

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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The Epiphany of the Lord

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AND JESUS SAID



**“Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.”**

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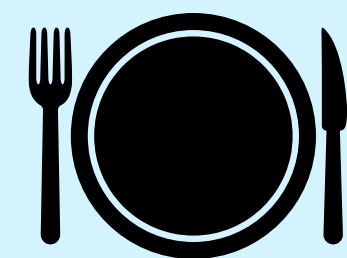
Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

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It is traditional for parish priests to bless chalk for parishioners, so that they may mark the names of the three Magi over their doors, in the blessing of homes as a witness of their faith and protection against evil. This blessing is a great way to acknowledge God as the source of blessings for our family life and so it is the use of chalk that helps us remember the Sacred Scripture verse “we are dust and to dust we will return (Genesis 3:19). The feast of manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. In the dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The three Magi must have had a strong in faith God and the revelation of His presence made visible by one star. They did not know if after months of traveling in foreign countries, spending money on necessities, finding lodging, enduring weather hazards and risking being robbed by bandits if they would be able to reach the destination of this newborn King. This simple tradition of using bless chalk to write the names of the three Magi is a simple way for disciples of Jesus to imitate their vision of faith in seeking to see the face of God. We do not bring frankincense, gold, and myrrh, but our heart, mind, body and soul as offering to God by coming to Mass every single Sunday despite the obstacles that come our way. We come together as a church family because we want to worship God alone and in doing, so our names are written in the book of Life.

Habakkuk 2:2-4

2 Then the Lord answered me and said: Write down the vision, inscribe it clearly on tablets so that it can be read easily.

The Chalking Ceremony

The family gathers to ask God’s blessings on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversation, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

Write on a wall by the front door - above, near or on the ground 24 + C + M + B + 24

The letters C, M, B have two meanings.

The year is placed before and after and the three letters M, C, & B stand for the Magi (Casper, Melchior and Balthazar) The three letters also stand for the Latin phrase “*Christ bless this house*” - Christus mansion benedicat. We should strive to be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us! The “+” signs represent the cross.

Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark near your front door on a wall, the lintel or porch step as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 21 while saying:

The Magi who we remember as Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God’s Son who became human two thousand and seventeen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Christus mansionem benedicat, “May Christ bless the house.”

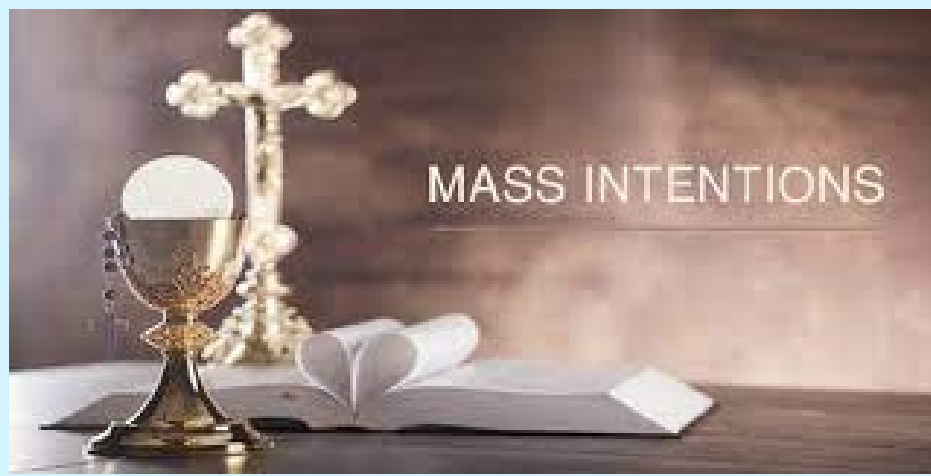
Then offer the following prayer:

Visit this place O Lord we pray and drive from it the snares of the enemy. May your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace and may your blessing be always upon us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Let us bless the Lord Thanks be to God

In J.M.J.

Fr. Mekonnen

No daily Mass this week

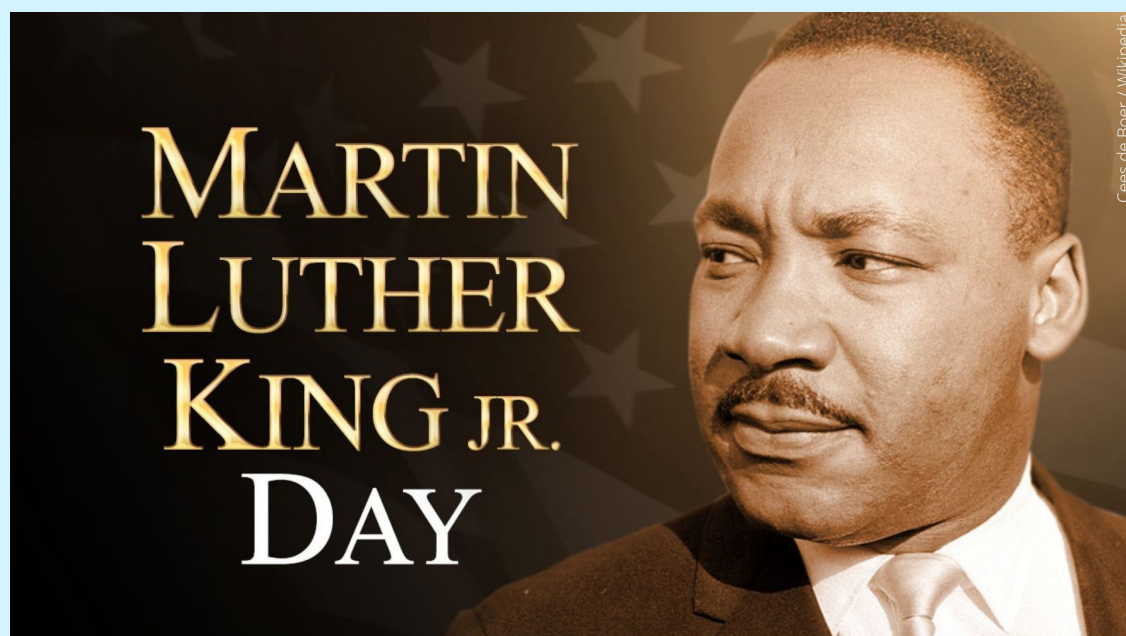


Begin your day with Mass

**Sunday, January 7, 2024
in the Church**

“For the People of the Church”

**Saturday, January 13, 2024
Edward Barr**



Interfaith Prayer Service

Sunday, January 14, 2024
3:00 PM Prelude - 2:30 PM
Saint Katharine Drexel Church
1920 Providence Avenue Chester, PA

Stewardship

How much time, other than 90 minutes on Sunday, do you give back to God for the many blessings that you have received?

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the Week

We are all sowers in the field. Our time, our money, our attention. These finite resources are the seeds, and the choice is ours where we scatter them. Do we focus our efforts on soil that will bear fruit for the kingdom?

Bible Study with Deacon Burton

1 Samuel 3: 1-18



THURSDAY 6:30 PM

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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, ALMA ROSS, 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

This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of “**The Epiphany of the Lord**,” The word “Epiphany” comes from the Greek word 'Epiphania' which means ‘revelation,’ or ‘manifestation.’ So, “The Epiphany of the Lord” means the revelation or manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the entire world.

Saturday -11:00 a.m. Mass

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

All are Welcome!



Welcome to Saint Martin de Porres Church. Based in North Philadelphia, we are a Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We are one diverse spiritual community called to follow Jesus Christ. "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life" - John 3:16.



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 - FRIDAY 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 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.



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

