



Jan, 31st, 2021

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,

We continue to thank the Lord for all of the many graces and blessings that he has bestowed upon us. Our second reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians reminds us to be free from all anxieties and worries. There are times in our lives that we worry about so much. We can be filled with anxiety, which can lead us to despair or hopelessness. Paul tells to place our worries and anxieties in the hands of our loving savior, Jesus Christ. With the Lord at our side, there is nothing we need to worry about or have fear. We see Jesus teaching with authority in our gospel passage today. As he drives out demons the message of Christ comes about. Even the demons know who the Son of God is. Let us pray that Christ will continue to lay his healing hand upon us, freeing us from all worry and anxiety.

St. Peter Claver Church 100th Anniversary

We have looked forward over these last few months to celebrating with joy the 100th 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.

Parish Black History Month Mass of Thanksgiving

Our annual parish Black History Month Mass of Thanksgiving will take place next Sunday, February 7 at 10:30AM. This year's Mass will be held at St. Peter Claver Church. We will welcome as the Presider and Homilist Father Patrick West. Father West is the former Pastor of St. Peter Claver Church. The maximum capacity for St. Peter Claver Church is 75 people. The overflow will be asked to go downstairs to Msgr. Rogers Hall to watch the livestream. There will be a 7:30AM Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church next Sunday but there will **not be a 10:15AM at OLV or 11:30AM at SPC.**

Memorial of St. Blaise and Ash Wednesday

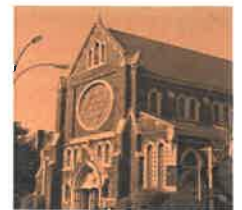
This Wednesday, February 3 is the memorial of St. Blaise. Traditionally we would have the individual blessing of throats that day. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, we will not have individual blessing of throats just a general blessing after the 8:00AM Mass and the 12:00Noon Mass. Wednesday February 17 is Ash Wednesday. There are guidelines for the reception of ashes that I will outline in next week's bulletin.

Wishing you a peaceful and joyful 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
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

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.

READING OF THE WEEK

Sun. Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28
Mon. Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 Mk 5:1-20
Tue. Mal 3:1-4 PS:4:7, 8, 9, 10 Heb 2:14-18
Wed. Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 PS103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a Jn 10:27
Thu. Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 PS48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 Mk 6:7-13
Fri. Heb 13:1-8 PS27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc Mk 6:14-29
Sat. Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 PS 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mk 6:30-34

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, 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.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

MASS INTENTION

SPC Saturday, Jan. 30th (Vigil Mass)

For the people of the Parish

OLV Sunday, Jan 31st, 7:30am

The Souls in Purgatory

HRC Sunday, Jan 31st, 9:00am

Amaka Ezeorah – in memoriam

OLV Sunday, Jan. 31st, 10:15am

Matilda Sobers – in memoriam

Req. by Cathy Sobers

Alisa Mitchell – birthday blessing

Req. by Mitchell family

SPC Sunday, Jan. 31st, 11:30am Mass

Virginia Cox – grace and healing

OLV Monday, Feb. 1st, 8:00am

Roseanne Barber -birthday blessing

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, Veronica Gersi, Antonio Goodsell, Christabel Gomes, Maria Hernandez, Denise Hughes, Ian Kellman, Judy Joseph-Jenkins, Gwendolyn Knight, Adolph Lauriano, Jacques Maurice, Leslie McFarlane, Shawn Paul, Veronica Quinn, Noreen Simonette, Patricia Solartes, Marilyn Sylvester, Beverley Thompson, Vera Walker, Sybil Westmoreland, Rosemarie Wilkie, Marie Williams.

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

BREAD AND WINE:

ALTAR CANDLE:

Canonization of Msgr. Quinn

ALTAR FLOWERS:

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

CHAPEL FLOWER

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.



**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.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

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.

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, or call 206 Tours at 1-800-206-8687 ext. 1229 for more details.

**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 21st, 2021. To purchase tickets, see the following Anniversary Committee Members: Estella White-McDuffey, Jennifer Parkinson-Gilbert, Curtis Godoy, Patricia Tecla, Darlene Collins-Wellington **SPC**, Sabine Nord-Joseph **OLV**, Anne-Marie Stanislaus and Pauli St. **HRC**. You can also purchase a ticket by calling the Rectory Office 718-574-5772.

*Life's most persistent and urgent question is,
 what are you doing for others?*

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

**SMDPP Black History
Month Celebration**

St. Martin de Porres Parish Black History Month Mass of Thanksgiving will take place on Sunday, February 7th, 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.

COVID-19 Vaccine

Kingsbrook Medical Center is offering the COVID-19 Vaccine! Sunday -Monday (7 days a week) from 7am to 8pm. Under the New York State Order, New Yorkers 65 years and older, working in occupations involving public contact (education workers, first responders, public safety workers, public transit workers and medical staff) can receive the vaccine. Walk-ins are available, and ID required. Call 718-604-5300 for more information.

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.

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.

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH



St. Martin de Porres Parish will host a Fish Fry Fundraiser on Friday, February 19th, 2021. (Pre-Orders Only) Fish dinners (Fry, Fish, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw) will be available for **pick-up from 1:00pm to 5:45 pm. Cost per dinner is \$15.00. **Pre Orders should be placed no later than 11am on Feb. 19th, 2021.

**The Vicariate of Black
Catholic Concerns**

The Black History Month Mass
at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph
856 Pacific St, Brooklyn, NY 11238,
Sunday, February 28th, 2021.
More information will follow.

Do you need a Letter of Sponsorship?

Then, be an Active Parishioner. To receive a letter of Sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation from the Pastor, one has to be an active parishioner of this parish for at least six months, received the Sacraments of Initiation, and (if married) be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church

Parish membership

Do you need a Letter of Sponsorship? Then, be an Active Parishioner. To receive a letter of Sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation from the Pastor, one has to be an active parishioner of this parish for at least three months received the Sacraments of initiation. St. Martin de Porres Parish defines an "active/participating parishioner as one who is registered and worshipping at this parish on a regular ("weekly") basis; and who commits to a stewardship of time, talent and financial resources to help support the parish and the Church.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

I know who You are... the Holy One of God!

Mark 1:24



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2020**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Parish Goal: \$65,024

Pledged - \$33, 478: Paid- \$31,740

Unpaid balance \$1,738

of Donors: 117

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

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FIRST PARISHIONERS ◇ 1921

FAMILY ROLL CALL

NINA WARD

Was one year old when adopted with four additional non-biological sisters by immigrants from Barbados, Inez Foster and daughter, Imogene. The Fosters were among the pioneering group of Black Catholics under the leadership of Mr. Jules De Weever, C.C.C.
more to come.....



LOUISE EDDY

Born to an African slave on the Islands of St. Lucia 1895. As a teenager married her husband James Eddy who worked to build the **Panama Canal Zone**.
more to come.....

MSGR. BERNARD JOHN QUINN RECTOR

The **Panama Canal** took a huge toll on the health of the Caribbean workers. It was staggering. Men from Barbados, Jamaica, Bahamas, etc. were called the Silver Men, Gold Men were whites. Silvers got the worst living conditions, the worst food, the worst jobs and the least pay. Many died and didn't return home. Some immigrated to the United States, Florida, Brooklyn and S.P.C. Parish. One of them was my mother, like Louise Eddy's family. We still remained strong and determined. Did a member of your family help build the Canal?

Smithsonian Archives



St. Peter Claver 100th Anniversary

is about **ALL** of **us** no matter what church **WE** presently worship at. There was no Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Victory, Queen of All Saints, St. Matthew, Nativity, etc. for our ancestors when they wanted just to go to Mass and worship together. A Holy Rosary priest told my aunt when she entered the church for mass, "your nigger church is downtown. You are not welcomed here". St. Matthew had men with baseball bats outside to deter any person of color from entering. Then came **Father Quinn** and he changed their world of rejection to one of acceptance. Why do we acknowledge other groups "holocaust" and display compassion for them but not our own "holocaust" that has lasted for 400 years. We **"STILL CAN'T BREATHE"** whether it was from a rope or someone choking our necks. But we **must** tell our story, not for revenge or pity but for our next generations to build strong heritage knowledge, additional spiritual strength and love for our people and our enemies. One day these family stories will be found in the **Schomburg Library Research Center for Research in Black Culture**, for the World to read. **God's Blessings!**

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PLEASE Select **One** below to **Share Your Story:**

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