

Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021



# 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,

Happy New Year 2021! It is my hope that this year will be filled with love, grace and prosperity. As we begin this new calendar year together, today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. We hear in today's gospel the account of the three wise men sent to pay homage to the newborn King, Jesus Christ. The three wise men were guided by the light of a star. That light symbolizes the light of Christ that illumines our world. As we enter into these days of 2021, let us allow the light of Christ to shine for all the world to see. Just as the three wise men bring gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, we as disciples of Christ bring the gift of ourselves. All Jesus wants is our very selves.

## Deacon Balfour Thompson

As we begin this new Year 2021, I would like to inform all of you of some clergy personnel changes here at St. Martin de Porres Parish. Deacon Balfour Thompson was ordained to the Diaconate in May 2009. He and his family are proud members of St. Peter Claver Church. Since his ordination, Deacon Balfour has exercised ministry within the three churches of our parish. He has been involved with the Holy Name Society and the St. Peter Claver Credit Union. Many of you have had the pleasure of attending Mass where he has given one his powerful Sunday homilies. In June of 2019, Deacon Balfour's wife, Lorna Thompson, was called home to God after an extensive battle with cancer. We continue to pray for the repose of her soul and the consolation of her husband and son, Balfour Jr. Just a few months ago, Deacon Balfour came to me and expressed his desire to take a step back from active ministry so he could focus more on his family and personal life. After speaking with myself and our Diocesan Chancery, Deacon Balfour has begun the process of laicization; that is to say, he will no longer serve as a Deacon but will continue to serve the church as a lay parishioner. This decision was a result of Deacon Balfour's personal reflection, prayer, family discussion and multiple conversations with our diocese. As a man committed to our faith, we take comfort in knowing that he will remain an active member of the St. Martin de Porres community particularly our church family at St. Peter Claver. If you have any questions about this process you are most welcome to contact our parish office or speak with me directly. In your kindness I ask you to pray for Deacon Balfour and his family.

## New Parish Deacon

Having said this I am very happy to announce that Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio has appointed a new permanent deacon here to St. Martin de Porres Parish. Rachid Murad was ordained to the diaconate just over a year ago for the Diocese of Brooklyn. He was born and raised in Queens Village and until his appointment here was serving as deacon at Incarnation Parish. Deacon Rachid is happily married with three beautiful children. He has also worked in collaboration with the Office of Black Ministry in the Archdiocese of New York. He and his family are very much looking forward to beginning ministry here at St. Martin de Porres. He will officially begin January 31, 2021. We look forward to welcoming Deacon Rachid to our parish family and we thank you for your prayers for him as well as his loved ones.

Wishing you a Blessed Week and a Happy New Year!

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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12  
 Mon. 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tue. 1 Jn 4:7-10, PS72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44  
 Wed. 1 Jn 4:11-18 PS72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52  
 Thu. 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 PS72:1-2, 14& 15bc, 17, Lk 4:14-22  
 Fri. 1 Jn 5:5-13 PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16  
 Sat. 1 Jn 5:14-21 ps149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Jn 3:22-30

**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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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, every nation on earth will adore you.**

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**SPC Saturday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass.**

The People of the Parish

**OLV Sunday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30am**

Fr. Martin Carter – health & healing

**HRC Sunday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00am**

†Rev. James Cooney – in memoriam

**OLV Sunday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30am**

Jeffrey Springer – in memoriam

*Req. by Martha*

Dede Kugbe – birthday blessing

*Req. by Ameyo, Judith & Selom*

**SPC Sunday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:30am**

†Msgr. James Hunte – in memoriam

**OLV Sunday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am**

Ameyo Kugbe – birthday blessing

**SPC Monday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 12noon**

†Francisca Dychioco & Teresita T. Paras -  
comfort & healing

*Req. by Garbanzos family*

**OLV Tuesday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am**

Jimmy Garin- in memoriam

*Req. by Garbanzos family*

*Pray for the  
Sick*

Dorothy Bailey, Terrance Baptiste, Sara Burnett, Felicia Casimiro, Eugenia Charles, Joyce Cochran, Virginia Cox, Josie-Mae Boyce, Olive DeRoach-Carter, 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, Patricia Solartes, Marilyn Sylvester, Beverley Thompson, Elaine Travis, Vera Walker, Sybil Westmoreland, Rosemarie Wilkie, Marie Williams.

**GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:****BREAD AND WINE:**

For the souls in Purgatory

**ALTAR CANDLE:**

Canonization of Msgr. Quinn

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

The people of the Parish

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:**

Victims of human trafficking

**CHAPEL FLOWERS:**

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention  
(January 2021)**

**Human fraternity**

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



**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.



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**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](http://www.smdpp.org). The fee is \$55 per student. For more information, contact Ms. Michelle Joseph at [DRE101260@diobrook.org](mailto:DRE101260@diobrook.org).

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**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.

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**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

**2022 Oberammergau Passion Play**



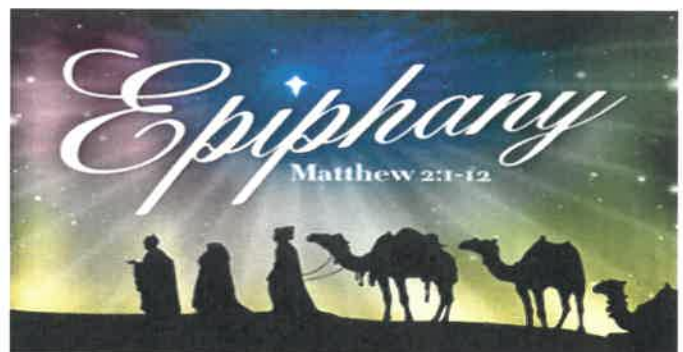
Parish Pilgrimage to Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Munich and attendance to the Oberammergau Passion Play has been rescheduled for August 8-18, 2022. The spiritual directors (Father Kevin McBrien, Father Alonzo Cox and Father Patrick Longalong) invite parishioners and their family and friends from Our Lady 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 Dec. 31st! Pilgrimage brochures are available in the Parish Office. Register at [www.pilgrimages.com/frmcmbrien](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frmcmbrien), or call 206 Tours at 1-800-206-8687 ext. 1229 for more details.

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*Thank You*

We would like to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts for your kind words and gifts this Christmas. It is truly appreciated. With gratitude, Fr. Alonzo Cox and Fr. Franklin Ezeorah.

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*Save  
the  
date*

**St. Peter Claver 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala  
May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**Gala Dinner & Raffle Tickets**

We are pleased to announce a Gala Dinner, honoring St. Peter Claver's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The event will take place on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, at Glenn Terrace. Raffles are available at **\$10 per ticket**. Prizes include an **Apple Watch**, an **Apple iPad w/accessory**, a **Bose System with CD Player**, a **Smart TV with soundbar**, and a **\$500 Gift Card**. If you wish to enter please speak to any SPC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Member, Estella White-McDuffey, Jennifer Parkinson-Gilbert, Curtis Godoy, Patricia Tecla & Darlene Collins-Wellington, or call the Rectory Office.

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**Annual Catholic  
Appeal 2019**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

**Parish Goal: \$65,024**

**Pledged - \$29, 473: Paid- \$27,269**

**Unpaid balance \$2,204**

**We need your support!**

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***There are pledge envelopes available for those who have pledged.***

**THE WORD AMONG US** January/February issue entitled, "**Show Me The Way Lord.**" is now available at the parish. The list price is \$5.95 but can be purchased for only \$3.00. Please call the Parish office to purchase your copy.

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**Second Collection- Diocese Mission**

Next week's second collection is for the Diocesan Mission in support of various needy Ministries and Parishes at home and abroad. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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*Save the date!*

**The Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns**

Prayer Service in honor of the Birthday of:  
**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."**

Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 12:00noon in  
**Our Lady of Victory Church.**

For more info., please contact the Parish Office  
718-574-5772.

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**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](mailto:avcb@gmail.com).

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**SPC Credit Union**

SPC Brooklyn Federal Credit Union's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at the Msgr. Rogers Hall (Claver Basement). The meeting will take place at 1:30pm.

"I still have a dream, a dream deeply rooted in the American dream- one day this nation will rise up and live up to its creed, 'we hold these things truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.' I have a dream..."

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

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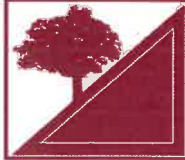
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