

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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Deacon Melvin Burton, Jr.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2023

AND JESUS SAID



"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God"

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Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

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**STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP NELSON J. PÉREZ
REGARDING THE TERRORIST ATTACK ON ISRAEL AND
ARMED CONFLICT IN THE HOLY LAND**

This weekend, I watched with deep sorrow as Israel was attacked suddenly by Hamas and armed conflict intensified with great ferocity. Peace in the Holy Land, which is sacred to Christians, Jews, and Muslims, has once again been violently shattered by terrorists. Over the past few days, news reports have detailed unspeakable atrocities and great loss of life with little to no regard for the welfare of civilians. The seeds of war being sown, the harvest will be a bitter one of continued destruction and persecution. At yet another grave moment in the recent history of our world, I urge all people of goodwill to answer the urgent plea of Pope Francis by calling for an immediate end to this conflict and in praying for all those trapped by the maelstrom of war. As the Holy Father said, "Terrorism and war do not lead to any resolutions, but only to the death and suffering of so many innocent people." Many people in our region, notably the large Jewish community with whom we share close ties, have family and friends who are caught in this torrent of violence. We pray for them. We pray for those suffering. We pray for a swift and just end to this conflict.

**Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia**



**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

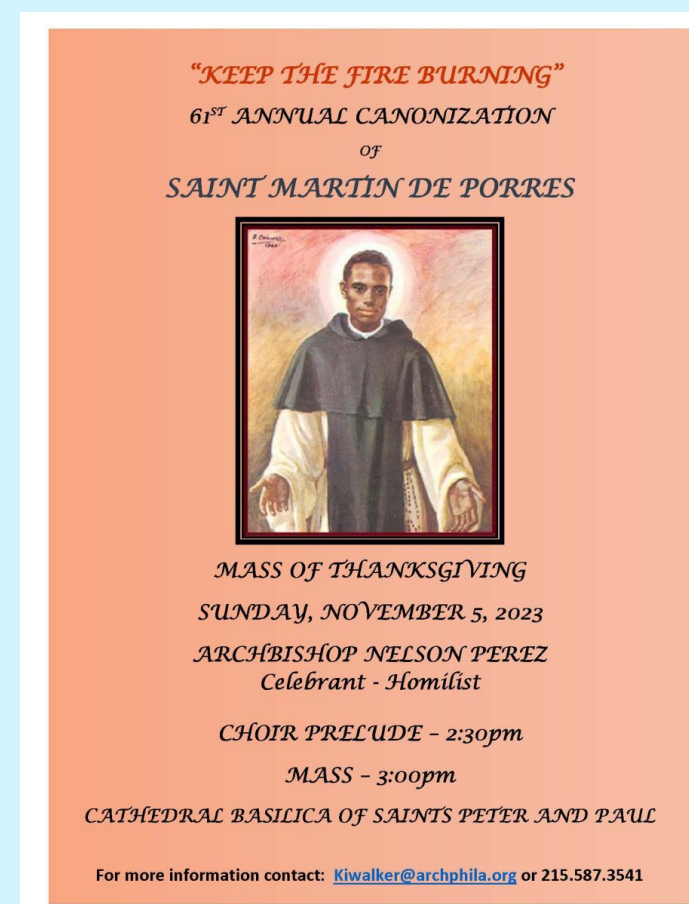
**Mother Mary Lange Lecture
in Black Catholic Studies**

Thursday November 2, 2023 7 p.m.
School of Law on Villanova Campus

Free & open to the public

Please register:

<https://tinyurl.com/4nz5b3tn>



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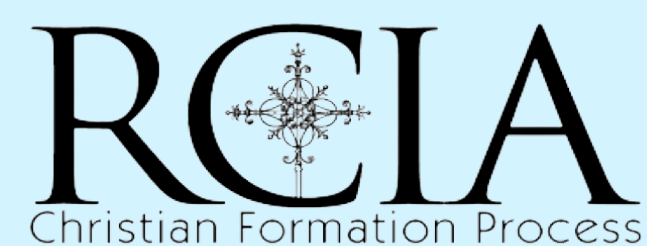
April 27-28

Our visit to

St Katherine of Siena

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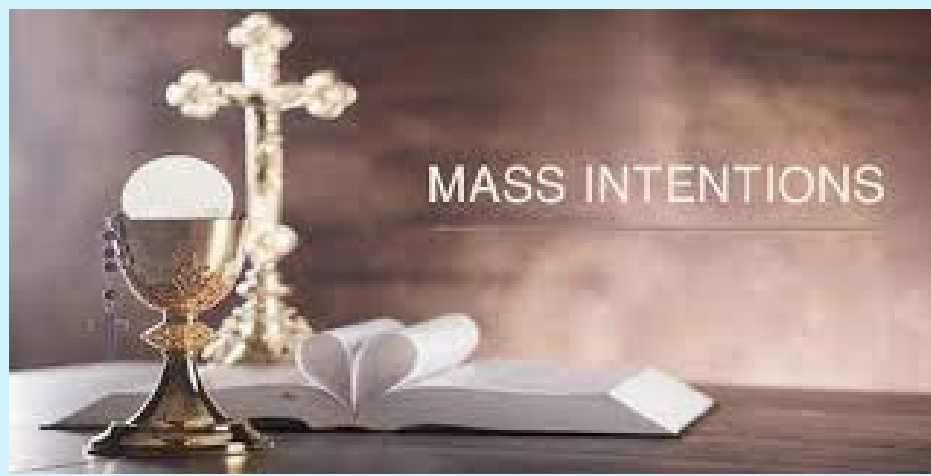
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**Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Program This prepares adolescents and
adults for Baptism and full Communion
in the Catholic Church. Do you know
anyone who might be interested in
becoming Catholic or wanting to know
more about the Catholic faith? 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 22, 2023
in the Church

“For the People of the Church”

Tuesday, October 24, 2023
Patricia Pastre

Thursday, October 26, 2023
Melody Cooper

Friday, October 27, 2023
Jan Stampien

Saturday, October 28, 2023
Shawn Prendergast



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, JAMES
MASON, 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 12: 49 - 53

THURSDAY 6:30 PM

Meeting ID: 570 117 8316

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Reflections from the Desk of Deacon

Jesus said "Do you think I come to bring peace to earth? No, I have come to divide people against each other. (Luke 12:51).

Do you ever find yourself reading Scripture when suddenly you come across a verse that punches you right in your solar plexus? After you get over your shock, you say to yourself, "What is this doing here? How am I to make sense of this? You might even say, "I wish this verse weren't here!"

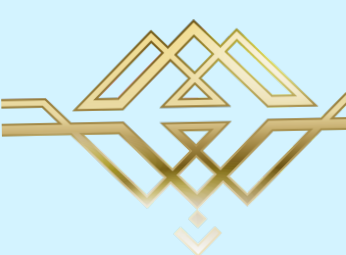
Our answer to the question is yes, of course. You are the Prince of Peace at your birth, the angels celebrated "peace on earth." then we hear Jesus' stunning response: "No, I have come to divide people against each other!"

Beloved, context is everything, as they say. In Luke 12, Jesus is not making a broad statement about his ultimate purpose. Rather, he is pointing to a very real result of his kingdom proclamation. Even though the kingdom of God establishes His peace on earth, the advance of the kingdom brings division.

Have you ever experienced division in a relationship because of your faith in Christ? How can we be peacemakers in situations where the presence and values of the kingdom of God seem to stir up conflict that keeps us from the grace of God? How are you seeking to be a peacemaker in your relationships with family, friends, or other church members?

There are times when loyalty to Jesus may divide families and friends. We see this today throughout our world, especially in places where becoming a Christian is a capital offense.

I pray for those who face ostracism and persecution because of their faith, even from their families and friends. May the Lord break down the dividing walls of evil and hostility in our Church, families, and in our world.





Saturday, October 28th -7:00 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



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 wishess 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.

