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Saint Martin de Porres Parish

"A Faith Community, One in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."
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WED & FRI: 9:00AM - 4:30PM

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate as a parish community the Feast of our patron, St. Martin de Porres. Happy feast day to all of you! Although we are living in a different moment than we have in past years, we still give thanks and praise to God for the gift of this parish community. Since 2007, our three churches were merged to create the community of St. Martin de Porres Parish, which to this very day continues to grow and flourish most particularly through his powerful intercession. I am blessed to serve this community as Pastor. I thank all of you for your continued support and prayers, most especially as we journey together through this pandemic. We are blessed to have His Excellency, Most Reverend Witold Mroziowski as the main celebrant and homilist for our Mass this morning. This is Bishop Witold's first visit with us here at St. Martin de Porres. I thank him for allowing his schedule to permit being with us today. I also want to thank the parishioners who donated breakfast food for the "to go" bags that everyone will receive after Mass today. Because of the Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to have a reception as we usually would today. A group of parishioners decided that they themselves would donate food to give out for everyone! Let us continue to pray for one another, that through the intercession of St. Martin de Porres, each of us will continue to grow as disciples of Christ the Lord.

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 three-fold. One, to consider a minimal increase to your generous Sunday Mass offertory. Second, to consider electronic giving. Many of you have started to use Give Central, which electronically places your collection directly back to the parish. The third part of this program is to update our parish census. We encourage everyone to use their envelopes, but there are some families that have moved from the parish, which causes the post office to mail them back to us here at the parish office. 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.

Thanksgiving Food Basket Distribution

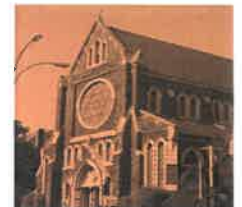
If you know of any families who maybe going through some hardships this holiday season and will be in need of food for Thanksgiving, please send us their contact information to be placed on our Thanksgiving Food Basket distribution list. We did not collect as much food as in previous years, so please call the parish office as soon as possible to have names placed on the list.

Wishing you a blessed a peaceful week,
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

INTROIT

*Intret oratio mea, in conspectu tuo: inclina aurem tuam, ad precem meam, Domine.
Domine, Deus salutis meae: in die clamavi, et nocte coram te.*

*Let my prayer enter into your presence; incline your ear to my
supplication, O Lord. O Lord, God of my salvation, day and
night have I cried before you.*

FIRST READING

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire;
Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed,
for he shall find her sitting by his gate.
For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence,
and whoever for her sake keeps vigil
shall quickly be free from care;
because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her,
and graciously appears to them in the ways,
and meets them with all solicitude.

Wisdom 6 : 12-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8



My soul is thirst-ing for you,

O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
or you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life;

Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

I will remember you upon my couch,
and through the night-watches I will meditate on you:
You are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

SECOND READING

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,
about those who have fallen asleep,
so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.
For the Lord himself, with a word of command,
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God,
will come down from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first.
Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air.
Thus we shall always be with the Lord.
Therefore, console one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4 : 13-18

Alleluia, alleluia.

Stay awake and be ready!

For you do not know on what day your Lord will come..

MATTHEW 24 : 42, 44

GOSPEL

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

MATTHEW 25 : 1-13

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. WIS 6:12-16 PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 1 THES 4:13-18 MT 25:1-13
 Mon. EZ 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 PS 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 COR 3:9C-11, 16-17
 JN 2:13-22
 Tue. Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 PS 37:3-4, 18& 23, 27& 29 Lk 17:7-10
 Wed. Ti 3:1-7 PS 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 Lk 17:11-19
 Thu. PHMN 7-20 PS 146:7, 8-9A, 9BC-10 LK 17:20-25
 Fri. 2 JN 4-9 PS 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 LK 17:26-37
 Sat. 3 JN 5-8 PS 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 LK 18:1-8

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. 7th, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass

For the souls in Purgatory

OLV Sunday, Nov. 8th, 10:30am

For members of St. Martin de Porres Parish

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:

Thanksgiving for Georgiana Brown & Family

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.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

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

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 to make your contribution or text ACA to 979-336-1255.

VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



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



We are collecting names for the annual Thanksgiving Basket distribution. If you know of families experiencing food insecurities during these trying times, please call the Parish office, at 718-574-5772 with their full contact information. Thanksgiving baskets will be distributed on **Tuesday November 17th**, from 12pm – 3pm.

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



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 or any Rosary Society member, or call the rectory office at 718-574-5772.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

HAPPY FEAST DAY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH

O BLESSED SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES,

humble servant of the Lord, who embraced faith with ardor,
and with charity and immense love you filled the hearts of the needy,
of the most unfavored ones, and were the consolation of souls and bodies,
taking great care of the sick and working thousands of wonders
and great miracles so as to favor those who resorted to you asking for help; I plead
that you be my intercessor and you help me with a miracle in my economy.
My great protector Saint Martin de Porres, you who occupy a principal place in
Glory, who followed without doubt the steps of the Lord, and you felt so much
devotion and love for the Virgin Mary: speak to Them, ask Them for their valuable
mediation, tell Them what I suffer for my difficulties and burdens, and implore
Them to send me a solution for my pains and necessities.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

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Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall



Holy Rosary Lower Church Hall



St. Peter Claver Lower Church Hall