

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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Deacon Melvin Burton, Jr.

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

December 25, 2022

AND JESUS SAID



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

St Martin de Porres Parish has always been a welcoming oasis for those seeking faith. Please know that you are welcome to begin your search as a participant in our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). If you are a faith seeker, or know someone who is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Faith, please email Fr. Mekonnen as soon as possible - fathermekonnen@gmail.com

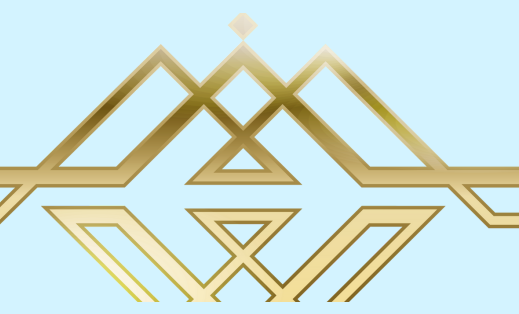
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Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM



On behalf of **Deacon Melvin Burton** and the entire **Parish staff**, I like to thank you for all that you do. Thank you, also, for your generosity all during the year. I would also like to express our deepest thanks for the service of our Director of Music, **Tonya Taylor-Dorsey** and the many voices in the choir. Thanks to **Melody Cooper** for Managing the Food Pantry, **Jo-Ann Savoy** for the After school program and **Stephan Wallace** for maintenance. Thanks to the **Lectors, Ushers** and **Altar Servers** and special thanks to our **Communication Ministry** that makes it possible to stay connected to our members who are unable to attend in person. ***Happy New Year!***

In J.M.M., Fr. Mekonnen

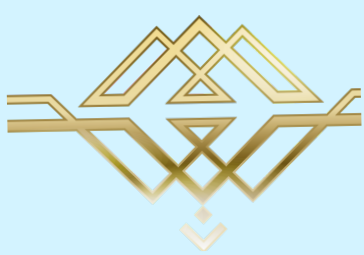
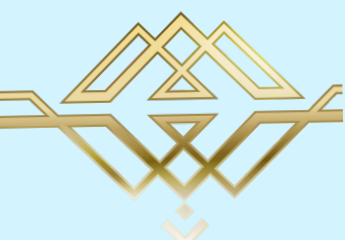


Donations needed for SMdP Food Pantry

Pantry Needs... Canned Fruit Cake Mixes/Frosting/ Cookies Cereal- Hot (such as Oatmeal) or Cold Crackers Coffee/ Tea - Regular & Decaf Dish Detergent Toothpaste/Brushes Bath Soap Toilet Paper Laundry Detergent or Anything on Sale



Food insecurity is rising in and around our community.
Your donation can help combat hunger.



7:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, December 25, 2022
in the Church
Church Family

Monday, December 26, 2022
Ellen Marie Panera

Tuesday, December 27, 2022
Michael Nardane

Wednesday, December 28, 2022
Gilbert H. Cooper

Thursday, December 29, 2022
William Coffey

Saturday, December 31, 2022
in the Church
For Special Intentions

Mass Intentions

*Please call the Parish Office for more information
or to schedule Mass intentions.*



**BIBLE STUDY
WITH
DEACON MELVIN BURTON, JR.**

Meeting ID: 570 117 8316

Phone# +6468769923, 5701178316

Lectio Divina: Will return on January 5

THURSDAY 6:30 PM

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Let us pray for the Sick.

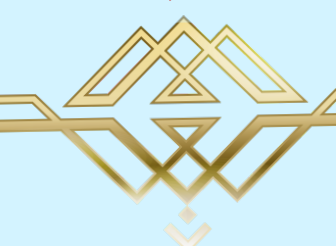
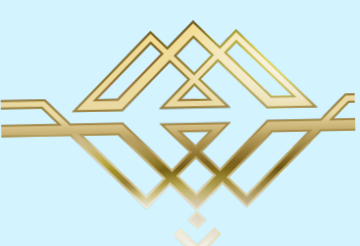
We pray for all in our Church Family who are
sick and those who care for them:

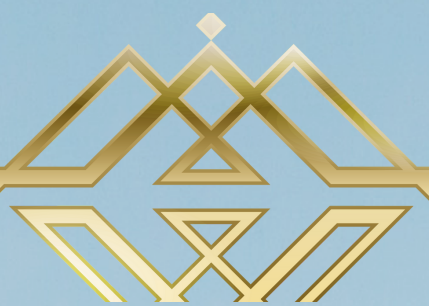


CHERYL BELL, HAROLD BOND, MURIEL BOOKER,
CHRISTOPHER BROWNE, BILL BROMLEY, EUNICE BROWN,
LUCILE BROWN, ANDRE CARTER, BARBARA CARTER,
JANICE WHITMORE CARTER, LAMONT CHASE, KENNETH
CLARK, DONNA COLLIER, ELLA COMBS, DANIELLE DANIELS,
JOHN DAVIS, STEPHANIE DURRELL, BARBARA DUNN, GEORGE
ELLINGTON, SHARON FAISON, RITA FELDER, SHIRLEY FIELDS,
JANICE FLOYD, CHARING GARNETT, JEFFREY GRAY, KERRY
HALL, THERESA HART, VAINIDA HAMPTON, LYNETTE FORD-
HAVENS, HARRY W. HUBBARD,
JEFFREY JOHNSON, AUGUSTUS JOHNSON, MARIE
LAWRENCIN, MARY LIVINGSTON, TIFFANI LIVSEY, TERESA
LOWRY, HAZEL MARSH, YAKAISHA MARSH, LISA MCLOED,
DONNA MOORHEAD, MARVA MURRAY, WILLIAM
PATTERSON, NORMA PLENTY, JAMES PORTER, KEVIN
REAVES, ANDRE ROBERTS, ELIAS ROBINSON, IRA ROBINSON,
ALMA ROSS, GLORIA RUSSELL, DORIS SIMMONS, LOIS
STREETER, TAYLOR STRINGER, RENEE TURNER, VICENTE
VELAZQUEZ, AUDREY VICTOR, LISA WILLIAMS, MARY JEAN
WILLIAMS, SYLVIA WILLIAMS, CHERYL WRIGHT

WHEN NAMES CAN BE REMOVE CONTACT MRS. ELSIE BANKS

Although many seem to think that Christmas ends on December 25, we who are steeped in Roman tradition know that such important celebration cannot be confined to a single day. In pre-Christian Roman culture, important feasts were celebrated for 8 days, beginning and ending on the same day of the week. This was known by the Latin term "octave", a custom borrowed by the Church as more Roman citizens converted to Christianity.

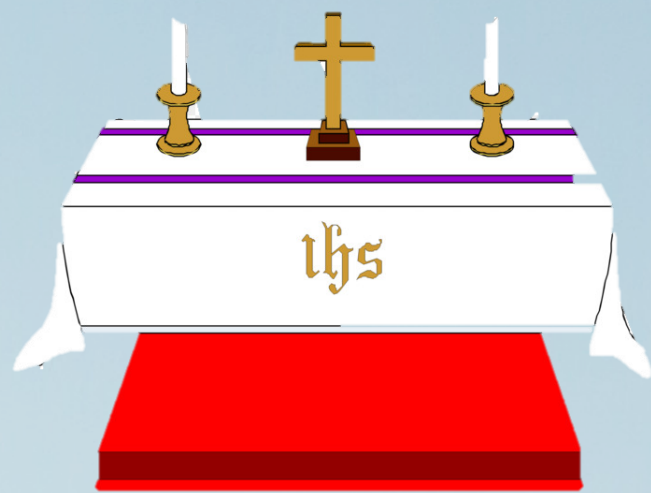




New Years Eve

Rosary at 11:30 p.m. via Zoom

Meeting ID - 282 564 5789



Sundays - 9:15 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
All are Welcome!

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.



Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at Saint Martin de Porres Parish. There are no strangers at this Parish, only friends we have not met.



Eucharistic Revival The Solemnity of Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) begins a three year Eucharistic Revival in the United States. More information on how our parish will participate in the Eucharistic Revival will come in the near future. May we unite together in giving thanks to Jesus Christ for the gifts of His Body and Blood.

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