

Dec 6th, 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,

On this second Sunday of Advent, we hear from the Prophet Isaiah to prepare the way of the Lord. Isaiah foretells the coming of the Messiah in which he tells us to make straight a highway for our God. These words allow us to enter much more deeply into Advent by preparation. We are invited to use these next few weeks of Advent as a time of preparation for the joys of Christmas. Isaiah gives us this beautiful image of a voice crying out in the wilderness. Our gospel today fast forwards that image to John the Baptist. John himself tells us that one mightier than him will be coming. He is of course talking about Jesus. John says that although he baptizes with water, Christ will baptize with the Holy Spirit. For us to prepare the way of the Lord, we must pray that Christ will come to transform and change hearts. Advent is a time of renewal and rejuvenation both spiritually and emotionally. We hear in today's second reading that the Lord does not delay, but that the day of his coming will arrive like a thief in the night. May these Advent days bring us peace as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

This Tuesday, December 8 we commemorate the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On the calendar it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Due to the pandemic, the Bishops of the United States have lifted the obligation. Masses will be celebrated at each of the three churches: 9:00AM at Holy Rosary Church, 12:00 Noon at St. Peter Claver Church and 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. Please note that there will not be an 8:00AM Mass at Our Lady of Victory that day.

Christmas Flowers

As we approach the solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord, we will decorate our churches with Christmas poinsettias and wreaths. To help offset the cost of Christmas flowers and wreaths, you are invited to have flowers donated in memory or in honor of a loved one. You may use the Christmas flower envelope located at the doors of each of the three churches, fill out the envelope and place the donation in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Each Christmas flower is \$20. Thank you for your generosity in allowing our churches to be beautifully decorated for the season of Christmas.

Parish Plant and Bake Sale

Next weekend we will be holding a cake and plant sale. A variety of baked goods along with beautiful Christmas poinsettia plants will be on sale after all of the Masses at each of the churches next weekend. All proceeds will go to help continue supporting the parish. Thank you for your support and generosity.

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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Catholic Academy**
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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 40:1-5, 9-11 PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14 PT 3:8-14
 MK 1:1-8
Mon. IS 35:1-10V PS 85:9AB AND 10, 11-12, 13-14 LK 5:17-26
Tue. GN 3:9-15, 20 PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 LK 1:26-38
Wed. IS 40:25-31 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Mt 11:28-30
Thu. IS 41:13-20 PS 145:1 AND 9, 10-11, 12-13AB MT 11:11-15
Fri. IS 48:17-19 PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6 PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6
Sat. ZEC 2:14-17 Jud 13:18BCDE, 19 LK 1:26-38

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.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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

Dulcie Merrifield – birthday remembrance

OLV Sunday, Dec. 6th, 7:30am

Yolanda Roberts – in memoriam

Req. by Roberts family

HRC Sunday, Dec. 6th, 9:00am

Beverly Ifill – health & healing

Req. by Wilhelmina Randall

OLV Sunday, Dec. 6th, 10:30am

Vilma Mitchell – 85th birthday remembrance

Req. by Mitchell family

Millicent Mitchell – birthday blessings

Req. by Glenn Mitchell

SPC Sunday, Dec. 6th, 11:30am

Sessoms Jenkins – in memoriam

Req. by Viola Hargrave

OLV Monday, Dec. 7th, 8:00am

Maureen Ryan – in memoriam

Req. by Mary Jane Ryan

OLV Tuesday, Dec. 8th, 8:00am

Alice Rosete - birthday blessing

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.



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.

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

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.

Advent Lessons and Carols

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.

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.



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 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.

Support our Parish



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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.

Second Collection

This week’s (**Dec. 13th**) second collection, **Religious Retirement Fund**. The revenue from this collection provides funding to any religious institute in the U.S. that is listed in the religious institute section of the Official Catholic Directory and is in need of support. A number of these religious communities need assistance to provide retirement for their members who have previously served the Church.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Tuesday, **December 8th**, the Feast of the **Immaculate Conception**. Mass will be celebrated at all three Churches. **Holy Rosary Church - 9:00am**, **St. Peter Claver Church - 12:00Noon** and **Our Lady of Victory Church 7:30pm**.

Annual Catholic Appeal

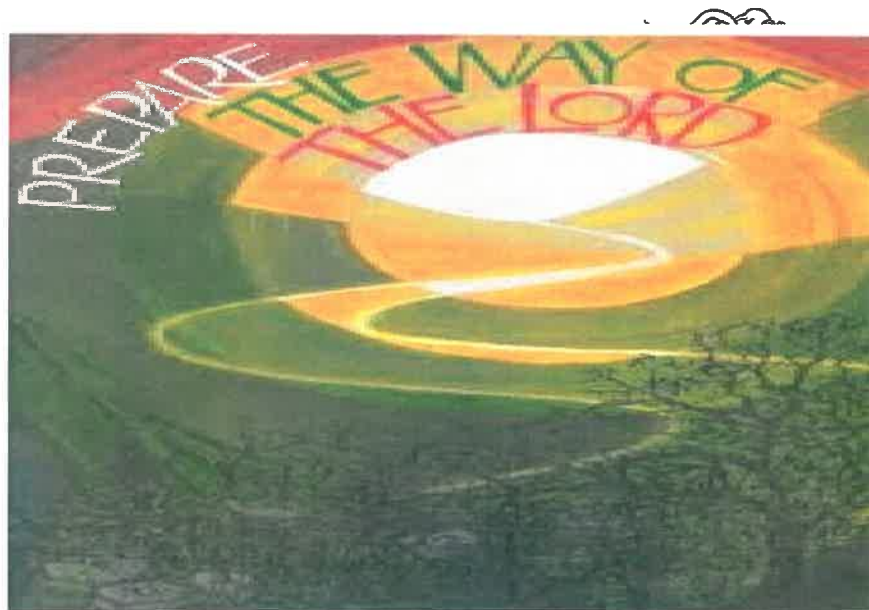
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The **second candle** represents **faith** and is called “Bethlehem’s Candle.” Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David.

Light a candle Jesus is coming

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Second Sunday of Advent

We light the second candle
Of the Advent wreath today.
We pray for the grace to stay close to God as we
Prepare for Christmas and the start of a New Year.

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his
paths.*

*Every valley shall be filled and
Every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
And the rough ways made smooth,
And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*



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Parish Goal: \$65,024
Pledged - \$24,848: Balance \$40,176
Paid- \$21,803: Unpaid balance \$3,044

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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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