

Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020



# Saint Martin de Porres Parish

*"A Faith Community, One in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."*  
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**OFFICE HOURS:** MON, TUE & THURS. 9:00AM-8:00PM  
WED & FRI: 9:00AM – 4:30PM

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This feast day marks the end of the liturgical year. Next week we will celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. As I reflect upon the events of these last few months, it would be safe to say that this has been a unique and interesting year. More than half of it has been dealing with the coronavirus. Our lives have been radically impacted by this deadly virus, but we must not take our eyes off Christ the King. We hear in today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians that Christ is the first fruits of all creation. All sovereignty, power and authority belong to him and him alone. As we end this liturgical year, let us continue to thank Almighty God for all of the blessings and the graces that he has bestowed upon us. Even in the midst of this pandemic, let us continue to rejoice for the Lord is King.

## Thanksgiving Day Mass

This Thursday, November 26 is Thanksgiving Day. On behalf of the entire parish pastoral staff, I would like to wish each of you a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving. This of course is a very different holiday than previous one, but we remain grateful for the gifts of family, friends and faith. Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Victory Church at 9:00AM. At the end of Mass, everyone will be given a placemat to adorn their thanksgiving table. All are welcomed to join us.

## Parish Stewardship Program

Over the last few weeks, many of you have received letters from me regarding our Parish Stewardship Program. As you know, our parish doors were closed from March to July. Our parish finances as you can imagine were impacted by the closure, most especially our Sunday Mass collections. We also missed our Holy Week and Easter collections. Realizing that this has been a difficult time for everyone financially, we have been asked to participate in this Stewardship Program. It is not connected to the Annual Catholic Appeal, nor is it a separate appeal program. What we are asking through this Stewardship Program is to consider a minimal increase to your generous Sunday Mass offertory, to consider electronic giving and to help update our parish census. I want to thank all of you for your continued financial support of St. Martin De Porres Parish. Please be assured of my prayers for all of you as we continue to build up this strong and vibrant faith community.

## Advent Vespers

Our custom of Advent vespers will continue this year. All are invited to pray vespers with the community on the Tuesday's of Advent. This year, we will not be inviting guest preachers. The presiders will alternate between myself and Father Franklin. The first Tuesday vespers will take place on December 1 at 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. It will also be livestreamed.

Wishing you a blessed, peaceful and joyous Thanksgiving,  
Father Alonzo Q. Cox



Holy Rosary Church  
139 Chauncey Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11233

**Mass Schedule**  
Sundays: 9 AM  
Tuesdays: 11 AM



Our Lady of Victory Church  
583 Throop Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11216

**Mass Schedule**  
Sun.: 7: 30 AM & 10: 15 AM  
Mon. to Fri.: 8 AM  
(in St. Anthony's Chapel)



St. Peter Claver Church  
29 Claver Place  
Brooklyn, NY 11238

**Mass Schedule**  
Sat.: 5 PM Sun.: 11: 30 AM  
Mon. & Wed.: 12 Noon  
1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: 12 Noon

**HOLY DAYS:**  
as announced

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Jesus, Christ the king whose presence we celebrate is not revered for royalty with wealth and power as we associate with kingship in the secular world. On this feast day, we celebrate his dedication to justice and peace, to the causes of the poor, the abandoned. He does not wear a crown, nor is he clothed in finery. He wishes to be remembered as servant and he continues to invite all of us to imitate him in this servanthood.

**PARISH CLERGY & STAFF**

Ms. Paulitiana St. Hilaire, Secretary  
 Mrs. Alicia J. Rosete, Bookkeeper  
 Ms. Michelle Joseph, Dir. of Religious Edu.  
 Mr. Joseph Murray, Co-Dir. of Music  
 Ms. Joan Marie Delahunt, Co-Dir. of Music  
 Ms. Tamika Daniel, Youth Minister  
 Mr. Humberto DaCosta, Buildings /Grounds

**READING OF THE WEEK**

Sun. EZ 34:11-12, 15-17 PS 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 1 COR 15:20-26, 28  
 MT 25:31-46  
 Mon. Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 LK 21:1-4  
 Tue. RV 14:14-19 PS: 96:10, 11-12, 13 LK 21:5-11  
 Wed. RV 15:1-4 PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 7-8, 9 LK 21:12-19  
 Thu. RV 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9A PS 100:1B-2, 3, 4, 5 LK 21:20-28  
 Fri. RV 20:1-4, 11—21:2 PS 84:3, 4, 5-6A AND 8A LK 21:29-33  
 Sat. RV 22:1-7 PS 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7AB LK 21:34-36

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Martin de Porres, formed from the tri-church unity of Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Victory and St. Peter Claver churches is led by the Spirit and committed to becoming one in Humility, Faith and Love. In community and by the Eucharist, we journey together realizing that our strength is in our commitment to the Church founded by Christ and to the spread of His Word by the actions of our daily lives.

**SACRAMENTS:**

**Anointing of the Sick**~ Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

**Baptism** ~ The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of each month. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment. A baptism preparation class will be held on the second Wednesday or fourth Saturday of each month in the Church. Attendance at this class is required by the parents and godparents of the child to be baptized.

**Confession**~ Saturdays: 4:00pm to 4:45pm, St. Peter Claver. Sundays: Holy Rosary Church, from 8:15am to 8:45am. Or call the rectory for an appointment.

**Marriage**~ Arrangements must be made seven (7) months prior to the wedding date. Please call the rectory office to make an appointment with a priest.

**Memorials** ~ Remember your loved ones, or celebrate and give thanks to those around you by offering Bread and Wine, or Sanctuary Candle Memorials. Please make an offering with each request.

**Parish Membership** ~All new families are welcome to the Parish and encouraged to become actively involved in parish societies and activities. New parishioners should register with ushers or at the Rectory as soon as possible. Parishioners are asked to use the weekly envelopes in making their contributions.

**School of Faith Formation** ~There is ongoing registration for our School of Faith Formation. Registration forms can be found in the back of each church. Registration fee is \$40.00 per child. Please talk to the faith formation representative in your church: Ms. Michelle Joseph – OLV.

**Youth Ministry** ~Meets on Friday evenings from 7:30pm to 8:30pm, in Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall. Please contact Ms. Tamika Daniel, our Youth Minister at tdaniel@smdpp.org.

**RCIA** ~Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. For those who are interested in becoming Catholic or if you have not received all of the sacraments of initiation please contact Fr. Cox, Fr. Franklin Ezeroah to inquire about our ongoing RCIA program.

**School Affiliation** ~ St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy is located on 400 Lincoln Road, Brooklyn, NY 11225. The Academy has two UPK classrooms and serves children in Kindergarten thru Grade 8<sup>th</sup>. Please call 718-778-3700 to schedule a tour. Visit. Tuition Assistance is available through the Diocese.

**Reminder** ~ Novena to St. Therese of Lisieux meets on Fridays at 6:15pm in St. Peter Claver Church to pray for Msgr. Bernard Quinn’s canonization.

**The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**SPC Saturday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)**  
Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes memorial

**OLV Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30am**  
Souls in Purgatory  
*Req. by Linley & Julienne Roberts*

**HRC Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00am**  
Travis Wilder Brathwaite – in memoriam  
*Req. by Wilder Trescott Suarez family*

**OLV Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30am**  
James Ocean – in memoriam  
*Req. by Jeanne Ambrosie*

**SPC Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:30am**  
For the People of the Parish

**GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:**

**BREAD AND WINE:**

Travis Wilder-Brathwaite – in memoriam  
*Req. by Cathy & Kevin Suarez*

**ALTAR CANDLE:**

Canonization of Msgr. Quinn

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:**

**CHAPEL FLOWERS:**



**Holy Father’s Prayer Intention  
(November 2020)**

**Artificial Intelligence**

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.** Please contact us at the Rectory Office if you know of any homebound person or anyone going for medical procedures who would like to be anointed by a priest and/or receive the Eucharist.

***Pray for the Sick***

Dorothy Bailey, Terrance Baptiste, Felicia Casimiro, Eugenia Charles, Joyce Cochran, Virginia Cox, Josie-Mae Boyce, Jennifer Edwards, Delva Ellis, Khalil Fletcher, Narcissus Frett-Moses, Sadie Garland, Patrick Gilbert, Antonio Goodsell, Christabel Gomes, Maria Hernandez, Denise Hughes, Ian Kellman, Gwendolyn Knight, Adolph Lauriano, Christina Obiaeri, Shawn Paul, Noreen Simonette, Marilyn Sylvester, Beverley Thompson, Elaine Travis, Vera Walker, Sybil Westmoreland, Rosemarie Wilkie, Marie Williams.



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**School of Faith Formation**

Faith Formation classes will be held remotely from September 2020 to January 1, 2021. Our parish program will be conducted virtually with our catechists using modern technology. Registration for all grades, including sacramental preparation has now begun. The fee this year is \$55 per student. or through parish website, [www.smdpp.org](http://www.smdpp.org). For more information you may contact Ms. Michelle Joseph at 347-944-2220.

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**R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

**Do you know Anyone?**

Who has never been baptized? Who has not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Communion? Who has been baptized in another faith tradition, and desires to become Catholic? Who has questions about becoming Catholic?

**RCIA IS:**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults for those who are interested in becoming Catholic, or have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation. Please contact Fr. Cox or Fr. Franklin to inquire about our RCIA program.

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**Annual Catholic Appeal**

The Annual Catholic Appeal offer's the opportunity to make your gift and pledge payments online using a credit card or electronic funds transfer from your checking or savings account. For other forms of giving - securities, stocks, mutual funds, IRA Distributions - please visit us [www.annualcatholicappeal.org](http://www.annualcatholicappeal.org) to make your contribution or text ACA to 979-336-1255.

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**Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup>,**

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady of Victory Church at 9:00am. You are invited to bring a dish from your

Thanksgiving table to be blessed at that Mass. You will also receive a Thanksgiving placemat that you may use at your table.



**2021 Mass Book**

The 2021 Mass Book is open. You may choose to honor a death anniversary, wedding anniversary, birthday celebration, Bread &

Wine, Sanctuary Candles & Altar Flowers. Please note, only one intention per Mass, except the Sunday 10:15 Mass with multiple intention Mass.

**Weekday Masses are available:**

Monday thru Friday 8:00AM-OLV. Monday & Wednesday 12Noon-SPC, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 12Noon-SPC. Tuesday 11:00am - HRC.

**Mass Stipend:**

Intentions: \$15.00 - Bread & Wine: \$25.00 – Altar Candles: \$25.00

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**St. Martin de Porres Parish Rosary Society  
Cake Raffle.**

Christmas Black Cake raffle will take place on Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>, immediately after the 10:15am Mass at OLV Church. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. For tickets, please see Ms. Yvonne Samaroo or any Rosary Society member, or call the rectory office at 718-574-5772.

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**Second Collection**

This week's second collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection)



*We can still achieve our goal with a pledge of  
\$175.00 per family  
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**Parish Stewardship Program**

As I mentioned in my previous letter and during Mass, preserving our parishioners is becoming increasingly difficult given weekly fluctuations in offertory and the impact COVID-19 has had on our finances. I am asking you, and each member of our parish community, to respond to the Parish **Stewardship Program** by most importantly, filling out a response form by clicking [www.cfbq.org/PSP](http://www.cfbq.org/PSP). Once again, I thank you for your unwavering support and your commitment to sharing your time, talent, and treasure with St. Martin de Porres. While doing so, please consider joining this effort in one of the following ways:

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**Second Collection**

This week's second collection is for the **Propagation of Faith, USA**. This important ministry to Catholic service members receives no funding from the military or the U.S. Government and must rely solely on private donations. The Collection for the AMS will fund their co-sponsored Seminarian programs.

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We thank you for your contribution to the Generations of Faith Campaign. There's still much more to do. If you are unable to fulfil your pledge. Please feel free to notify Fr. Cox.

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**Stewardship Sunday**

This weekend's request for renewed support will undoubtedly have a significant impact on the future of our parish. We **THANK YOU** for continually sharing your *time, talent, and treasure* with St Martin de Porres. Online Giving is a *fast* and *secure* way to support your parish. You can access us via, [www.givecentral.org/smdpp](http://www.givecentral.org/smdpp) Or simply text the word **SUNDAY** to (718) 580-5530

**Advent Vespers**

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*Happy Thanksgiving*



On behalf of Fr. Alonzo Cox, Fr. Franklin Ezeorah and the entire parish staff, we wish you and your family a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. The Rectory Office will be closed for business on Thursday and Friday of this week.

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Visit us at [givecentral.org/smdpp](http://givecentral.org/smdpp) Or scan the **SUNDAY OFFERTORY DONATION QR code**



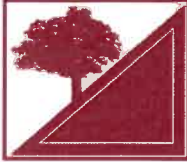
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