

# ST. MARTIN DE PORRES BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



## AND JESUS SAID



**“WATCH AND PRAY SO THAT YOU WILL  
NOT FALL INTO TEMPTATION. THE SPIRIT  
IS WILLING, BUT THE FLESH IS WEAK.”**

**PRAY FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY**

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Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

Music Director - Ms. Tonya Dorsey  
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## 7:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule & Intentions



Sunday, November 3, 2024  
in Church

**“For the People of the Church”**

Wednesday, November 6, 2024  
Kathy , Mullen Barens

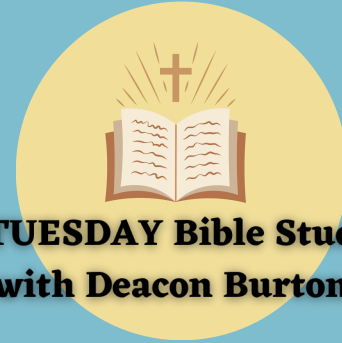
Thursday, November 7, 2024  
Souls in Purgatory

Friday, November 8, 2024  
Kathy Donnell

Saturday Mass at 11:00 AM  
November 9, 2024  
Jane Finickley

**Write the name of your loved who has passed in the book of the dead which is on the greeters's table and they will be prayed for in special way for the month of November.**

**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-  
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,  
BRIANNA SIMONE BRISCO, 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,  
VONITA HALL

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



## **Why should we pray for the Holy Souls in purgatory?**

### **PART I**

◆ *We pray for them just as we're called to pray for those still living on earth.*

◆ *We pray for them because we're part of the Communion of Saints.*

*The Communion of Saints is made up of the faithful on earth, the souls in heaven, and the souls in purgatory (in traditional terms: the Church Militant, the Church Triumphant, and the Church Suffering).*

*Those of us who aren't in heaven need to pray and rely on the prayers of others, because we are pilgrims in this journey of faith. Those who have entered heaven — whether now canonized by the Church or not — are saved. Yes, they can and do pray for us on earth and the souls in purgatory, but for members of the Church Triumphant, eternal life is their reward. In the Wisdom of God (thanks be to God the Holy Trinity ) and through the Church's liturgical calendar, the Church offers us three important annual reminders that the souls in heaven are saints and the souls in purgatory need our prayers. These reminders are: All Saints' Day on Nov. 1; All Souls' Day on Nov. 2; and traditionally, the entire month of November, which is dedicated to the holy souls.*

*As disciples of Christ, we are all called to trust in the infinite mercy of God. If someone has died, he or she is there. But which there? The Church doesn't say, except in the cases of canonized saints — and, of course, Our Lord and Our Lady. What this means is that you know some souls are in heaven and some souls are in purgatory. You can pray to loved ones and others who are heaven, asking for their intercession. But what you may not realize is that you can do the same with the souls in purgatory. They can, and do, pray for those of us here on earth. They can, and do, want and need your prayers for themselves, too. Just as during the prayers of intercession at Sunday Mass, when a congregation prays for members of some general categories ("for the sick") and for some specific ones , your prayers for the Holy Souls can include everyone or a particular someone, such as, those who were killed in a recent natural disaster, deceased relatives, friends, or neighbors. The Catechism states, "A state of final purification after death and before entrance into heaven for those who died in God's friendship, but were only imperfectly purified; a final cleansing of human imperfections before one is able to enter the joy of heaven." (CCC, 1031; see also CCC, 1472)*

*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.**



**ROSARY ONLINE WITH FR. MEKONNEN  
WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM  
ZOOM Meeting # 282 564 5789  
Mobile # (16465588656) (2825645789)  
Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed  
Sacrament**

**LEGION OF MARY**



**Saturdays 12:00 p.m. 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.



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

New Parishioners are most welcome and are encouraged to register as soon as possible in order to become a member of our Church Family. Please see an usher after Mass and request a form. Home Blessings & Holy Communion are available. Anyone who wishes their home, to be blessed, or 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 their Birthdays in the Month of November**