

# ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

## BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 20, 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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# Black Catholic Congress Reflections

As I looked back over my experience during the 13th National Black Catholic Congress and prayerfully asked the Lord what to share from all the wonderful things experienced, like the community of fellowship, music, Mass at the National Shrine and opportunity to share and learn from the presenters at the Congress. What stands out most was to hear about the history, struggle and adversity of all those who have gone before us. Like the venerable Pierre Toussaint, Henriette Delille, Augustus Tolton, Mary Lange, Julia Greeley, and Thea Bowman who all bear the great history and burden of struggle to be recognized by the Catholic Church and to be seen as God see us, made in his image and likeness. I am blessed to be black and Catholic and as a black catholic we bring a richness of culture and spirituality to the universal church. God has called us to love one another, forgive one another and to exercise our gifts, talents and diversity as Black Catholics. The theme of Congress 13, Write the Vision: "A prophetic Call to Thrive, forces us to focus not on our limited, worldly vision, but on God's vision for us that is built on His truth and allows us to reach His potential for us - that allows us to truly thrive." I bring back from the Congress and share with you my brothers and sisters, hope for our church as black catholics to meet the future challenge of our faith, excitement to work on Gods plan and vision for us to thrive, and faith that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us, empowers us, who guides us and allows God to use us, to bring Glory to His name. Let us have faith to trust in God for what we don't yet see, and our hands, and feet to be means of action to fulfill God's plans, individually and collectively for the good of the Catholic Church to Thrive ... .Amen!

Your Brother in Christ  
Doug Stanford

Please submit your Black Catholic Congress reflections to: [Andrewssmdp@gmail.com](mailto:Andrewssmdp@gmail.com)

August 27 4-5 on Zoom  
SMdP Library Committee  
Book Club  
**BLACK CATHOLICS**  
on the  
**ROAD TO**  
**SAINTHOOD**  
Deacon Burton will be the  
discussion leader

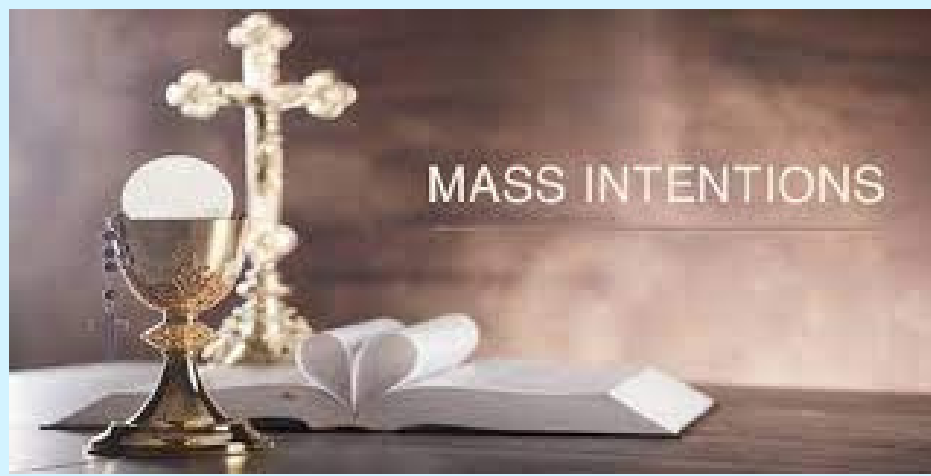


**Charitable Community Service.** If you like to donate Back to School Backpacks & School supplies. Bring to the Church or Rectory.





# 9:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule & Intentions



Sunday, August 20, 2023  
in the Church

**“For the People of the Church”**

No weekday Mass this week.

Saturday, August 26, 2023  
**Raymond Schwegel**



**September 10th** - Blessed Mother's Birthday celebration SMdP Cookout

**September 24** - Fr Mekonnen's Pastor Installation Mass & Reception

**October 12** - 14th National Black Men's Conference, Louisville, KY

**October 28** - Catholic Womens Conference, National Shrine Our Lady of Czestochowa Doylestown, PA



**47 Years of Claverism in Philadelphia, South Jersey & Delaware**

**Saturday, September 9, 2023, 2:00 p.m.**  
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul  
1723 Race St. Philadelphia, PA 19103

Celebrant & Homilist:

**Rev. Rayford E. Emmons**

Light Refreshments & Fellowship  
In Drexel Hall 3:30 - 5 p.m.

**Bible Study  
will resume in September**



**The stairlift has been installed!**  
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. As you know we have been raising funds to install a stairlift in the Church Hall. We still need your help to reach the goal! The QR code will take you to Parish Giving!



**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, 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.**

**New Rectory Office Hours:**

**Thursdays and Fridays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Saturdays 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

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**

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.



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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 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.**



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

