

# ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

## BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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Deacon Melvin Burton, Jr.  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 29, 2023

## AND JESUS SAID



**"You shall love your neighbor as yourself"**

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Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

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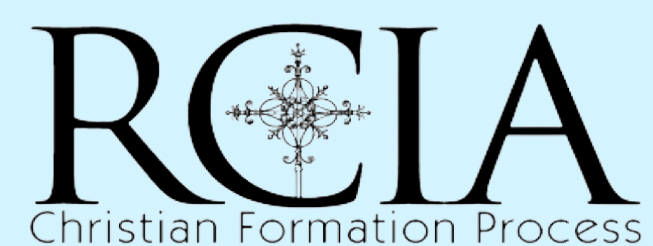
- **"It is impossible for peace to exist without dialogue. All the wars, all the strife, all the unsolved problems over which we clash are due to a lack of dialogue."  
Pope Francis**

**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>

**Prayer for Peace in the streets** O God, our maker of all creation, we pray for peace and an end to gun violence. We pray for respect for human life in all its stages. We pray for a commitment to human rights and the protection of all lives. We pray for peace and for justice in our homes, city, and streets. Wrap all and each of your children in your love. We pray for an end to violence, especially gun violence and senseless deaths. Grant us this peace God. Grant us a peaceful world. Amen

**MOVED OR CHANGED INFORMATION?**

Please let us know of any changes to your address or contact information so we can keep our records up to date.



**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**

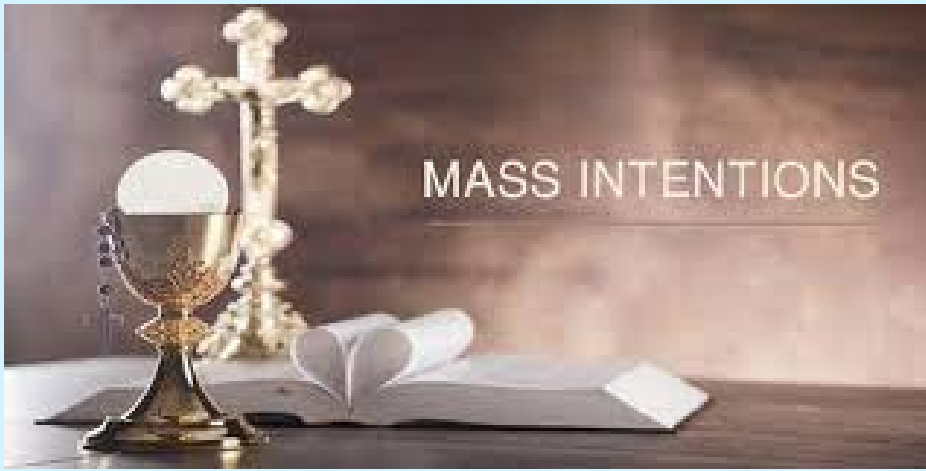


**The Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary**  
will award:  
**The Body of Christ Community Service**  
to **Ms. JoAnn Savoy**  
**The Chaplain Award** to **Mr. Joshua Brooks**  
at the 15th Annual Claver Awards Banquet  
November 11, 2023 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
St Athanasius Hall  
7105 Limekiln Pike, Philadelphia





# 7:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule & Intentions



*Begin your day with Mass*

Sunday, October 29, 2023  
in the Church

**“For the People of the Church”**

Wednesday, November 1, 2023  
**Shirley Jefferson**

Thursday, November 2, 2023  
**Lorita “Dee” Bell**

Friday, November 3, 2023  
**Joseph V. Catania**

Saturday, November 4, 2023  
**No Mass this Saturday**



**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**

**2 Timothy 3: 10 - 12**

**THURSDAY 6:30 PM**

**Meeting ID: 570 117 8316**

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*Reflections from the Desk of Deacon*

**Understanding the Love of God:**



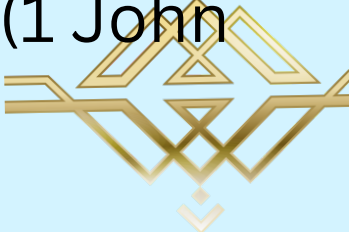
God's love is one of the most important aspects of Christianity. A proper understanding of God's love is a crucial balance of the Christian life.

If God's love is in your heart, then you are supposed to love others the way God does. God, in the person of Jesus Christ, demonstrated his love by dying for our sins. And just as Christ presented himself as a dying sacrifice, (Romans 12:1,2) requires us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice. Our lives are supposed to be self-sacrificing service to others. That is what AGAPE Love means.

Of course, that does not mean we are to be walkovers. Our focus should be on living our lives so that others see Christ in us, and so that they may benefit SPIRITUALLY from it. We must know the difference between those who want help spiritually, and those who just want to take advantage of us.

Some Christians underestimate God's love because they do not understand the extent of God's love that he demonstrated in Christ on Calvary. That is why we pray for the dead loved ones in purgatory.

This love is not just supposed to fill us with emotion, but it is supposed to be our motivation for serving God and loving others. This enables us to forgive our enemies and sacrifice ourselves for others. I pray that we will not take God's great love and grace for granted. Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us that we can be called the children of God (1 John 3:1).



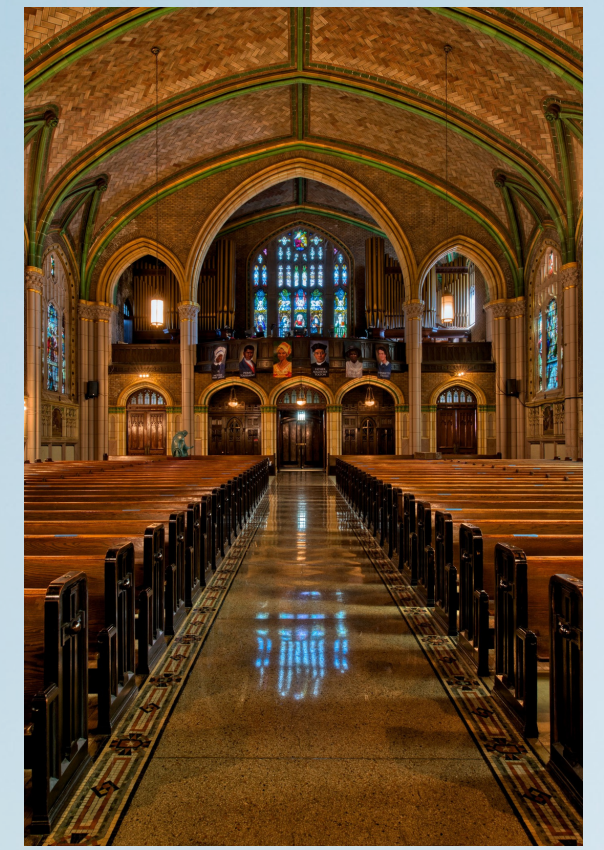




## No Saturday Mass

**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 # 570 117 8316**

**Mobile # (6468769923, 5701178316)**

**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.

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**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.**

