

Dec 13th, 2020



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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OFFICE HOURS: MON, TUE & THURS. 9:00AM-8:00PM
WED & FRI: 9:00AM – 4:30PM



Dear Parishioners,

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. We will light the third candle on our Advent wreath in church, which you will notice is a different color from the three other candles. Today we light the rose-colored candle. You will also notice that both Father Franklin and I will be wearing rose colored vestments. This Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that literally means rejoice! We rejoice that soon we will celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We rejoice that soon Christ will come to us, the Word made flesh who makes his dwelling among us. Our scripture readings today speak to us about rejoicing. St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Thessalonians to rejoice always and to pray without ceasing. As we journey through this Advent season, we pray that our faith in the Lord will be strengthened and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Let us always continue to rejoice in the Lord, now and forever.

Tuesday Evening Advent Vespers

This Tuesday, December 15 we will continue with our Advent Vespers. We will pray Vespers with Eucharistic Adoration followed by Benediction. It will begin at 7:30PM and it will be held at Our Lady of Victory Church. All are welcomed to join us for prayer. The service will also be livestreamed.

Advent Lessons and Carols

We will continue with our customary Advent Lessons and Carols which will take place next Sunday, December 20 beginning at 4:00PM at St. Peter Claver Church. The service will consist of traditional Advent hymns followed by the proclamation of Sacred Scripture. All are welcomed to join us for an afternoon of prayer and reflection. The service will also be livestreamed.

Christmas Flowers

As we approach the solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, we will begin to decorate our three churches with beautiful poinsettia flowers. To help offset the cost, all are invited to have a Christmas flower donated in memory or in honor of a loved one. You may use the Christmas flower envelopes located at the doors of the church. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office during the week. Each Christmas flower is \$20. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve- December 24, 2020

5:00PM- Holy Rosary Church

12:00AM Midnight- Our Lady of Victory Church

Christmas Day- December 25, 2020

10:00AM- Our Lady of Victory Church

11:00AM- St. Peter Claver Church

Masses will be livestreamed both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Wishing you a peaceful week and a blessed 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

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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 61:1-2A, 10-11 LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 1 THES 5:16-24
 JN 1:6-8, 19-28

Mon. NM 24:2-7, 15-17A PS 25:4-5AB, 6 & 7BC, 8-9 MT 21:23-27

Tue. ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13 PS 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19&23 MT 21:28-32

Wed. IS 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25 PS 85:9AB &10, 11-12, 13-14 LK 7:18B-23

Thu. GN 49:2, 8-10 PS 72:1-2, 3-4AB, 7-8, 17 MT 1:1-17

Fri. JER 23:5-8 PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 MT 1:18-25

Sat. JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17 LK 1:5-25

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 encourage 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.

Lord, come and save us.

MASS INTENTIONS:

SPC Saturday, Dec. 12th, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass.

Virginia Cox – grace and healing

OLV Sunday, Dec. 13th, 7:30am

Edward, Francois & Gabrielle Robert – thanksgiving

Req. by Roberts family

Jaden Lubin – birthday blessing

Req. by Lubin family

HRC Sunday, Dec. 13th, 9:00am

Leone Henderson – birthday remembrance

OLV Sunday, Dec. 13th, 10:30am

Kewsi Aaron – birthday blessing

Req. by Georgiana Brown

SPC Sunday, Dec. 13th, 11:30am

For Souls in Purgatory

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:

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

Virginia Cox – grace and healing

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.

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.

The parish clergy and staff regret to announce the death of Mrs. Alice Rosete. Alice served as the Book Keeper here at St. Martin de Porres Parish for the past 4 years. In your kindness, please pray for the repose of Mrs. Rosete’s soul and the peace and consolation of her family and friends. May she rest in the peace of Christ, the Risen Lord.



Mrs. Alice Rosete

Light a candle Jesus is coming

Lord, come and save us.

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The **third** candle symbolizes **joy** and is called the “**Shepherd’s Candle.**” To the shepherd’s great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the color rose signifies joy.

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 DRE101260@diobrook.org.

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.

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.



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.



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



Gala Dinner & Raffle Tickets

We are pleased to announce an Evening Gala Dinner, honoring St. Peter Claver's 100th Anniversary, will take place on Friday, May 21st, 2021, at Glenn Terrace. There will be raffle drawing, **\$10 per ticket**, for some great prizes, such as an **Apple Watch**, an **Apple iPad with AirPods**, a **Bose System with CD Player**, a **60" television with soundbar**, and a **\$500 Visa Gift Card**. If you wish to enter please speak to any SPC 100th Anniversary Committee Member, Estella White-McDuffey, Jennifer Parkinson-Gilbert, Curtis Godoy, Patricia Tecla & Darlene Collins-Wellington, or call the Rectory Office.

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 15th** at 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. It will also be **livestreamed**.

Lord, come and save us.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday- December 24th Christmas Eve
6:30PM -Family Mass~ Holy Rosary Church

12:00AM -Midnight Mass~ Our Lady of Victory Church

Friday- December 25th - Christmas Day
10:00AM-Christmas Day Mass~ Our Lady of Victory Church

11:00AM-Christmas Day Mass~ St. Peter Claver Church

Thursday- December 31st New Year's Eve
10:00PM -Confession~ Our Lady of Victory Church

11:00PM- Service of Compline & Benediction

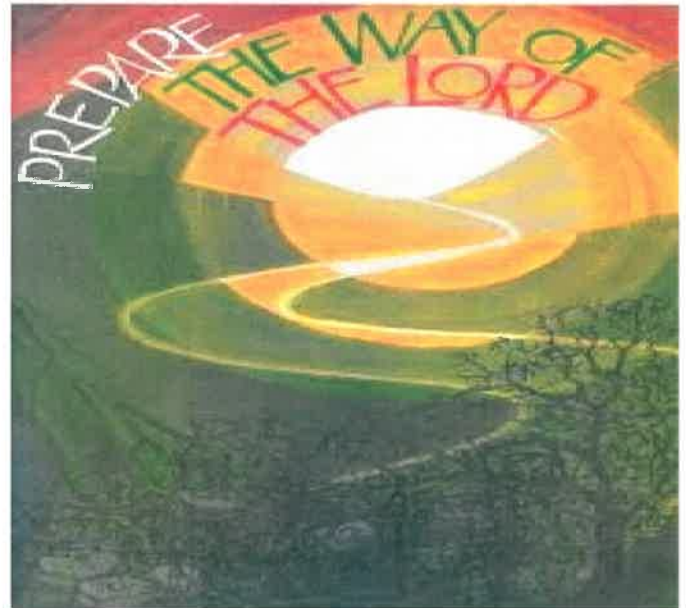
12:00AM-Midnight Mass~ Our Lady of Victory Church

Friday- January 1st New Year's Day
10:00AM- New Year's Day Mass~ Our Lady of Victory Church.

11:00AM - New Year's Day Mass~ St. Peter Claver Church



St. Martin de Porres Parish **Annual Service of Lessons and Carols** on Sunday, December 20th, 4pm, at St. Peter Claver Church. Our choir, under the direction of Mr. Joseph Murray and Ms. Joan Delahunt, will lead us in the time-honored hymnody of Christmas.



Sunday of Advent

O Almighty God, gracious provider and giver of life, we anxiously await the celebration of your birth. Like the people of long ago, our ancestors in faith, we, too, are in need of light, in need of direction, in need of your Word, to show us the way. Our busy lives and the consumerism that surrounds us make it difficult to recognize your kingdom and to hear your voice. Help us Lord, to focus on you. Amen."

Lord, come and save us.

Parish Goal: \$65,024
Pledged - \$24,848: Balance \$38,531
Paid- \$26,493: Unpaid balance \$2,304

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