

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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Deacon Melvin Burton, Jr.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2023

AND JESUS SAID



"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart, with all your being,
with all your strength, and with all your mind,
and your neighbor as yourself."

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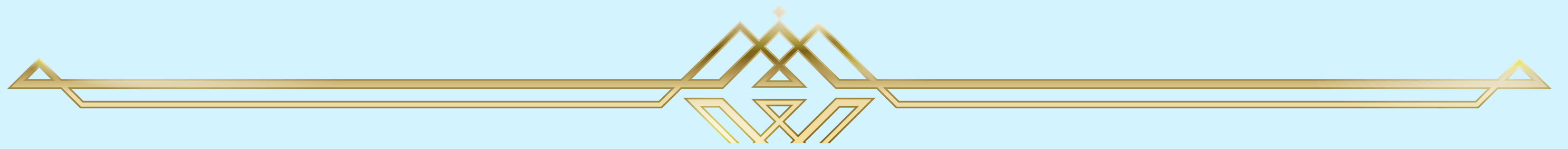
Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

Dir. of Parish Services - Mr. James Andrews

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Secretary - Ms. Elsie Banks



Home Blessings & Holy Communion
 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
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From infancy to death human life is surrounded by their
 (the angels) watchful care and intercession. Beside
 each believer stands an angel as protector and
 shepherd leading him to life. Already here on earth the
 Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of
 angels and men united to God.

--from the Catechism of the Catholic Church; 336



Position Available:
Dir. of the Office for Black Catholics
 Reports to: Auxiliary Bishop
 Location: Office for Black Catholics
 222 N. 17th Street

The Director is primarily responsible for
 setting a vision for the pastoral care of the
 African American Catholic community. In
 doing so, the Director is responsible to
 ensure all aspects of ministry to African-
 American Catholics are addressed in
 collaboration with other offices,
 Secretariats and Archdiocesan entities. The
 Director is responsible for the supervision
 of the part-time Coordinator, who assists
 the Director in the various activities of the
 office.

<https://archphila.applicantpro.com/jobs/3058073>

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

BY

Fr. Rayford Emmons

OCTOBER 21, 2023 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saint Thomas Aquinas Church

1719 Morris Street

Lower Hall

Free Parking in School Lot

Refreshments

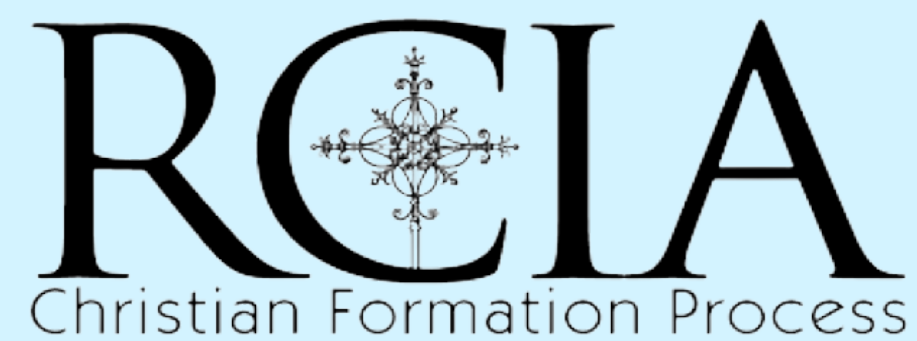
Contact kiwalker@archphila.org

215.587.3541

A Ministry of Financial Education

- Strategies on how to get out of debt
- Planning for retirement
- Estate planning

Concerned Black Catholics of St. Thomas Aquinas

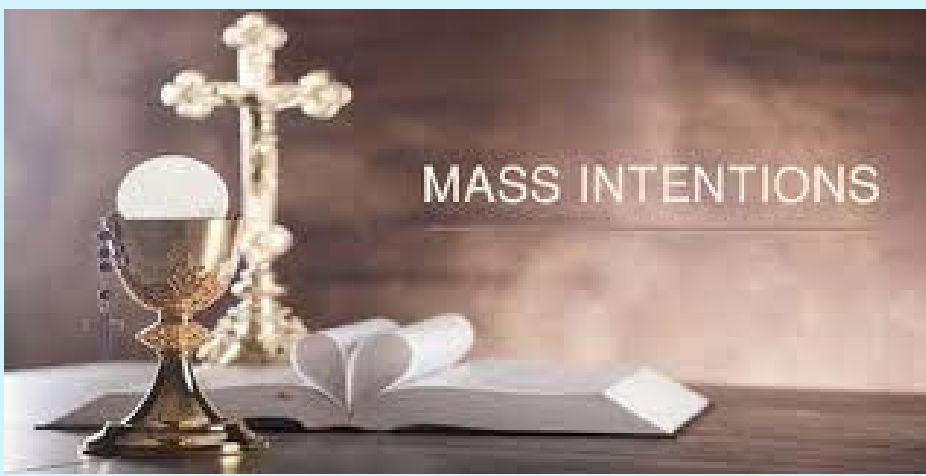


**Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
 Program This prepares adolescents and
 adults for Baptism and full Communion
 in the Catholic Church. Do you know
 anyone who might be interested in
 becoming Catholic or wanting to know
 more about the Catholic faith? If so,
 meetings every -**

Saturdays at 2 p.m. in the Rectory



7:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule & Intentions



Begin your day with Mass

Sunday, October 8, 2023
in the Church

“For the People of the Church”

Tuesday, October 10, 2023
Brian McFeeley

Thursday, October 12, 2023
K. Oh

Friday, October 13, 2023
Margaret Cenci Mancuso

Saturday, October 14, 2023
Bertha Pipinos



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

Romans 3:10

THURSDAY 6:30 PM

Meeting ID: 570 117 8316

Phone# +6468769923, 5701178316

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Reflections from the Desk of Deacon

Dear church family,

Saul spoke “murderous threats” (Acts 9:1) and made evil plans against the Lord's disciples. But Jesus changed Saul's plans and chose him to become one of his greatest missionaries. With his name changed to Paul, he preached the word of the Lord.

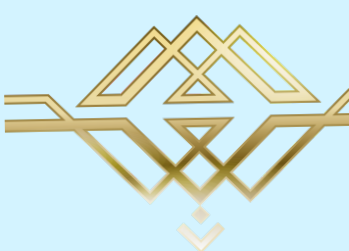
St. Paul humbled himself before His Sovereign Majesty, renouncing all worldly things.

Paul's new relationship with God brought him a new life. His conversion was complete, and he was able to stand firm in his new faith. He was on fire to spread the good news throughout the world. At times he had to fight for his status as an Apostle. Paul turns to illustrations of how he personally limited his liberty for the sake of weaker brothers in Christ. “Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?” (1 Corinthians 9:1,2). Paul asks these four rhetorical questions with the expectation of an answer of “yes.” By firing these four pithy questions like a machine gun, without waiting for an answer, he asserts that he has legitimate rights.

Brothers and sisters, when God brings a person to faith in Jesus Christ, he already knows how he wants to use that person in service to his kingdom. Sometimes people are slow to understand God's plan and may even resist it. Let us learn more about St. Paul's life before his conversion and his journey learning the Gospel that changed his life and the lives of the people he influenced.

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Melvin Burton Jr.





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.

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

