

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

AND JESUS SAID



"I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others
the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God.

But whoever denies me before others
will be denied before the angels of God.

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Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

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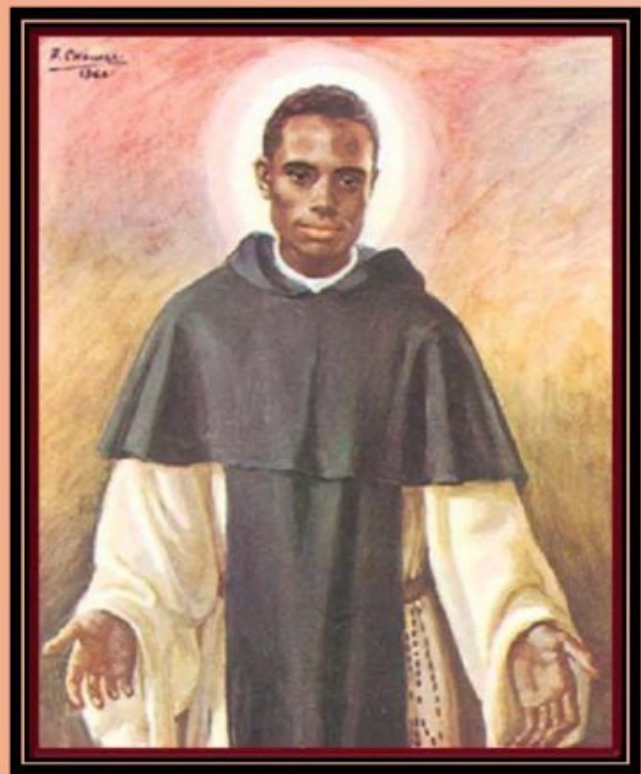
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"KEEP THE FIRE BURNING"

61ST ANNUAL CANONIZATION

of

SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES



MASS OF THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

ARCHBISHOP NELSON PEREZ

Celebrant - Homilist

CHOIR PRELUDE - 2:30pm

MASS - 3:00pm

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

For more information contact: Kiwalker@archphila.org or 215.587.3541

MARY – A WOMAN IMMERSED IN DAILY LIFE

This rich heritage has deepened our appreciation of the role of Mary in our life as believers. We have come to know her as a woman fully immersed in the concerns of daily life and who met the challenges presented there with a deep and lively faith.

She is both the mother of our Savior and an altogether human woman who was painfully misunderstood by the man she loved; who was confused by her child's behavior; who was not afraid to speak her mind or voice her questions; who stood by courageously while her Son was executed; who was present at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the new Church; and who, indeed, had a role of leadership in that Church.

Support of our Parish

We thank you for your generous and ongoing financial support. Your continued support is most needed and appreciated for the well being and maintenance of our Parish. Whether you choose to mail in your offerings, send it electronically or turn in your church envelopes at Mass, we will receive it!



The Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary
will award:

The Body of Christ Community Service
to **Ms. JoAnn Savoy**

The Chaplain Award to Mr. Joshua Brooks
at the 15th Annual Claver Awards Banquet

November 11, 2023 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

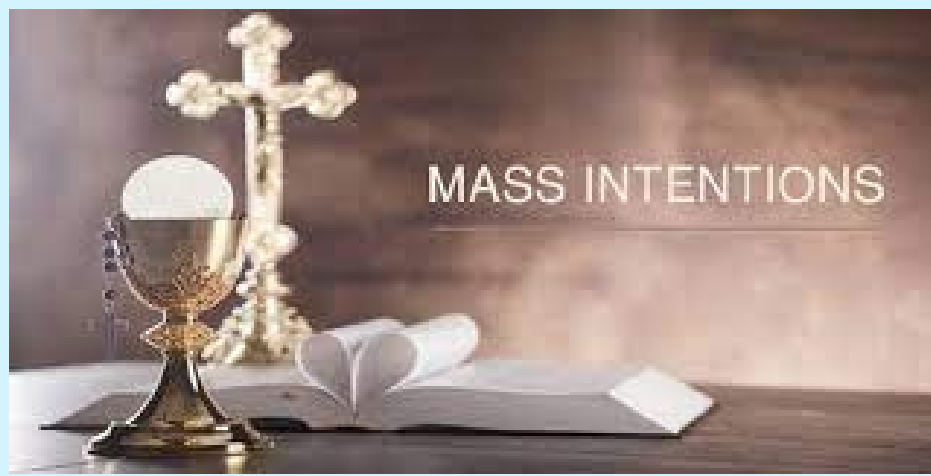
St Athanasius Hall

7105 Limekiln Pike, Philadelphia

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 15, 2023
in the Church

“For the People of the Church”

Tuesday, October 17, 2023
Lois Zandier

Thursday, October 19, 2023
Lois Zandier

Friday, October 20, 2023
LDorothy Renshaw McBride

Saturday, October 21, 2023
Lillian Clark



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, CHERYL BELL, 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**

Colossians 1:21 - 23

THURSDAY 6:30 PM

Meeting ID: 570 117 8316

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Reflections from the Desk of Deacon

In today's Gospel we learn how we can enjoy the abundant life God has made available for us. In the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah (25: 6-10a) he speaks of God providing a feast for his people on the holy mountain. In this parable the earthly king symbolizes God the Father. a pair of parables (1-10 and 11-14). They are often treated as a single parable because the setting for both is a wedding banquet, but they make two related but somewhat different points. Both are allegories—stories in which the various elements (people, things, happenings) have a hidden or symbolic meaning.

“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a certain king, who made a marriage feast for his son”. This is a parable of the kingdom—intended to help us to understand the differences between the kingdom of this world and the kingdom of heaven. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the messianic banquet that we will enjoy with Christ in the kingdom of heaven (see Isaiah 25:6-8). “and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast”. The king (the God figure) takes the initiative to organize the marriage feast and to invite the guests. The point is that our relationship to God depends on what God has done for us.

This parable summarizes in story form and reminds us that God invites us to a joyful feast, and we miss the joy if we refuse the invitation. It acknowledges that both good and bad fill church rolls. It also implies a warning. God judged harshly those who refused the invitation. We can assume that God will act in similar fashion if we refuse the invitation to true discipleship now.

Everyone is welcome to this feast does not mean there are no rules. This is supported by the action of the king towards the guest without a wedding garment. This Gospel includes several references to terrible eschatological punishment characterized by weeping and gnashing of teeth. In each case, it is Jesus who tells us of such punishment.

The point is that we belong to this feast (The Church) not on our own terms, but on Jesus' terms. It is not enough to say we are Catholics, Christians or followers of Christ if our lives reflect otherwise.



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.

