

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

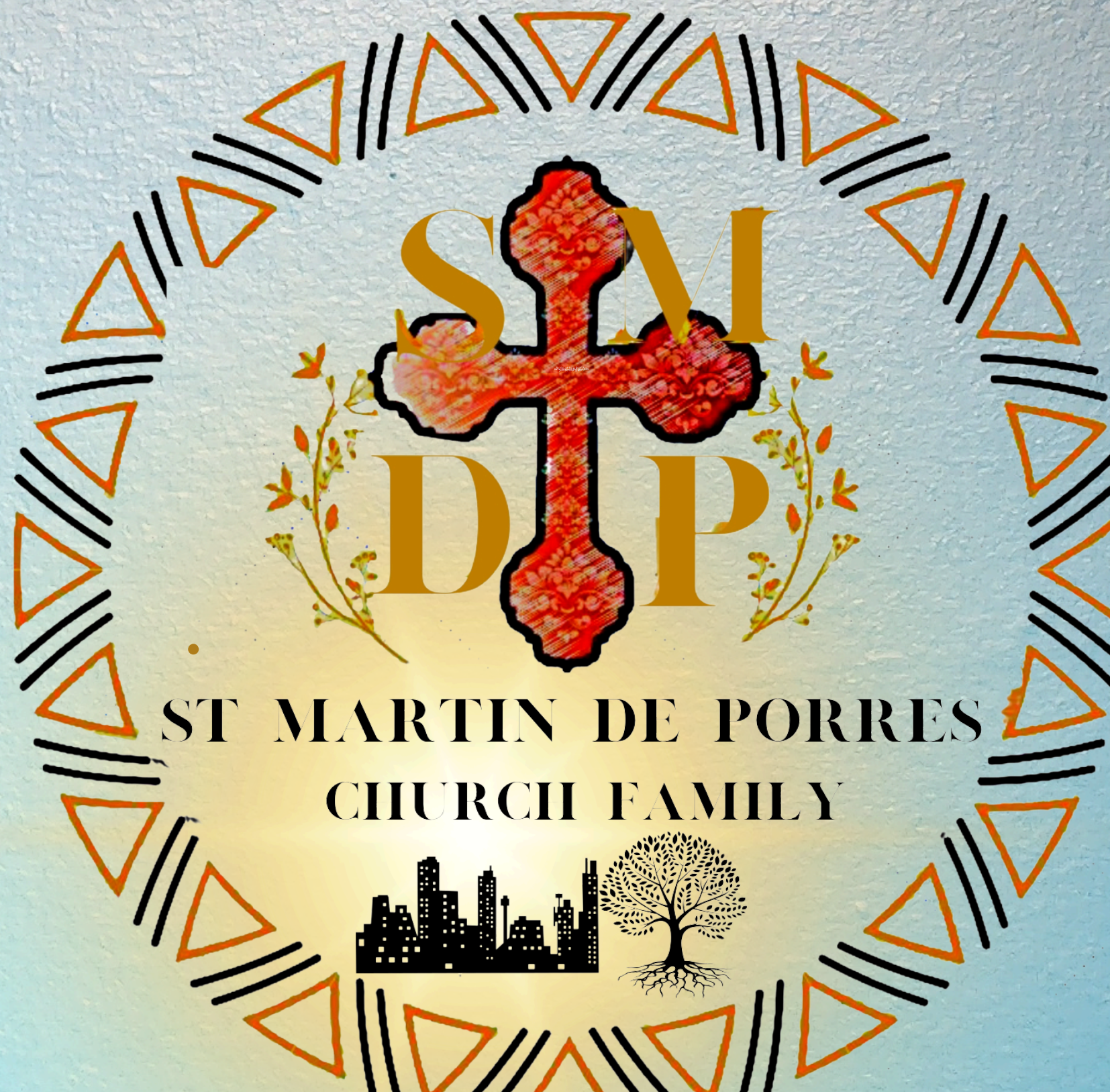
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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025

AND JESUS SAID



“Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

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Message from the Deacon's desk



As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, we are reminded that Jesus, born in the stable at Bethlehem, is revealed to us all. He is revealed to saints and sinners. This feast is God's desire to reveal himself to us in a personal relationship rooted in the love of God that has come into the world.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Today, the Church celebrates the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world. Jesus was first made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem. He is now revealed to the Magi, who have come from the East to adore Him. Our Christian tradition tells us that the Magi, or three kings, are symbolic of the Gentiles who began to follow Jesus. These kings represent all of us, the followers of Jesus.

Epiphany is not given just to believers but also to those who continually seek the Lord's presence in their lives. Each of us must continually search for the many ways in which God reveals himself in our lives. We are all in the process of coming to know Jesus as Lord. Each of us is at a different place in our faith journey. The many experiences of our lives have shaped how we see God and others. In our journey, God comes to "show us Jesus." He reminds us that we are bigger than our circumstances. We are more significant than our experiences. Jesus comes into our lives to show us what it means to be human. He comes to show us what it means to be loved by God. All of us together must see the saving power of God.

As this new year begins, we must ask ourselves, how has Jesus' presence in our lives made a difference? To answer that question, our relationship with Jesus must be the source of our strength.

The Magi followed the star and found Christ. May we, too, find the Lord who continues to search for us.



Happy Birthday
January 1st &
Rest in Peace

Father Addisalem T. Mekonnen
Our beloved Pastor



**Bible Study
with Deacon Burton
January 7, 2025**

**6:30PM with Deacon Melvin / ZOOM
Meeting # 570-117-8316 / by phone -
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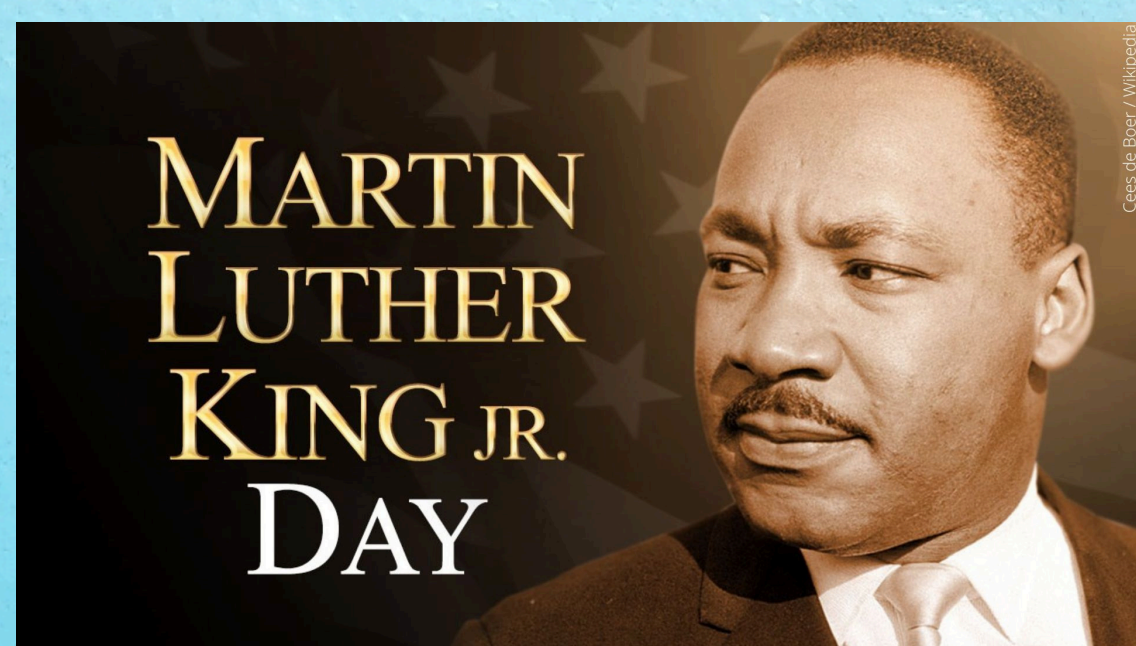
**The power of prayer!
Let us pray for the Sick.**

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, 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



Interfaith Prayer Service

Sunday, January 19, 2025
3:00 PM

St. Athanasius Catholic Church
2050 E. Walnut Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19138

*Happy
New Year*

Sundays - 9:30 a.m. Sacrament of
Reconcilliation
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



Rectory Office Hours:
Wednesday - Fridays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturdays 8 a.m. - 2 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.

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

