

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2023

AND JESUS SAID



February 22, 2023
Ashes distributed at
Mass @ Noon
Prayer Service @ 7 p.m.

Ash
wednesday

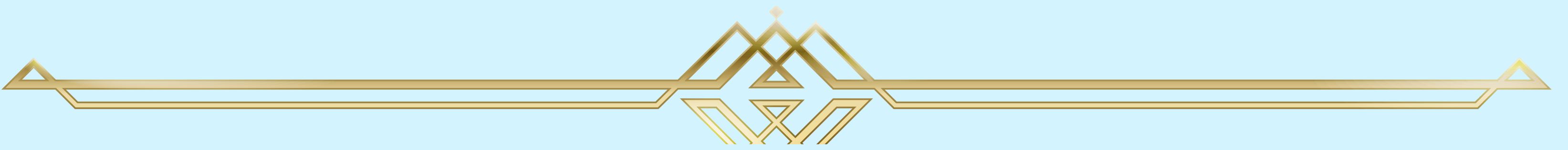
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Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM



The holy season of lent begins this Wednesday with the traditional Blessing and Distribution of Ashes. Mass & Ash Distribution at 7 a.m. (Rectory) and Noon and Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes at 7 p.m.

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

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WHY Confession?

THURS FEB 23 AT 7:00 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION ON ZOOM

Join four priests of the Archdiocese for a webinar discussion on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It's a chance to ask all of your questions about a sacrament that many people want to know more about. Submit your questions in advance or in realtime during the webinar.

- Why do I have to confess my sins to a priest?
- What is the "seal of confession" and why is it so strict?
- I have confessed my sins but still can't forgive myself...what do I do?
- I keep confessing the same sins over and over...why can't I change?



Fr. Eric Banecker



Fr. Addisalem Mekonnen



Fr. Mariano Dellagiovanna



Fr. Stephen Delacy

A LENTEN RETREAT

BREAK EVERY CHAIN A ROAD TO RACIAL HEALING

LED BY ANTOINETTE M. REAVES

SATURDAY, FEB. 25, 2023

9:30 A.M. - 5 P.M.

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30 A.M.

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 4 P.M.

FEATURING THE PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC GOSPEL MASS CHOIR

SPARK TRANSFORMATION CENTER
521 MOREDON ROAD, HUNTINGDON VALLEY, PA. 19006

COST: \$25 THE MARTIN DE PORRES FOUNDATION WILL COVER THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR THOSE NEEDING ASSISTANCE.

ADDITIONAL INFO, INCLUDING REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE AT: [BIT.LY/3DG1N7E](https://bit.ly/3DG1N7E) OR SCAN THIS QR CODE WITH A SMARTPHONE CAMERA



QUESTIONS? EMAIL KIM WALKER AT KIWALKER@ARCHPHILA.ORG

EVENT SPONSORS:

7:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, February 19, 2023
in the Church
Church Family

Monday, February 20, 2023
Church Family

Tuesday, February 21, 2023
Lillian Florence Clark

Wednesday, February 22, 2023
Church Family

Thursday, February 23, 2023
Church Family

Saturday, February 25, 2023
in the Church
For Special Intentions



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, ELSIE BANKS, MURIEL BOOKER, LUCILE BROWN, ANDRE CARTER, BARBARA CARTER, MELODY COOPER, RITA FELDER, JANICE FLOYD, THERESA HART, LYNETTE FORD-HAVENS, HARRY W. HUBBARD, AUGUSTUS JOHNSON, MARIE LAWRENCIN, HAZEL MARSH, YAKAISHA MARSH, LISA MCLOED, WILLIAM PATTERSON, ALMA ROSS, LOIS STREETER, VICENTE VELAZQUEZ, AUDREY VICTOR, DEVON WALKER, LISA WILLIAMS, MARY JEAN WILLIAMS, SYLVIA WILLIAMS, CHERYL WRIGHT

Please contact the church office to add or remove loved ones from our Prayer list.



BIBLE STUDY
WITH
DEACON MELVIN BURTON, JR.

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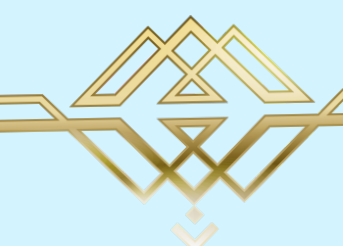
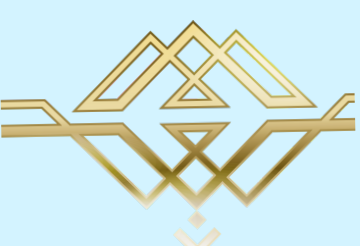
Luke 9: 22-25

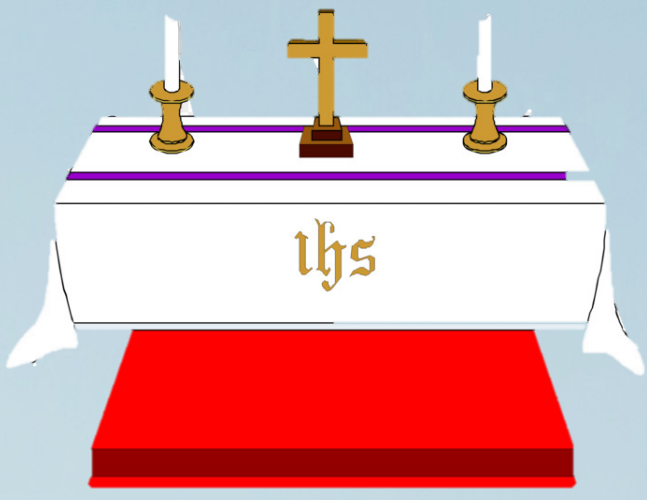
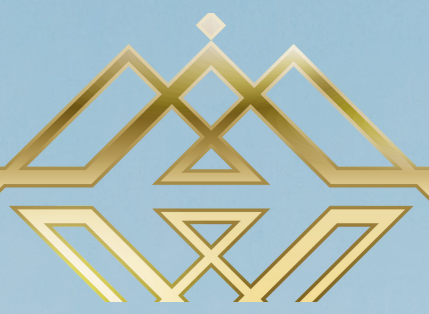
THURSDAY 6:30 PM
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Have a Mass Offered

The tradition of having a Mass offered for someone goes back to the early Church, and has been a constant part of the life of the Church since then. Masses are normally offered for the repose of the soul of the dead, but can also be offered for the intentions of the living; such as on a birthday, or in a time of ill health. Please specify whether the person the Mass being offered for is living or deceased.

It is customary to make a donation to the Church at which the Mass is being said -our recommended amount is \$10.





**Saturdays -10:30 a.m. Mass
& Stations of the Cross**
12:00 p.m. Legion of Mary



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



Sign-Up for Spring 2023 Tolton Spirituality Center Webinars
Registration is open. Check out the offerings under the Programs tab at
www.toltonspirituality.org.

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.



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 - WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM
ZOOM Meeting # 282 564 5789
Mobile # (16465588656) (2825645789)
Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



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