

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2023

AND JESUS SAID



'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

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Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

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On the Road to Sainthood

VENERABLE PIERRE TOUSSAINT

Pierre was born in 1766 modern-day Haiti enslaved, but died in New York City as a free man and a well-known Catholic.

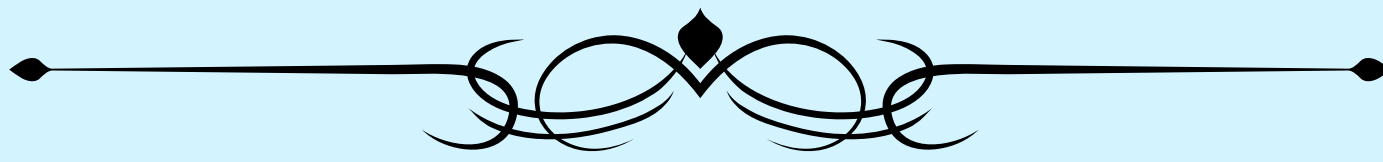
Pierre Bérard, Toussaint's master, allowed him to be taught how to read and write by his grandmother. In his early 20s, Toussaint, his younger sister, his aunt, and two other house slaves accompanied their master's son to New York City because of political unrest at home. Apprenticed to a local hairdresser, Pierre learned the trade quickly and eventually worked in the homes of rich women in New York City.

When his master died, Toussaint supported his master's widow and the other slaves himself, and was freed shortly before the widow's death in 1807. Four years later, he married Marie Rose Juliette, whose freedom he had purchased. They later adopted Euphémie, his orphaned niece. Both preceded him in death.

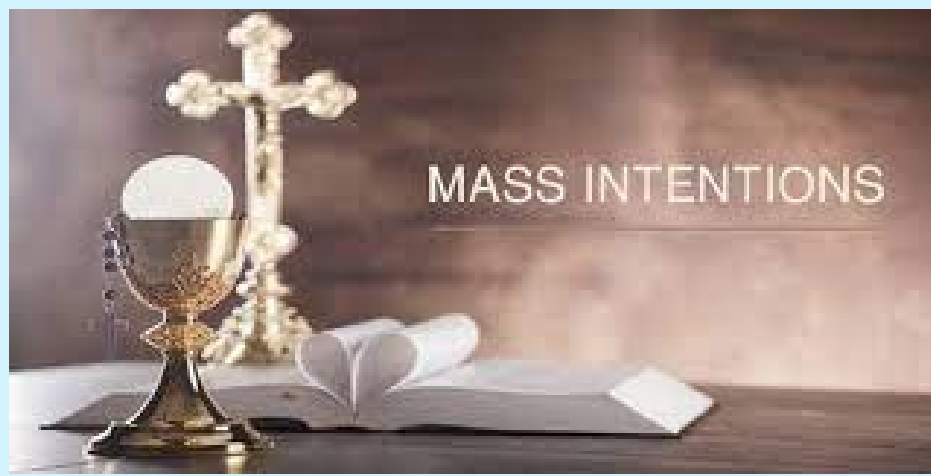
Even during his lifetime, Toussaint enjoyed the reputation of an exceptionally devout and charitable person within the Catholic community. Every day he attended the 6:00 a.m. Mass in St. Peter's Church, where he was a pewholder for many years. He also raised funds to build the original St. Patrick's Cathedral and St. Vincent de Paul Church.

Toussaint donated to various charities, generously assisting blacks and whites in need. He and his wife opened their home to orphans and educated them. The couple also nursed abandoned people who were suffering from yellow fever. Perhaps his favorite charity was St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, an institution that he often visited. Urged to retire and enjoy the wealth he had accumulated, Toussaint responded, "I have enough for myself, but if I stop working I have not enough for others."

In recognition of Pierre Toussaint's virtuous life, the late Cardinal Terence Cooke introduced Pierre's cause for canonization at the Vatican in 1968. In December 1989, the late Cardinal O'Connor had the remains of Pierre Toussaint transferred from Lower Manhattan to St. Patrick's Cathedral in midtown Manhattan where he is currently buried as the only lay person alongside the former cardinal archbishops of New York City. On December 17, 1997, he was declared Venerable by Pope John Paul II.



9:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule & Intentions



Sunday, July 16, 2023

in the Church

“For the People of the Church”

Monday, July 17, 2023

Catherine M. Larkin, S.S.J.

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Esther M. Stacy

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

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Black Catholic Congress

July 20-23, 2023

The Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center
201 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, MD 20745

SAVE THE DATE

SMdP Library Committee

Book Club

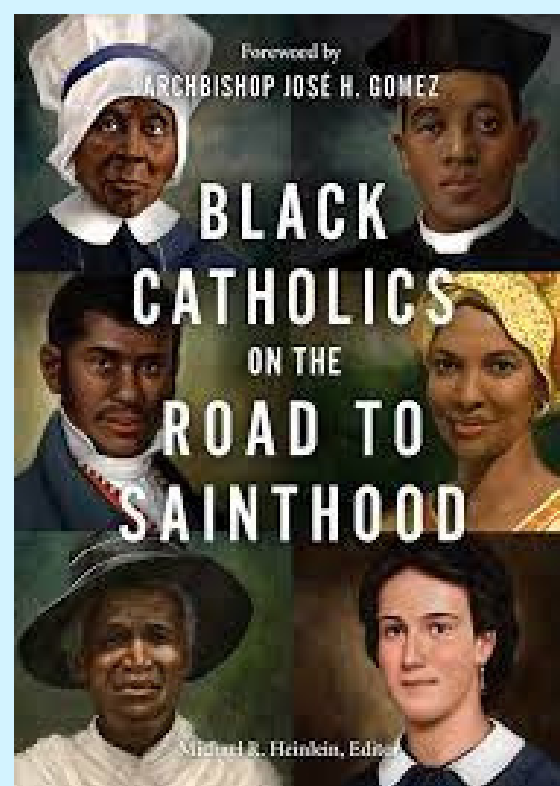
BLACK CATHOLICS

on the

ROAD TO

SAINTHOOD

August 27 4-5 on Zoom



Ministry Fair

Sunday, July 30th (after Mass)

Church Hall

All Ministries should attend

Great opportunity to network

Find a place to serve

Bible Study will resume in September



There is still time to donate. You can support Fr. Mekonnen's pilgrimage from SMdP to Shrine of Czestochowa by scanning the QR code below. We are raising funds to install a stairlift in the Church Hall.

We need your help!

The QR code will take you to Parish Giving! The installation is scheduled for the end of this month.



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, 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, DEVON WALKER, 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



Saturdays -11:00 a.m. Mass

12:00 p.m. LEGION OF MARY

Sundays - 9:15 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
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.

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

Every Wednesday, 12-1 PM (Required training for new volunteers begins at 11:15 AM)

Event: Lunch in the Park with Christ in the City

Join Christ in the City missionaries as we serve over 50+ men and women experiencing homelessness, building relationships while enjoying lunch.

Location: Lawn next to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia

More info: Registration is required and all new volunteers must attend a training prior to the event. Full details and registration available at: <https://christinthecity.org/philadelphia-lunch-in-the-park/>

**Rectory Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**



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

