

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024

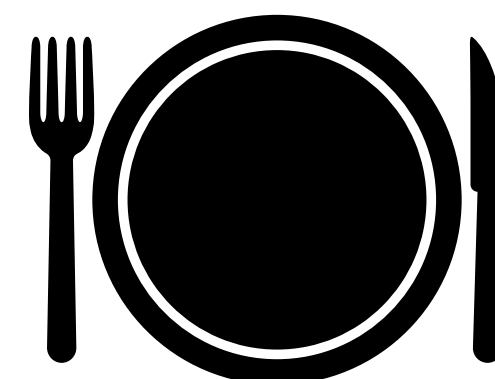
AND JESUS SAID



**"If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples,
and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**

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Why Pray?

I read a fable about an unhatched eagle's egg that had been placed with barnyard chickens' eggs to be hatched. The egg hatched and inevitably lived its life just like a chicken. It would scratch the ground for grubs or worms and flutter its wings to fly for a few seconds at a time. One day, an adult eagle flew over the barnyard and the young eagle asked a chicken, "What type of animal is that?" The chicken responded, "That is a graceful, powerful, majestic eagle, but don't worry yourself about that because, it is impossible for you to fly like that." So, the young eagle became old and then died believing it was a chicken.

Prayer is the way God reveals to us our identity in relation to Him because, He created us to have an elevated understanding of our dignity as a beloved adopted son or daughter of God; He created us in his own image. Baptism is the Sacrament that transforms us from a chicken that is unable to fly, into an eagle that has the ability to soar high into the heavenly sky. The secular world discourages us from relating our self to the reality, which is God Himself, because God is hated and rejected by the evil spirit of this world. Nevertheless, we are in tune with reality, as far as, we are in tune with Jesus Christ, who is, "The Way, the Truth and the Life." It is true that sometimes when we pray, we see ourselves as helpless chickens thinking about receiving blessings from God that will help us only to survive, but not thrive into a life of holiness. Perhaps, we do not think that our prayers will be powerful and majestic like an eagle flying over the storms of life, because of our past experiences with prayer. However, The Holy Spirit gives us the power to pray with reverence, love, and attention. The Blessed Virgin was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and so she prayed with power through the grace of the Holy Spirit. The crosses we receive and bear with the intercession of our Blessed Mother will help our soul to fly over the tempest of our temptations that lead us to sin. If only we deny our self, pick up our crosses and follow Jesus by way of our Lady, then we can see Jesus living in us. Our Lady sees Jesus in us by virtue of our Baptism and confirmation. This is why praying the Gospel through the Holy Rosary becomes a powerful means to help us realize our true worth and accept it as reality. A reality in which is unhatched from within because of the Spirit of God who empowers us to see not only our shortcomings, but also our potential in Christ Jesus because of His infinite mercy and love of our Heavenly Father. Seeking God in prayer is a necessary part of growing faith in our hearts. It is God who gives the increase to the sown seed. God is the one who turns seed into harvest. Prayer is the vehicle!

In J.M.J.
Fr. Mekonnen

7:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, March 17, 2024

in the Church

“For the People of the Church”

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Robert A. Sandt

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Charles McCall, Jr.

Friday, March 22, 2024

Stephen A. Durham, Jr.

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Donna Jo Loeper, S.S.J.

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!

Congratulations!



Lady Hope Jenkins initiated into
the Kofpc Ladies auxiliary on 3/9/24

FRIDAYS

3:30 p.m. Church Hall

Junior Legion of Mary

All children are invited for FUN, Rosary,
and refreshments

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



STARTED FEBRUARY 22ND
ZOOM Meeting # 282 564 5789
Mobile # (16465588656)
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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:

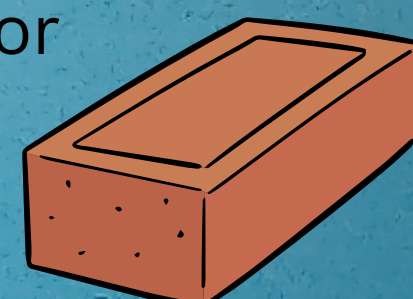
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LUCILE BROWN, ANDRE CARTER, BARBARA CARTER, JANICE
WHITMORE-CARTER, GERALD CARTER, MARSHA COOPER,
MELODY COOPER, MARY COOPER, HELEN DIRKSON, RITA FELDER,
JANICE FLOYD, THERESA HART, LYNETTE FORD-HAVENS, HARRY
W. HUBBARD, AUGUSTUS JOHNSON, MARIE LAWRENCIN, HAZEL
MARSH, YAKAISHA MARSH, JAMES MASON, LISA MCLOED,
WILLIAM PATTERSON, CLARENCE PRESTON, LOIS STREETER,
TAMIKA TENDER, RENEE TURNER, VICENTE VELAZQUEZ, AUDREY
VICTOR, JANICE WHITMORE, LISA WILLIAMS, MARY JEAN
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our Prayer list. 215.228.8330

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weather exposure; over time the engraving will still be crisp
and legible.

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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**

ROSARY ONLINE - FRIDAY 6:30 PM

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Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

LEGION OF MARY



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

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 March**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



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

