

Nov. 29th, 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 is the first Sunday of Advent. We also begin a new liturgical year of Grace. Advent is my favorite liturgical season, it is also the shortest (only 4 weeks long). The season of Advent is filled with beauty both in its liturgy and appearance. You will notice at each of our churches the Advent wreath placed in the sanctuary. Each of the 4 candles represents the weeks of the season. Throughout these next week's we will hear from the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah tells of the coming of the Lord. Isaiah of course being a book within sacred scripture can also be looked at as poetry. We are also reminded to prepare and be on alert. Our gospel passage today tells us to be watchful and alert for we do not know the day nor the hour when the Lord will come again. We are invited to prepare our minds, hearts and souls for the coming of the Lord. Allow me to share with you one of my favorite Advent hymns. The words of this hymn beautifully depict this season:

O come divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away. Dear Savior haste, come, come to earth. Dispel the night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O come divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day, when hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away.

Tuesday Evening Advent Vespers & First Friday Devotions

As has been the custom, we will continue to hold our Advent Vespers with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction on the Tuesdays of Advent. The first will be held this Tuesday, December 1 at Our Lady of Victory beginning at 7:30PM. All are welcomed to join us. It will also be livestreamed. This Friday December 4 is the First Friday of the month. First Friday devotions will be held at Our Lady of Victory Church following the 8:00AM Mass. There will a 12:00 Noon Mass this Friday at St. Peter Claver Church. All are welcome.

Parish Stewardship Program

Last Sunday we conducted our in-pew commitment for increased offering at Sunday Mass. I thank all of you who were able to make a commitment to increasing your Sunday Mass offertory. I know that these are difficult times and many of you have said to me that our parish is a spiritual home that must continue to be cared for. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to St. Martin de Porres Parish. May the Lord bless each of you in giving of your time, talent and treasure.

100th Anniversary of St. Peter Claver Church

We continue to celebrate the milestone anniversary of St. Peter Claver Church this year. There is a rich history to St. Peter Claver Church that must be documented. We would like to hear from families from St. Peter Claver of their stories and tributes to this historic church. There are flyers in the back of the church directing where you can send your testimonials.

Wishing you a Blessed week and a Holy Advent,
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
1st Fridays: 12 Noon

HOLY DAYS:
as announced

**St. Francis of Assisi
Catholic Academy**
(718) 778-3700

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. IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 1 COR 1:3-9
 MK 13:33-37

Mon. ROM 10:9-18 PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11 MT 4:18-22

Tue. IS 11:1-10 PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 LK 10:21-24

Wed. IS 25:6-10A PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 MT 15:29-37

Thu. IS 26:1-6 PS 118:1 AND 8-9, 19-21, 25-27A MT 7:21, 24-27

Fri. IS 29:17-24 PS 27:1, 4, 13-14 MT 9:27-31

Sat. IS 30:19-21, 23-26 PS 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 MT 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8

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 8th. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS:

SPC Saturday, Nov. 28th, 5:00pm (Vigil

Mass

For the souls in Purgatory

OLV Sunday, Nov. 29th, 7:30am

Thanksgiving for Linley & Julienne Roberts and family

HRC Sunday, Nov. 29th, 9:00am

For the people of the parish

OLV Sunday, Nov. 29th, 10:30am

Edna Jordan – in memoriam

Req. by Rachele Sannino

Archie Brown & Charles Shaw – in memoriam

Req. by Marina Brown

SPC Sunday, Nov. 29th, 11:30am

Virginia Cox- grace and healing

Req. by Cox family

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.

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

BREAD AND WINE:

ALTAR CANDLE:

Canonization of Msgr. Quinn

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Doris Jordan- in memoriam

Req. Andrina Wilkinson

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.



Let us go rejoicing in the house of the Lord.

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. For more information you may contact Ms. Michelle Joseph at 347-944-2220.

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.

Annual Catholic Appeal

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Congratulations on their Baptism
 Jackson Phelps. Winkler
 &
 Toni Pearl Onajite Otigho

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, 1st Friday 12Noon-SPC. Tuesday 11:00am - HRC.

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

**St. Martin de Porres
 Christmas Sale**



Christmas Black Cake raffle will take place on Sunday December 13th, immediately after the 10:15am Mass at OLV Church. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. For tickets, please see Ms. Yvonne Samaroo at OLV, Jean Paul at SPC, or call the rectory office at 718-574-5772. Also, on sale will be cupcakes and **Poinsettia**

The Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn Vehicle Donation Program will accept donations of used vehicles in any condition. They will tow the vehicle away. You will get a tax receipt and the parish will get a donation from Vincentian Charities. To donate, call Vincentian Charities at 718-491-2525 or avcb@gmail.com.

Support our Parish Fund Raiser



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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 Or simply text the word **SUNDAY** to (718) 580-5530



Generations
of Faith

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.



The Poinsettias that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas Season may be donated. You may wish to donate **IN MEMORY OF** or **IN HONOR OF** a loved one. Christmas flower donation envelopes are available in the church. Please return your offering in the collection or at the Parish Office.

INTERESTED IN ONLINE GIVING???

Online Giving is a fast and secure way to support our parish.

Please scan the QR code to begin.



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 1ST** at 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. It will also be **livestreamed**.



The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes **hope**. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

Light a candle Jesus is coming

Let us go rejoicing in the house of the Lord.

2022 The Passion Play in Oberammergau



PARISH PILGRIMAGE to Berlin, Prague Vienna, Munich & Oberammergau Passion Play has been rescheduled for August 8-18, 2022. The spiritual directors (Father Kevin McBrien, Father Alonzo Cox and Father Patrick Longalong) invite parishioners and their family and friends from Our Lady of the Snows, **St. Martin de Porres** and Our Lady of Lourdes to join in a spiritual pilgrimage which is a “once in a life time” experience combining some of the most memorable events in salvation history and in human history. The pilgrimage cost remains the same **(\$4679 per person)** until December 31st! Pilgrimage brochures are available in the Parish Office. You can register at www.pilgrimages.com/frmcmbrien. Please feel free to call 206 Tours at 1-800-206-8687 ext. 1229 for more details.



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ADVENT WREATH:

Advent candles shine brightly in the midst of darkness, reminding us that Jesus came as Light into our dark world. The candles are often set in a circular Advent wreath. In Scandinavia, Lutheran churches light a candle each day of December; by Christmas, they have twenty-four candles burning. Another Advent candle option is a single candle with twenty-four marks on the side--the candle is lit each day and allowed to melt down to the next day’s mark.

The most common Advent candle tradition, however, involves four candles. A new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas. Each candle represents something different, although traditions vary. Often, the first, second, and fourth candles are purple; the third candle is rose-colored. Sometimes all the candles are red; in other traditions, all four candles are blue or white. Occasionally, a fifth white candle is placed in the middle and is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate Jesus’ birth.

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718-550-5830

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Parish Goal: \$65,024

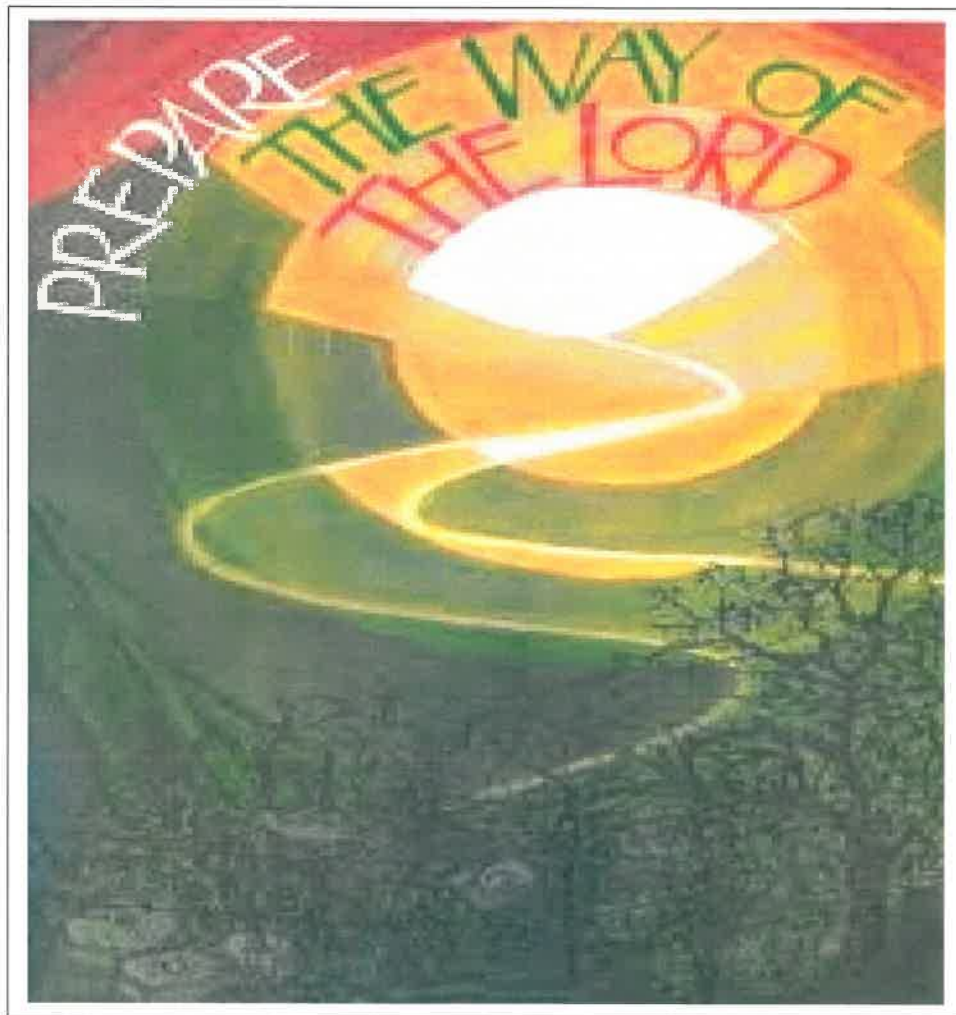
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We need your support!

Your gift to **Annual Catholic Appeal**, will make an impact on the life of a young man considering the priesthood, a lonely senior citizen, a hungry child, a helpless immigrant or a searching college student. *You can still give!!*

There are pledge envelopes available for those who have pledged.



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