

Feb, 14<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**

**REV. FRANKLIN EZEORAH, PAROCHIAL VICAR**

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

Dear Parishioners,

What a beautiful celebration we had last Sunday at St. Peter Claver! I want to thank all of you who came out last Sunday in the midst of the snow to celebrate as a parish community the beginning of Black History Month. We were able to welcome back Father Patrick West, the former pastor of St. Peter Claver Church. I would like to thank the Parish Black History Month Committee for their work and dedication in making last week's celebration uplifting and prayerful. I also would like to thank our music ministry program for the beautiful music that uplifted us. I also thank the Holy Name society for their generosity in donating super bowl trinkets to everyone. As you know, each year the Holy Name Society sponsors our annual super bowl party. Because of the pandemic, we were unable to have the party but each parishioner was able to have a small token of this year's football classic.

## Black History Month Movie Series

As has been the custom, each Saturday night during the month of February, we will be showing films that are associated with Black History Month. Our next film showing will take place this Saturday, February 20 following the 5:00PM Vigil Mass at St. Peter Claver Msgr. Rogers Hall. The film is entitled, "American Violet" and it stars Charles S. Dutton and Alfre Woodard. Attendance is free of charge and all are welcomed to join!

## Ash Wednesday and Friday Stations of the Cross

This Wednesday, February 17 we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. The schedule of Masses is the following: 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory, 12:00Noon at St. Peter Claver and 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory. In addition, there will be two prayer services with the distribution of ashes: 11:00AM at Holy Rosary and 12:00Noon at Our Lady of Victory. Because of the COVID-19 restrictions, ashes will not be imposed on the forehead. Ashes will be distributed by sprinkling ashes on the crown of the head. This is the best way to safely with the use of sanitization, to distribute ashes. Ashes are actually meant to be sprinkled on the crown of the head. This is the current custom in churches throughout Europe, Asia and Africa. Having ashes imposed on the forehead has become an American custom. These regulations and guidelines come directly from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome. We will continue the custom of praying the stations of the cross each Friday night beginning at 7:00PM at each of the three churches. This Friday, February 19, we will have only one communal station of the cross prayer service in commemoration of Black History Month which will be held at Holy Rosary Church beginning at 7:00PM.

## President's Day Holiday

This Monday, February 5 is President's Day. It is a national and federal holiday. The parish office will be closed. Only one Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory. There will not be a 12:00Noon Mass at St. Peter Claver that day.

Wishing you a blessed 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**

Rev. Mr. Rachid Murad, Permanent Deacon  
 Ms. Paulitiana St. Hilaire, Secretary  
 Maria Matos, 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

**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.** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 111 Cor 10:31—11:1 Mk 1:40-45  
**Mon.** Gn 4:1-15, 25 ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 Mk 8:11-13  
**Tue.** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 ps29:1a & 2, 3ac-4, 3b & 9c-10 Mk 8:14-21  
**Wed.** Jl 2:12-18 ps51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14& 17 2Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thu.** Dt 30:15-20 Ps1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 9:22-25  
**Fri.** Is 58:1-9a Ps.:51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15  
**Sat.** Is 58:9b-14 PS: 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 5:27-32

**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](mailto: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.

**I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation**

**MASS INTENTION****SPC Saturday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> (Vigil Mass)**

For the repose of the Soul of Josephine Ezeorah

**OLV Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am**

Felix Joseph – in memoriam

*Req. by Judy Mathurine-George & family*

**HRC Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am**

John Garland – in memoriam

*Req. by Sadie Garland*

**OLV Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:15am**

Jerry Aneke – grace and blessings

*Req. by Dolores Channell*

Glenn Mitchell – birthday blessing

*Req. by Mitchell family*

**SPC Sunday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am Mass**

In thanksgiving to St. Martin de Porres for Nathacha Joseph

**OLV Monday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am**

Josh Dufont- birthday blessing

*Req. by Dufont family*

**OLV Thursday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am**

Glenn Mitchell – birthday blessing

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

Jeremiah Brown – birthday blessing

*Req. Georgiana Brown*

**ALTAR CANDLE:**

Canonization of Msgr. Quinn

**ALTAR FLOWERS:****SANCTUARY CANDLE:****CHAPEL FLOWER*****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.

**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****(FEBRUARY 2021)****Violence against women**

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



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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 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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**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 **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.

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**Special Notice**

There will not be a 12:00noon Mass at St. Peter Church on Monday in observation of President's Day.

**The Parish office is closed on Monday.**

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**COVID-19 Vaccine**

Interfaith 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.

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**SMDPP Black History Month**



Join us on Saturdays in February, after the 5pm Mass at St. Peter Claver Church, for movies highlighting African-American history. Movie title Saturday Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, "American Violet," with Nicole Beharie, and Alfre Woodard.

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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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St. Martin de Porres Parish will host a **Fish Fry Fundraiser** on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 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. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**VICARIATE OF BLACK CATHOLIC CONCERNS**

**Black History Month Mass of Thanksgiving**

Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph  
856 Pacific Street Brooklyn, NY 11238  
**Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

Time: 4:00pm

**Dress in your cultural Attire.**

**Homilist/Celebrant: The Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio**

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**Memoriam**



"It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Josephine Ezeorah, the mother of Father Franklin Ezeorah. Mrs. Ezeorah died on Monday, February 8, 2021 in Nigeria. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and the consolation of her family and friends. Father Franklin plans to hold a Memorial Mass for his mother in the coming weeks."

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Ash



Wednesday

**Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**, marks the beginning of the Lenten season, when we recall Christ's saving Passion and Death. On that day, we receive ashes recalling not only our mortal frailty, but our dependence on God. The schedule of Ash Wednesday services is as follows:

**Mass Schedule**

8am Mass, **Our Lady of Victory**

11am Service, **Holy Rosary**

12noon Service, **Our Lady of Victory**

12noon Mass, **St. Peter Claver**

7: 30pm Mass, **Our Lady of Victory**

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."  
Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.*

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**Second Collection**

Next weekend's second collection is the Black and Indian Mission Collection. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs among Black and Indian peoples

**NYPD Now Hiring**

Applications for Police Communications Technicians are now being accepted until February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This position is being offered on a provisional basis. You will be required to take a civil service exam when available. For more information, requirements, and to apply online, visit [www.nyc.gov/careers/NYPD](http://www.nyc.gov/careers/NYPD) Recruit



**HOW DO YOU PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE SEASON OF FASTING, ABSTINENCE AND ALMSGIVING?**

Lent is a special time of prayer and penance, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promise of dying to sin and living of God. As we begin to observe this season of repentance and reflection, join your fellow parishioners in reading your daily Scripture and devotionals from

**The Word Among Us.  
"Behold the Lamb of God."**



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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



*KNOW THE PAST SHAPE THE FUTURE*

A Warm  
**Welcome**

**WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!**

*How great is the love the **Father** has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God. 1John 3:1*

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