

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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AND JESUS SAID



“TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY... THIS MY BLOOD

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Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

Music Director - Ms. Tonya Taylor-Dorsey
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9:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, June 16, 2024

in Church

“For the People of the Church”

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

D. Audrey Crane

Wednesday June 19, 2024

Church Family

Thursday, June 20, 2024

Lois Zandien

Friday, June 21, 2024

Mass of thanksgiving

Saturday 11:00 AM

D. Audrey Crane

June 22, 2024



JUNE MONTH OF SACRED HEART

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Bible Study with Deacon Burton TUESDAY

**Bible study @ 6:30PM with
Deacon Melvin / ZOOM Meeting
570-117-8316 / by phone -
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The power of prayer!

Let us pray for the Sick.

We pray for all in our Church Family who are

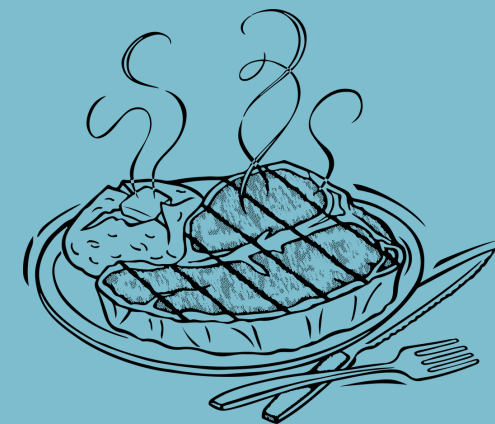
SICK AND THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM:

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 W. HUBBARD, , MARIE
LAWRENCIN, HAZEL MARSH, YAKAISHA MARSH, JAMES
MASON, LISA MCLOED, CLARENCE PRESTON, LOIS
STREETER, TAMIKA TENDER, RENEE TURNER, VICENTE
VELAZQUEZ, AUDREY VICTOR, JANICE WHITMORE, LISA
WILLIAMS, MARY JEAN WILLIAMS, SHARON WILLIAMS,
SYLVIA WILLIAMS, TALLUAH WILSON

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



Food for thought with Fr. Mekonnen



I would like to illustrate the legendary rite of passage for the Cherokee Indian boy. His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone. Once he survives the night, he is a MAN. He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own. The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man! Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

I believe this story to some degree relatable not only to Jesus , but also us His beloved disciples. God our Heavenly Father, sent His beloved Son Jesus on a rite of passage in order for Him to become humanity's Savior. Jesus was obedient to His Heavenly Father and did not remove the blindfold of suffering that enveloped Him like an abyss of darkness. Although Jesus is God and therefore powerful nevertheless, He became vulnerable in His humanity as we are in His experience of His Passion. Jesus did cry out for help, but He did this for us; so that we can hear our voice within His voice. Jesus is both priest and victim. He is the Most High Priest that learned obedience through suffering and so this the same for His followers. God the Father was externally silent, but He never abandon Jesus not for a moment.

Almost anyone can be a dad, but it takes a real man to be a father. Fathers are men of faith and they lead by being led by Jesus by way of Paschal Mystery. They don't want their children to suffer, but because they live in reality they know no one on earth is able to avoid this experience. Therefore, they want that suffering to mean something and become an experience of transformation. Suffering is a book called "Tough Love" and if you don't seek to understand the thesis then you will never learn anything from that experience. It is one thing to read it, but to understand and appreciate it in the context of faith is the difference between a believer and non believer. The rite of passage is the Paschal Mystery and the sunrise seen is Jesus' Resurrection.

In J.M.J
Fr. Mekonnen



SATURDAY MASS is 11:00 AM

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

Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.

All are Welcome!

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

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.

Saturdays 12:00 p.m. LEGION OF MARY



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 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 215.228.8330.

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

