

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2024

AND JESUS SAID



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life."

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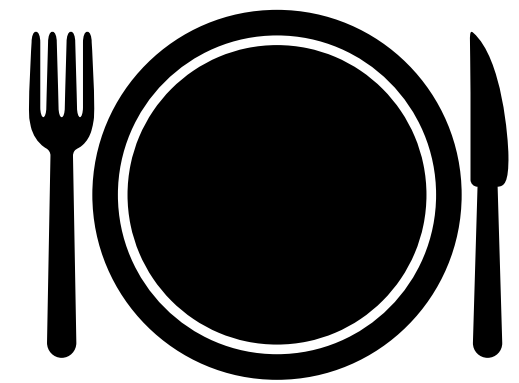
Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

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Why Should I Attend Mass on Sundays When I can Just Pray to God at Home?"

This may be a question that many Catholics, who are not attending Mass regularly on Sundays, or those who rarely attend throughout the year are pondering in their hearts. We can help them by knowing what the Church teaches pertaining to our weekly worship service. Throughout this article, I will be making references from St. John Paul II's Apostolic letter "Dei Domini" on keeping the Lord's Day holy, because it is a part of God's mysterious plan to communicate truth to the faithful through the Popes, who are the Servants of God' on earth throughout the ages. It is a part of being human to seek and desire to both hear and know truth, because God created us this way from the beginning. This tradition of going to Mass on Sundays is not another new innovative "man-made" tradition, but rather it is an ancient "God made" tradition. The Second Vatican Council states: "Every seven days, the Church celebrates the Easter mystery. This is a tradition going back to the Apostles, taking its origin from the actual day of Christ's Resurrection – a day thus appropriately designated 'the Lord's Day.'"

Most people prefer to celebrate their birthday on the exact date; Our parents would even keep pictures or video footage, to commemorate that day. This could be another way of understanding how we, as Christians, should honor, remember, and celebrate the Easter mystery as the hallmark of our new birth as adopted children of God. The "Easter" day is the climax of the Church's liturgical calendar because this is how God has willed it to re-create humanity through Christ and the Holy Spirit. Thus, the joy we have as Christians is rooted in our faith in Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Given these different points that set this day apart it is easier to see how "Sunday appears as the supreme day of faith." It is the day when, by the power of the Holy Spirit, who is the Church's living 'memory,' the first appearance of the Risen Lord becomes an event renewed in the "today" of each of Christ's disciples."

Everyone would agree that when people go on vacation they would go with family or friends to enjoy some rest and relaxation. It is our actions that reveal more concretely what we hold to be true and so if we honestly believe God is our heavenly Father then, we will listen carefully to what He reveals to us about resting in Him through His beloved Son. The theme of "God's rest" and the rest which He offered to the people of the Exodus when they entered the Promised Land; "Sabbath rest," into which Christ himself has entered by His Resurrection. Through our baptism, we have become incorporated into a much larger family that comes together every Sunday; we come to seek our rest in God by participating in the Mass, which is the "work of God." When we attend Mass every Sunday, we are graced with the opportunity to worship God as one Body with billions of other Catholics all over the world. Every Sunday, when we offer worship to God in the manner that He revealed to the Church, we are also united to our loved ones in heaven and purgatory, and in communion with the Saints, because they too bear witness to the truth of their identity as Christians. Salvation is a group experience; Can you choose to be a part of that group?

In J.M.J.
Fr. Mekonnen

7:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, March 10, 2024
in the Church
"For the People of the Church"

Monday, March 11, 2024
**Christine Ann LaVelle &
Doris Mae Izzo**

Friday, March 15, 2024
Melody Cooper

Saturday, March 16, 2024
Nicholas Selimis

St. John Chrysostom
607 S Providence Rd, Wallingford, PA
March 19 at 6:00 pm.

Overcoming Racism Stations of the Cross
with our Parish. All are welcome!

March 23, 11:30 am Social Justice Stations
of the Cross with St. John Chrysostom
at SMdP

FRIDAYS

3:30 p.m. Church Hall
Junior Legion of Mary

All children are invited for FUN, Rosary,
and refreshments

Life Advocate Resource Conference

Saturday, April 6, 2024
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

St. Matthew Church Hall

219 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA 19428

All are invited to attend this conference to learn
how to get
involved with pro-life activities and see all the pro-
life

resources offered in the Philadelphia area.

This conference is free, and a free lunch will be
provided, but

registration is required. To register, please send
your name and

phone number to lifconference@prolifeunion.org
or call 215-885-8150.

True Devotion to Jesus through
Mary by St Louis de Montfort
33 Days Zoom meeting with
Fr. Mekonen @ 6:30 p.m.



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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:

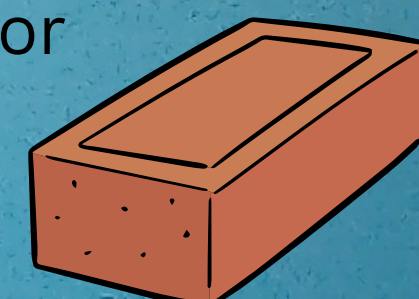
**JENAI BALLARD, CHERYL BELL, MURIEL BOOKER,
LUCILE BROWN, ANDRE CARTER, BARBARA CARTER, JANICE
WHITMORE-CARTER, GERALD CARTER, MARSHA COOPER,
MELODY COOPER, MARY COOPER, HELEN DIRKSON, RITA FELDER,
JANICE FLOYD, THERESA HART, LYNETTE FORD-HAVENS, HARRY
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our Prayer list. 215.228.8330

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Saturday -11:00 a.m. Mass

**Sundays - 9:15 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
or by appointment**

All are Welcome!



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAYS FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION
OF MASS IN THE CHURCH HALL**



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

ROSARY ONLINE - FRIDAY 6:30 PM

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Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

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.



Rectory Office Hours:

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

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

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 wishes 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.

**Blessings and prayers for all celebrating
Birthdays in the Month of February**



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

