

Jan, 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021



# Saint Martin de Porres Parish

*"A Faith Community, One in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."*  
**REV. ALONZO Q. COX, PASTOR**

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

Dear Parishioners,

As we walk into our three beautiful churches, you will notice that all of the Christmas flowers, wreaths and decorations are gone! It's hard to believe that Christmas is over. Even in the midst of this global pandemic, these last weeks of Christmas were a time of great rejoicing and spiritual renewal. Jesus, the Word made flesh came to make his dwelling among us. Now as we enter into the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year, our scripture passages focus on the beginning of Jesus public ministry. We hear in today's gospel Jesus referred to as the Lamb of God. As we proclaim at every Mass we participate at, Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. As the Lord begins his public ministry, he calls his disciples to go out and to proclaim the Good News of salvation. Ultimately, the Lord is calling us to go out and do just that. Our first reading today tells of the call of Samuel. Samuel responds to God, "here I am Lord, I come to do your will". Those should be our words to the Lord today. Each of us have been called by God to do his will here on earth. In just about 5 weeks, we will begin the season of Lent. May this in between time be moments of grace and renewal as we fulfill the will of our Heavenly Father.

## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Service

The annual prayer service commemorating the birthday of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will take place this Monday, January 18 at Our Lady of Victory Church beginning at 12:00 Noon. The prayer service will be Midday Prayer along with some of the excerpts of Dr. King's speeches and letters. Our parish choir will lead us in song. All are invited to pray with us. The service will also be livestreamed through our parish website and Facebook page.

## St. Peter Claver Church 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We have looked forward over these last few months to celebrating with joy the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of St. Peter Claver Church. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we have not had the opportunity to gather in celebration the way that we would have. Our anniversary committee have come up with some creative ideas to commemorate this milestone. Of course, with every anniversary, there will be a gala dinner and a fundraising raffle. Our gala dinner has been scheduled for Friday, May 21, 2021 to be held at Glenn Terrace. Not knowing what the Spring will bring us with the coronavirus, we still have secured the date. If it is unable to take place, the date will be changed and you will have the option to have your money refunded. Raffles are available for \$10 per ticket which will be on sale this week after all of the masses at each of the three churches. Prizes include an Apple iWatch, Apple iPad, a Smart TV with Bose sound bar with CD player and a \$500 gift card. All proceeds will go to support St. Peter Claver Church.

## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Monday, January 18 is a national holiday. The parish office will be closed and only one Mass will be celebrated which will be at 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory Church. **There will not be a 12:00 Noon Mass at St. Peter Claver Church.**

Wishing you a joyful and 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  
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. 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 —  
 Jn 1:35-42  
 Mon. Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mk 2:18-22  
 Tue. Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c Mk 2:23-28  
 Wed. Heb 7:1-3, 15-17, Ps:110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mk 3:1-6  
 Thu. Heb 7:25—8:6 Ps: 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Mk 3:7-12  
 Fri. Heb 8:6-13 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Mk 3:13-19  
 Sat. Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Ps: 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 3:20-21

**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**SPC Saturday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass.**

Christian Nwigwe – birthday blessing  
*Req. by Ameyo Kugbe*

**OLV Sunday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am**

Virginia Cox – grace and healing

**HRC Sunday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am**

Rest of the Soul JoyceMae Boyce

**OLV Sunday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am**

John Eley – birthday blessing

Rosamond White – grace & blessing

*Req. by Agatha Altifios*

**SPC Sunday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am**

The people of St. Martin de Porres Parish

**OLV Thursday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:00am**

Joseph Rojas – birthday blessing

*Req. by Patricia Rojas*

***Pray for the Sick***

Dorothy Bailey, Terrance Baptiste, Sara Burnett, Felicia Casimiro, Eugenia Charles, Joyce Cochran, Virginia Cox, Olive DeRoach-Carter, Delva Ellis, Khalil Fletcher, Narcissus Frett-Moses, 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:**

Concepcion Y. Garbanzos – birthday remembrance

*Req. Garbanzos family*

**ALTAR CANDLE:**

Canonization of Msgr. Quinn

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:**

**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.



**Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.**

**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 Passion Play**

**Oberammergau Germany**

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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**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!**

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

*Welcome to our Church*

**St. Peter Claver 100 Anniversary  
Fund Raising Raffle**

SPC Anniversary fundraising raffle tickets are available for purchase 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**. Raffle drawing will take place on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. To purchase tickets, see the following Anniversary Committee Members: Estella White-McDuffey, Jennifer Parkinson-Gilbert, Curtis Godoy, Patricia Tecla, Darlene Collins-Wellington, Sabine Nord and Anne Marie Stanislaus. You can also purchase a ticket by calling the Rectory 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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**Tax Contribution Letter**

**Dear Parishioners:** If you would like to receive your 2020 church envelope contribution, you may call the Parish Office between the hours of 9am and 4pm Mon. thru Fri. **PLEASE NOTE:**

Tax Statements will be processed upon your request only. Parishioners on Give Central can retrieve their year-end tax letter by login into your Give Central account with your user name and password, on your profile page download your tax letter. Any questions please call the Parish Office.

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*Thank you*

Thank you for your contribution to last weekend's second collection for the Diocesan Mission. Funds from this collection will be used when the Bishop receives appeals from various missions for support from the Diocese of Brooklyn, and when mission appeals are requested from the Society of Immaculate Conception.

**SMDPP Black History  
Month Celebration**

St. Martin de Porres Parish Black History Month **Mass of Thanksgiving** will take place on Sunday, **February 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am** in **St. Peter Claver Church**. **Please note:** The Mass schedule for the weekend: 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SPC, Sunday 7:30am Mass at OLV. We will **NOT** have the scheduled 9am, 10:15am, or 11:30am Masses that day.

Join us on select Saturdays in **February**, after the **5pm Mass at St. Peter Claver Church**, for movies highlighting African-American history. Movie titles to be TBD.

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**The Vicariate of Black  
Catholic Concerns**

Prayer Service commemorating the Birthday of:  
**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."**  
Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 12:00noon at  
**Our Lady of Victory Church.**  
**Homilist: Fr. Alonzo Q. Cox.**

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On Monday January 18<sup>th</sup>, there will **not** be a 12Noon Mass at St. Peter Claver Church. There will be one Mass celebrated at 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory Church. **The Rectory office will be closed on Monday in observance of his birthday.**



**Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.**

**Online Application System  
DCAS Exams Schedule**

The Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) is accepting applications for civil service exams. To apply for exams online: Go to OASys) [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs) to the job listings and submit your online application and payment.

**Special Collection**

Church In Need Next week's second collection for Church in Need is for the support of pastoral programs for the Churches in Latin America and the Caribbean, Central & Eastern Europe, and Africa. Projects in Latin America and the Caribbean include the work of evangelization, formation of Laity, religious and seminarians as well as youth ministry and catechesis.

We pray that all of those in civil and religious authority be reminded that we all have been created in your image, and that there is an intrinsic dignity in each of us that calls for uplifting every man and woman, young and old.

We pray that your Holy Spirit remind us all that you show no partiality with regards to nationality, race, ethnicity, or gender, and to do so is to go against your great commandment of love toward one another. We pray that the church will not be complicit of injustice by being silent, but that it can rise up with a prophetic voice that speaks truth to power and advances the values of your Kingdom. We pray these things in the name of our blessed redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.



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*Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!*  
John 1:29

**Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.**

# VICARIATE OF BLACK CATHOLIC CONCERNS

## Prayer Service

honoring the birthday of

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, January 18th, 2021, 12:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Victory Church

St. Martin de Porres Parish

583 Throop Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11216

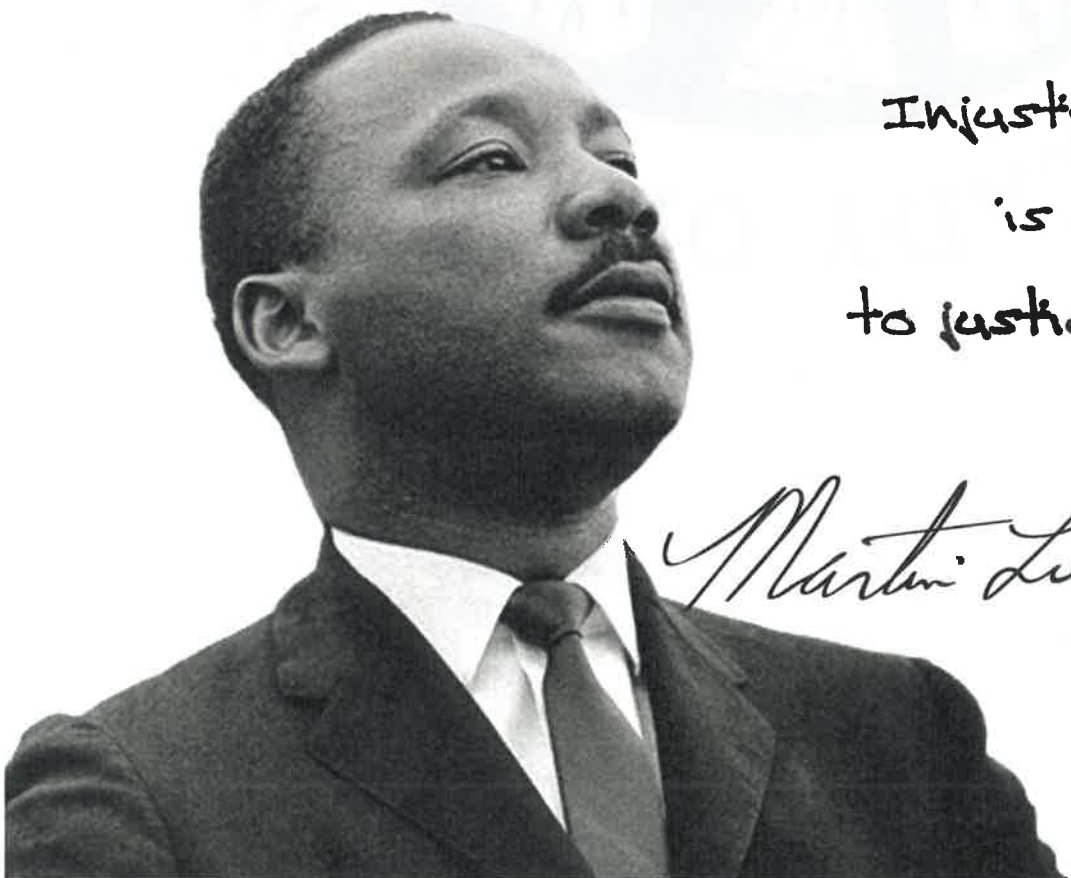
Celebrant and Homilist

Rev. Alonzo Q. Cox

Pastor St. Martin de Porres Parish

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is a threat  
to justice everywhere*

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