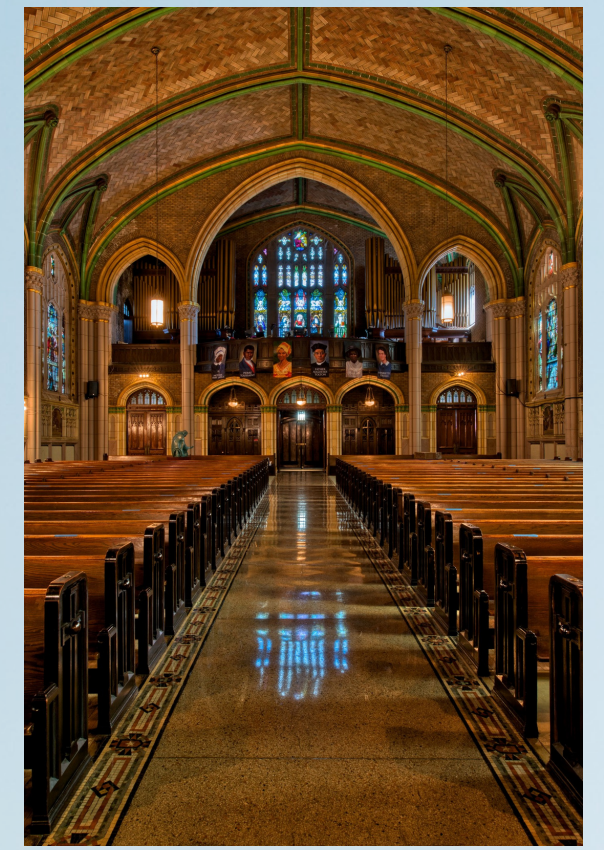




**Saturdays -11:00 a.m. Mass**

**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.**

