

Dec 20th, 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,

As we come to the last Sunday of Advent, it is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of our parish bookkeeper, Mrs. Alice Rosete. On Thursday, December 10 Alice had a heart attack and died at home on her way to work that morning. The Tuesday prior, December 8, she had celebrated her 60th birthday. The afternoon before her death, we had lunch for her in the rectory. She was as great as great could be. She was laughing and jovial and very much was enjoying the afternoon. On her way home for the day, I said to her the same thing I would say to her every day, "see you tomorrow". I didn't see her the next day. Her sudden and very much unexpected death showed me in reality the words, "you know neither the day nor the hour". Our entire staff here is devastated and we are still numb over this. When you work with someone and see them every day and all of sudden they are no longer with us, it creates a void very much in our minds and hearts. In your kindness I ask all of you to pray for her soul and for the consolation of her husband, Fernando, her son King and her family and friends.

Tuesday Evening Advent Vespers

This Tuesday, December 22 we will conclude 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. The service will also be livestreamed.

Advent Lessons and Carols

We will continue with our customary Advent Lessons and Carols which will take place today 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.

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 blessed remainder of 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
 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.

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MASS INTENTIONS:

SPC Saturday, Dec. 19th, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass.

The people of St. Martin de Porres Parish

OLV Sunday, Dec. 20th, 7:30am

Alice Rosete – in memoriam

HRC Sunday, Dec. 20th, 9:00am

Rodney & Joseph Pino – in memoriam

Req. by Eunice Pino

OLV Sunday, Dec. 20th, 10:30am

Eleanor Zimmermann – in memoriam

SPC Sunday, Dec. 20th, 11:30am

Deceased members of the Hargrave family

Req. by Viola Hargrave

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 & healing

CHAPEL FLOWERS:

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention
(December 2020)**

For a life of prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



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.

School of Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes will be held remotely from September 2020 to December 2020. Our parish program will be conducted virtually with our catechists using modern technology. Registration for all grades, including sacramental preparation, has begun. Register via the parish website, www.smdpp.org. The fee is \$55 per student. For more information, 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 is 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. There is only one intention per Mass, except at the 10:15 AM Mass on Sundays where multiple intentions can be offered.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

8:00 AM Monday – Friday at OLV
12:00 PM Monday & Wednesday at SPC
11:00 AM Tuesday at HRC
12:00 PM First Friday at SPC.

Mass Stipend:

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

*Save
the
date*

**St. Peter Claver 100th Anniversary Gala
May 21st, 2021**

Gala Dinner & Raffle Tickets

We are pleased to announce a Gala Dinner, honoring St. Peter Claver's 100th Anniversary. The event will take place on Friday, May 21st, 2021, at Glenn Terrace. Raffles are available at **\$10 per ticket**. Prizes include an **Apple Watch**, an **Apple iPad w/ 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

All are invited to pray vespers with the community. Advent Vespers prayer services will conclude on December 22nd at 7:30pm at Our Lady of Victory Church. Fr. Alonzo Cox will be presiding. You can participate via FaceBook LiveStream.

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2022 Oberammergau Passion Play



Parish Pilgrimage to Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Munich and attendance to the 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. This will be a "once in a life time" experience, combining some of the most memorable events in salvation and in human history. The pilgrimage cost remains the same (**\$4679 per person**) until December 31st! Pilgrimage brochures are available in the Parish Office.

Register at www.pilgrimages.com/frmcbrien or call 206 Tours at 1-800-206-8687 ext. 1229 for more details.

Thank you!

We thank all who contributed either by purchasing a raffle ticket, potted plant, cake, or making a donation towards the Parish holiday sale. A special thanks to Ms. Georgiana Brown for her contribution of the raffle prizes. The winners are: Sharon Palmer, Cora Greene & Daniel Simonette.

Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers 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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The fourth candle represents peace and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace--He came to bring people close to God and to each other again.



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Christmas Mass Schedule

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

12:00AM Midnight Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church

Friday, December 25th - Christmas Day
10:00AM Christmas Day Mas at Our Lady of Victory Church

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

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

11:00PM Service of Compline & Benediction

12:00AM Midnight Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church

Friday- January 1st, 2021 - New Year's Day
10:00AM New Year's Day Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church.

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



St. Martin de Porres Parish **Annual Service of Lessons and Carols** will take place on Sunday, December 20th, at 4:00 pm, 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. It will also be **livestreamed**.



On behalf of the entire parish staff, we wish all our parishioners, friends, and visitors a Merry Christmas.
Fr. Alonzo Cox & Fr. Franklin Ezeorah

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SAINT PETER CLAVER R. C. CHURCH

Brooklyn Diocese

FIRST PARISHIONERS † 1921

100th Year Anniversary

HISTORICAL TRIBUTE TO THE FAMILIES OF ST. PETER CLAVER R.C. CHURCH

Mr. Jules De Weever

C.C.C.
Founding

*The Colored Catholic Club
Brooklyn, N.Y.*



C.C.C.
President

*Organized in 1915
Bedford-Stuyvesant*

Mr. De Weever's story is one of love and Catholic faith. A faith that came under man's plea to the Diocese for equality, was ignored, pushed aside and denied when other races and ethnic group's requests for their own church, were being approved. His plea was, for a church in Brooklyn so that Catholics of color would not have to travel to St. Benedict the Moor in New York City. His petition to Bishop Charles McDonnell for such a church was initially lost or overlooked.

Nevertheless, Mr. De Weever would not give up and pursued his calling. The road behind was littered with betrayal, adamant rejection of Black children being taught Catholic education, by an order of nuns, and spiritually overlooked by the Diocese. He and his team of black Catholics, were the very First Parishioners who began preparing the ground for the seeds of St. Peter Claver R.C. Church to be planted and heartfully grown. Now they needed an outstanding "farmer", a priest who would understand their spiritual and social needs. And, they were not able to find one that they could accept, Until Father Quinn!

In 1916, Bishop McDonnell reported, to a conference of priests, that there was a shortage of priests in the rural southern states and asked if priests would consider serving that community. Father Quinn was concerned about the fact that so little was being done for the evangelization of black people in the Brooklyn Diocese. He is quoted as saying, "*What greater home mission have we than that of our Colored brethren right here in our own diocese?*" When Father Quinn asked the Bishop to allow him to start a mission for colored people, the Bishop refused. His priority was to send priests as Chaplains to serve American soldiers in W.W.I. Father Quinn volunteered to serve. He was Commissioned as Chaplain in W.W.I, a First Lieutenant, assigned to the 333rd Machine Gun Infantry Regiment in France, Burgundy region, 1918-1919. While Father Quinn was being prepared to follow his first choice to serve Colored people, Mr. De Weever was working hard and built the Black Catholic group to over 100 persons. They named the group the,

Colored Catholic Club of the Diocese of Brooklyn

† Msgr. Bernard John Quinn Cause † 2021

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

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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!!*

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