

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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August 18, 2024

TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



AND JESUS SAID



August is the month of the Immaculate heart of Mary

“WOMAN, BEHOLD YOUR SON, ...BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER”

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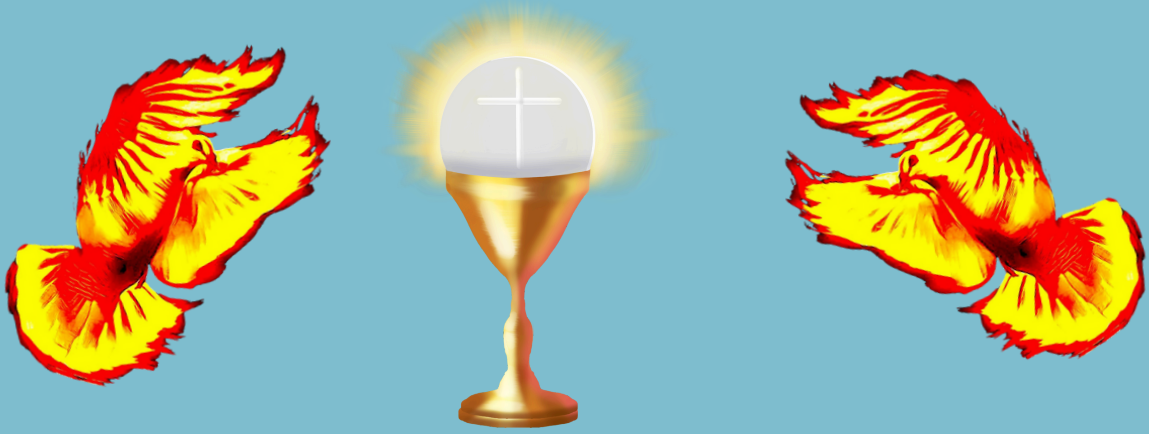
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Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

Music Director - Ms. Tonya Dorsey
Business Manager- Mr. John Duffner
Bookkeeper - Ms. Ramona Melburn
Office Manager- Ms. Elizabeth Comby

9:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule & Intentions



**Sunday, August 18, 2024
in Church**

“For the People of the Church”

**Wednesday, August 21, 2024
Mary, Steve, Safranek**

**Thursday, August 22, 2024
Alfio & Dina Roscillo**

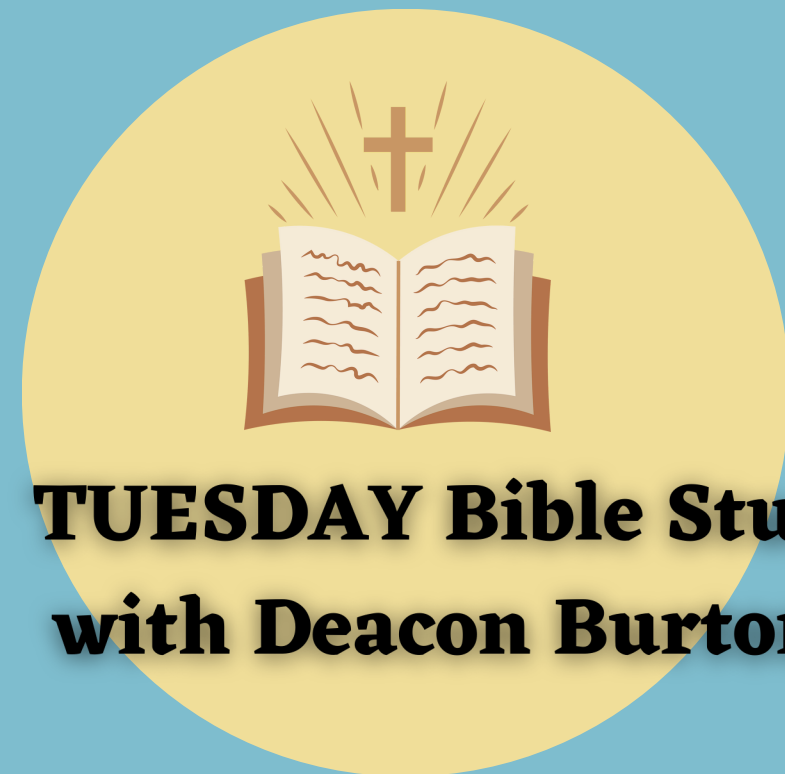
**Friday, August 23, 2024
Barbra Ann Levis**

**Saturday Mass at 11:00 AM
August 25, 2024
Claire & Jose Zeron**



***Food Pantry give away
every **FOURTH SUNDAY** after **MASS*****

**Parish OFFICE HOURS
WEDNESDAY , THURSDAY,
FRIDAY
8:00 am- 3:00 pm**



**TUESDAY Bible Study
with Deacon Burton**

**Bible study @ 6:30PM with Deacon
Melvin / ZOOM Meeting # 570-117-
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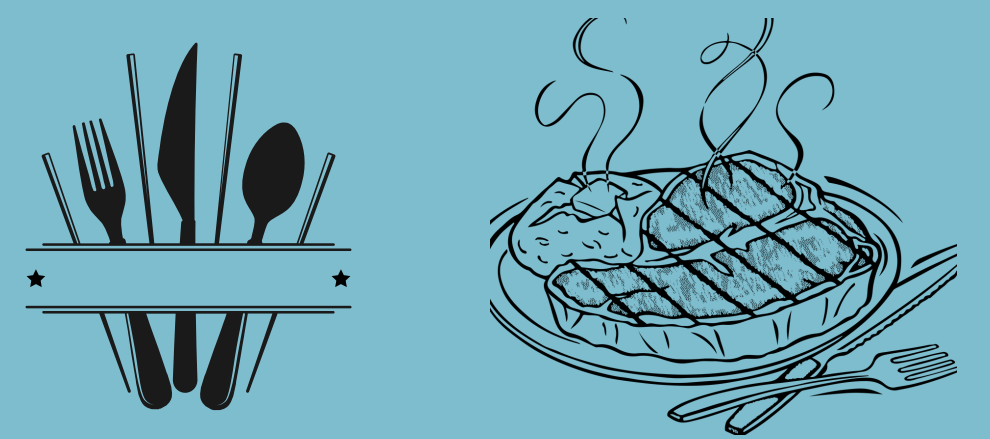
**The power of prayer!
Let us pray for the Sick.**

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, CYNTHIA ORTA,
EDDIE JENKINS**

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



Why have a Eucharistic Revival ?

Their was a man named S.C. who had a list of serious health issues because he didnt live a healthy life style and all of a sudden, he ran out of money to pay for his health insurance. He proceeded to pray with trust in our Heavenly Father's mercy through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit through the most Holy rosary. Then he heard that one of his relatives passed away and had left him a huge inheritance. S.C. used all of it to pay for the best doctors in the world. He thought to himself, "I am sure since I have all this money I will find a shortcut to getting my body healthy again with little or no effort." S.C. told the first doctor "look, I don't want to have any surgeries and therapy." He listened to all the specialists one after another and they all gave him the same advice, which was, " You will need surgery and therapy." He finally caves in to have the surgery, but he insists that therapy isn't necessary. The world renown doctor with a perfect record named J.C. tells S.C. "look there are no shortcuts, so you need both surgery and therapy afterwards. Your body was created by God and even science obeys the laws of God, hence that is why we have to study it, so that we can use its principles to bring about the outcome we would to see. The choice is yours, but you need to eat healthy and start exercising otherwise, you will not live a long life."

I bring up this parable as way to help us see with eyes of faith what God sees whenever He looks at us, His beloved children. Both the relative that passed away and left S.C. a great inheritance and the doctor J.C. is Jesus Christ. Jesus is both the Sacrificial Lamb and the Divine Doctor. Jesus does surgery whenever we go to confession, and that is why I wanted to be available to hear confessions for three hours three days in a row. I know that the good Lord wants to remove the disease of serious sin, so that our soul gets a new beginning. The Blood of Jesus is the powerful medicine for the soul and the body. The therapy is doing the penance which is praying, carrying our cross, and fasting. The therapy is also praying in a posture that is sacrificial in nature such as, praying in adoration on our knees, standing or sitting in an atatmosphere of silence. I believe Jesus is the Way, we must follow Him, so we follow Him into the desert in which He prayed in total silence. It is true that our physical body hungers and thirsts for food, but that food has to be nutritious in order for us to be healthy. Our soul is integrated with our body and, so we hunger to receive our Blessed Lord in the most Holy Eucharist. I offered up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass three evenings, so that our faith in Jesus becomes strong and active like that of Saints in heaven. This living out our Catholic faith which gives us the strength to overcome temptations to seek shortcuts that undermine our call to be in Communion with the Holy Trinity and each other.

**in J.M.J
Fr.Mekonnen**

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



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
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Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



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New Parishioners are most welcome and are encouraged to register as soon as possible after moving into the Parish. Please see an usher after Mass and request a form.

Home Blessings & Holy Communion are available. Anyone who wishess their home to be 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 August**

