

# ST. MARTIN DE PORRES BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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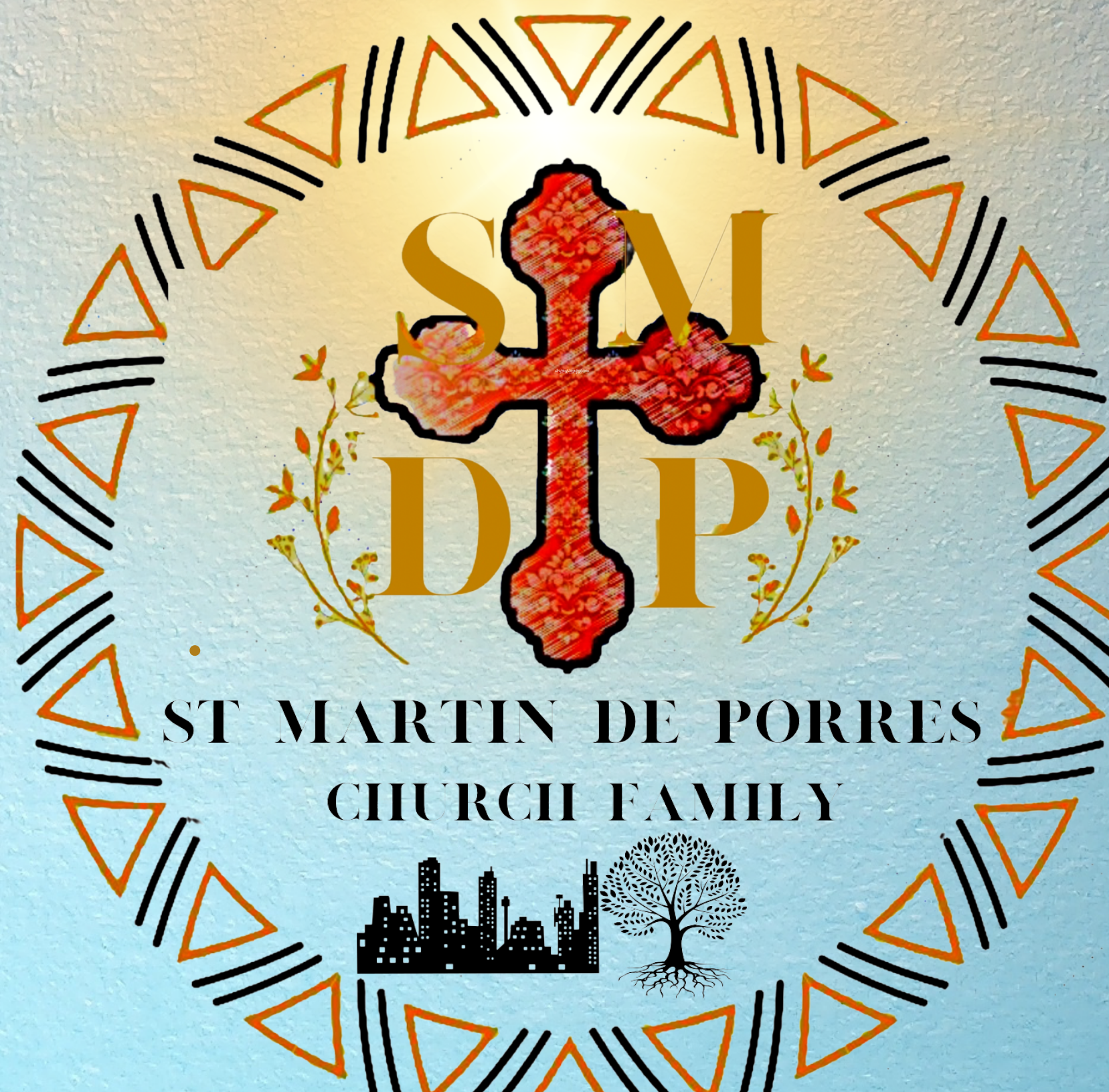
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Deacon Melvin Burton, Jr.

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 2024

## AND JESUS SAID



"I am going to my Father and your Father,  
to my God and your God."

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Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

Dir. of Parish Services - Mr. James E. Andrews

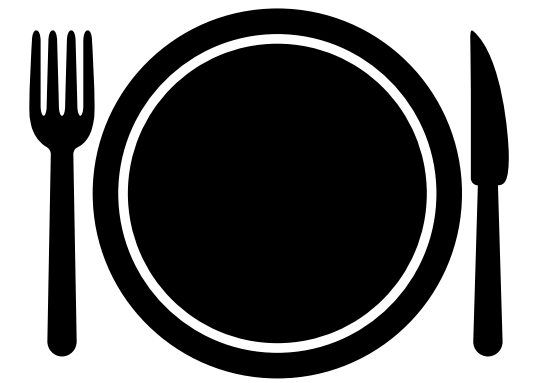
Music Director - Ms. Tonya Taylor-Dorsey

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**“I See His Blood Upon the Rose ” A poem by Joseph Mary Plunkett**

“I see his blood upon the rose and in the stars the glory of his eyes, His body gleams amid eternal snows, His tears fall from the skies. I see his face in every flower; the thunder and the singing of the birds are but his voice—and carven by his power rocks are his written words. All pathways by his feet are worn, His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea, His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn, His cross is every tree.”

I think this poem “I see His Blood Upon the Rose” by Joseph Plunkett utilizes beautiful imagery to capture the mystery of how all of creation participates in our celebration of the Easter Season. The poem evokes how God speaks through thunder which, like His prophets, roar “Repent!!” The birds proclaim joyfully the Gospel good news “The Lord is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!” We can see how God’s desire to speak to us plays out in salvation history. In the Old Testament, God sent His multitude of prophets to gather His beloved people in order that they may come to know, love, and serve Him through a covenantal relationship.

Therefore, God spoke to His beloved people through these prophets to repent from their sins and become faithful to God. God knew very well they would repeatedly fail to be faithful, and yet the Word of God continued to resound to them. He wanted His voice to become familiar to them—just as today we recognize the familiar sounds of news broadcasts, music, or sporting events. God desired that His voice be heard and familiar to His beloved people—as familiar and intimate as a mother’s voice to her infant in the womb. It was not enough for God, our heavenly Father, to speak only to His beloved people in the Old Testament. At the appointed time, He sent the eternal Word made flesh—Jesus our Lord—so that we may visualize God’s work of redemption and sanctification on earth. So that the saving mission of Jesus would resound through the ages—He gave us His beautiful bride the Catholic Church.

The Church is the mystical rose in which we see Christ crucified revealing the face of our merciful Father. The Church has also given us the Saints. They are the stars in the skies of our faith because they have faithfully witnessed to the Gospel and shine the Paschal Light of Christ which is the glory of God. The Saints—who all had different vocations and personalities—bore their crosses with the help of God’s grace, in order that they may be worthy to wear that crown of glory—which is heaven. The Easter Season is a time to give glory and praise to God for all that he has done for us! The Easter Season urges us to act and respond to the infinite mercy of God. Just as a bird needs wings to fly, our active participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and our effort to live out our faith during the week are the vehicles that allow us to experience the consolation of being united to our risen Lord. Sincerely in Jesus and Mary.

In J.M.J.  
Fr. Mekonnen



# 7:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, March 31, 2024

in the Church

“For the People of the Church”

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Ellen McCarthy, S.S.J.

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Rita Dolores Woehicke, S.S.J.

Friday, April 5, 2024

Jane O. Small, S.S.J.

Saturday, March 23, 2024

The baby of Kelly Lewis

This is the day the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad. Psalm 118:24



Happy  
Easter

Alleluia! He has risen...

## Hallahan - Class of '74 50th Reunion

Sunday, May 19, 2024

12 p.m. Brunch at Panache

Additional details email:

HallahanClassof1974@gmail.com

## 2023 Tax Letters

If anyone is in need of a letter of their donations for their 2023 taxes, please call the Parish office 215-228-8330 Thursday or Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

## Bible Study with Deacon Burton

John 13: 1 - 17



THURSDAY 6:30 PM

Meeting ID: 570 117 8316

Phone# +6468769923, 5701178316

burtonmel417@gmail.com

How does the Bible, written over 2000 years ago, apply to our daily life in 2023? Join Deacon on Thursdays to find out!



## 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 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 WILLIAMS, SHARON WILLIAMS, SYLVIA WILLIAMS

Please contact the church office to add or remove loved ones from our Prayer list. 215.228.8330

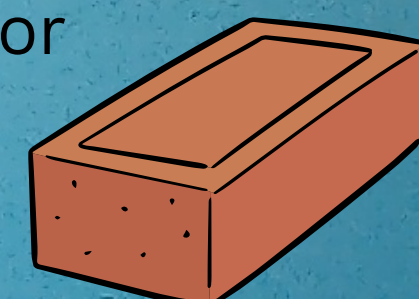
## Buy a Brick Campaign

The engraved design won't fade or crack away with sun and weather exposure; over time the engraving will still be crisp and legible.

Contact Rectory office staff and/or complete application form

215-228-8330

Deadline: April 15th





**Saturday -11:00 a.m. Mass**

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

***All are Welcome!***



## Divine Mercy Sunday Novena started Good Friday

**ROSARY ONLINE - FRIDAY 6:30 PM**

**ZOOM Meeting # 282 564 5789**

**Mobile # (16465588656) (2825645789)**

**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.**

