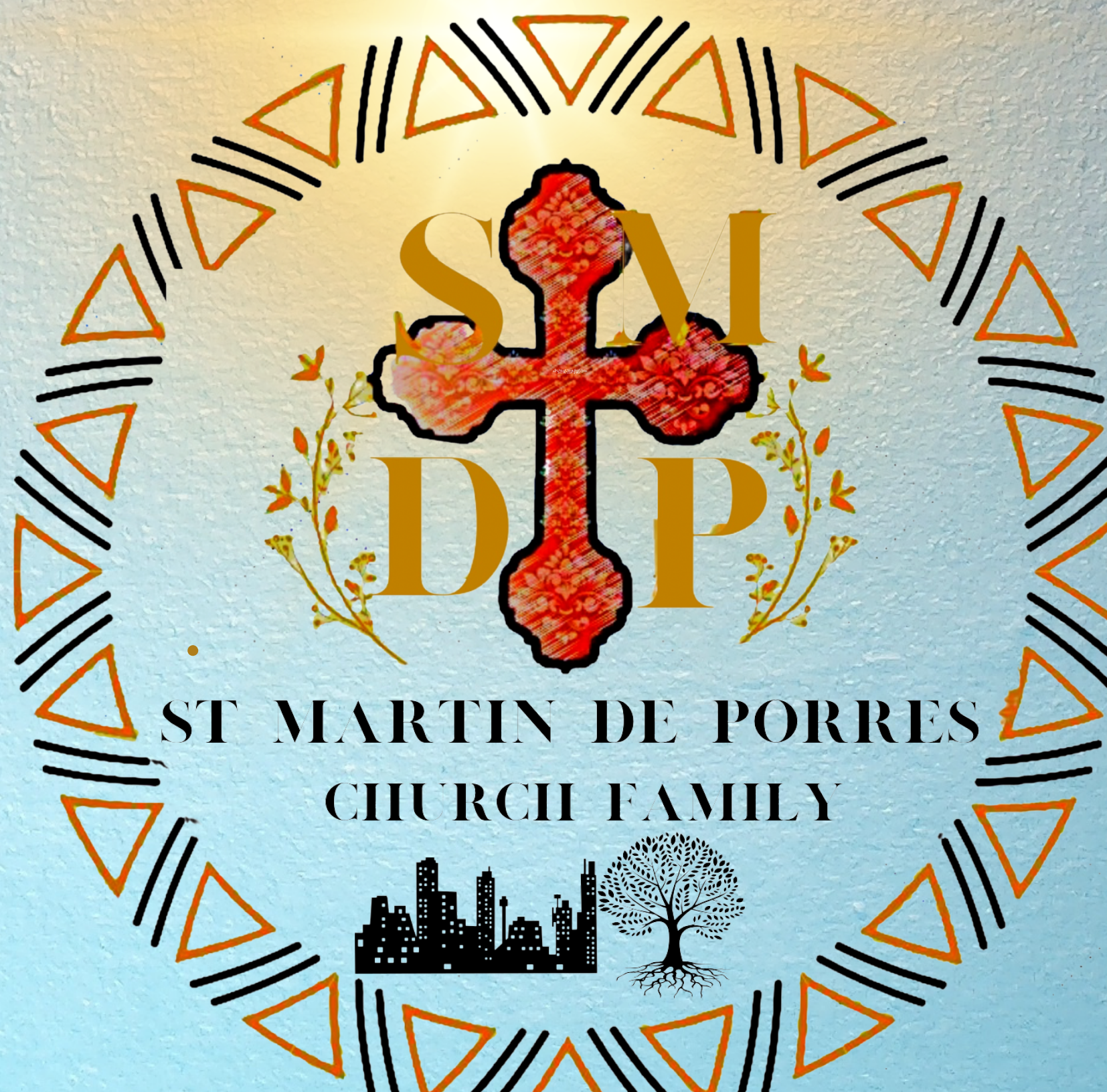


ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

Pastor Addisalem T. Mekonnen
Email: fathermekonnen@gmail.com
Deacon Melvin Burton, Jr.
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

AND JESUS SAID



"I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

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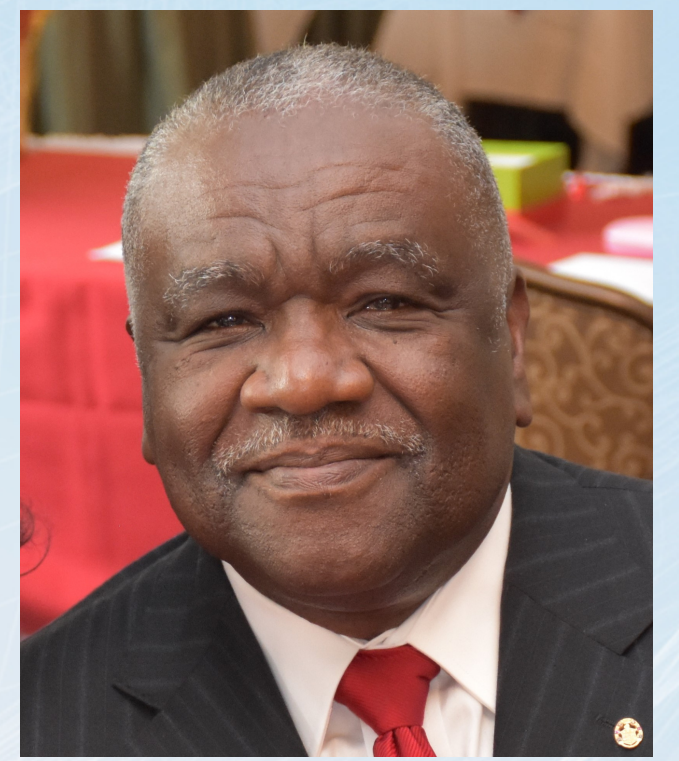
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Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

Music Director - Ms. Tonya Taylor-Dorsey
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God has a plan, and a purpose for every event that occurs in our life. The Saint Martin de Porres family feels that you came into our lives for a reason and a season. The reason was the need of our parish; this season was this short time that you were able to spend with us in the capacity of Director of Parish Services. Your ability to organize and encourage our church family to work together, was offset only by your integrity and commitment to the gospel. I knew that James was very good as an event organizer by watching him work with due diligence for a couple years in the Black Catholic's Office. It was James who helped me to realize the need for a chair lift, Seniors Mass, Health fair and to invite more men in our parish to the Knights of Peter Claver. He always seemed comfortable, happy and fatherly as he patiently coached our children learning how to play chess. James was instrumental in getting our parishioners to collaborate with St John Chrysostom to a create Social Justice group to fight against the serious sin of racism. I got to know James as he volunteered as a counter after Mass. I can see how his father, who was a deacon, planted the seeds of faith along with his mother. I can easily see his sincere love for all priests, since he has so many priest friends. I thank you James for your faithful service, before and after your role as DPS. May God bless you with good health as you spend more time with your family and friends. "For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die. Time to plant and a time to harvest..." ECC.3:1-4. This has truly been a fruitful season. Blessed Be God Forever! May continue to bless you and your family.



James E Andrews



Deacon Edward J Andrews
Annie Andrews

J M J
Fr. Mekonnen

A Reason, Season, or Lifetime

People come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. When you figure out which one it is, you will know what to do for each person. When someone is in your life for a REASON, It is usually to meet a need you have expressed. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally, or spiritually. They may seem like a godsend, and they are! They are there for the reason you need them to be. Then, without any wrongdoing on your part, or at an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end. Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up and force you to take a stand. What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled, their work is done. The prayer you sent up has been answered. And now it is time to move on. Then people come into your life for a SEASON, Because your turn has come to share, grow, or learn. They bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it! It is real! But, only for a season. LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons - things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person, and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. It is said that love is blind but friendship is clairvoyant.

- **Unknown Author.**

7:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, April 21, 2024

in the Church

“For the People of the Church”

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Alice & leo McGeoy

Thursday, April 25, 2024

Charles Leslie

Friday, April 26, 2024

Anna & Bob Iatesta

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Mollie Remaley

April 28th SMdP visit to Saint Katherine of Siena

104 S. Aberdeen Ave., Wayne PA
Mass - 11:30 a.m.

<https://www.stkatharineofsiena.org/>

**Sign up for the bus transportation
Departure 3 p.m.**

The Month of April 2024

**Event: April is Abortion Recovery
Awareness Month**

Are you or someone you love hurting
from an abortion? You're not alone. You
can find the peace, healing, and
forgiveness you so deeply desire.

To learn more: Contact
Office@RachelsVineyard.org, call
1.877.HOPE.4.ME,

Women's Day Brunch

Saturday, May 4, 2024

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

St Cyprian Community Hall

Tickets are \$45 or table of 8 \$315

215-747-3250

Bible Study

with Deacon Burton

John 15: 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
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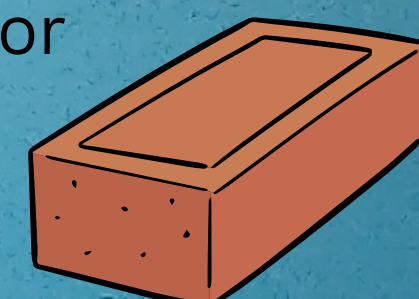
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weather exposure; over time the engraving will still be crisp
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Contact Rectory office staff and/or
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215-228-8330

Deadline: April 30th



Saturday -11:00 a.m. Mass

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

Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.

All are Welcome!



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 - WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM

ZOOM Meeting # 282 564 5789

Mobile # (16465588656) (2825645789)

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 April



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

