



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

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

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 to discuss your marriage plans.

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 Ezeorah to inquire about our ongoing RCIA program.

Anointing of the Sick~ Please contact 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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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday: 9:00am. - 4:30pm.
Evenings & Weekends: By appointment

Holy Rosary Church

139 Chauncey Street /Brooklyn, NY 11233

Mass Times

Sundays: 9am / Tuesdays: 11am



Our Lady of Victory Church

583 Throop Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11216

Sundays: Masses

7:30am & 10:15am

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday

8am -9am

1st Fridays: Rosary for Life



St. Peter Claver Church

29 Claver Place
Brooklyn, NY 11238

Mass Times

Sat.: 5pm / Sun.: 11:30am

Monday. & Wednesday: 12noon

1st Fridays: 12noon

Holiday schedule will be announced

From the Pastors Desk

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin the season of Lent, we see in today's gospel how Jesus is tempted by Satan. As our Lord is led by the spirit through the desert, Satan tempts Jesus. Jesus tells us to repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand. These next few weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of spiritual renewal. Just as Satan tempted Jesus in the desert, he tempts us each day of our lives. The devil wants to sever our relationship with Jesus by showing us things that ultimately, we don't need. We must not allow Satan and his empty promises to hinder or sever our relationship with the Lord. During this Lenten season, we look to the cross as the image of our salvation. Jesus shed his blood on the cross out of pure love for all of us. We must use these days of Lent as a moment to grow deeper in love with Jesus Christ. We must also use this time to look at our own habits, knowing that we are all poor sinners trying our best to get to heaven. This is a great time to exercise acts of charity and repentance, most especially through the sacrament of Reconciliation. May Christ continue to be at the center of our lives as we journey with him from the desert, to Calvary and ultimately to the Resurrection from the dead.

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 apologies that we did not show the film last week because of the inclement weather. Our next and final film showing will take place this Saturday, February 27 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!

Tuesday Evening Lenten Vespers and Stations of the Cross

We will continue the tradition of praying sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) on the Tuesday's of Lent beginning this Tuesday, February 23. It will be held at Our Lady of Victory Church beginning at 7:00PM. Vespers from Our Lady of Victory Church will be livestreamed via our parish website and Facebook page. We will also pray the traditional stations of the cross on the Friday's of Lent at each of the three churches. Stations of the cross will begin at 7:00PM. All are welcomed to pray with us.

Diocese of Brooklyn Black History Month Mass of Thanksgiving

The Diocese of Brooklyn Mass of Thanksgiving for Black History Month will take place next Sunday, February 28 at 3:00PM at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph on Pacific Street. Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio will be the main celebrant. Our very own Father Franklin will be the homilist. All are welcomed to join us at the Co-Cathedral or watch the Mass live via NET-TV.

The Repose of the Soul of Josephine Ezeorah

Just last week, we heard the sad news of the death of Josephine Ezeorah, the mother of Father Franklin. She died suddenly in Nigeria. Please pray for the repose of her soul and the consolation of her family and friends.

We adore you O Christ and we praise you, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world,

Father Alonzo Q. Cox



Saturday: 5:00pm - St. Peter Claver Church
The souls in Purgatory

Sunday: 11:30am -St. Peter Claver Church
Gorgette Afanoukoe - birthday blessing
Req. by Gisele Sedjiro

Sunday: 7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church
DiJon Wiltshire – in memoriam
Req. by Derek Wiltshire

Sunday: 10:15am-Our Lady of Victory Church
St. Lucia's 42nd year of Independence

Vere Skepple – in memoriam
Req by Marina Brown

Sunday: 9:00am – Holy Rosary Church
Virginia Cox- grace and healing

Daily Readings

Mon. 1 Pt5 :1-4 Ps.23 1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:13-19

Tue. Is 55:10-11 Ps.34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15

Wed. Jon 3:1-10 Ps. 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

Thurs. Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps.138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
Mt 7:7-12

Fri. Ez 18:21-28 Ps.130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26

Sat. Mt 5:20-26 Ps.119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

ALTAR BREAD:

Georgiana Brown -health & healing

ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard
Quinn

ALTAR WINE:

Human Trafficking

ALTAR CANDLE:

The homeless

Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bailey, Terrance Baptiste,
Georgiana Brown, 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.



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.



LENT

Gospel Acclamation:

*One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that
comes forth from the mouth of God. Mt. 4:4b*



SMDPP Black History Movie Nights. 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. 20th, **“American Violet,”** with **Nicole Beharie**, and **Alfre Woodard**.



This week begins the **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal**. We thank all who have participated with a gift to the 2020 Appeal and ask that everyone prayerfully consider making a gift to the **2021 Appeal**. The work and services made possible through your donation to the **Annual Catholic Appeal** help people in Brooklyn and Queens in ways that no one parish can alone.



Easter Mass Remembrance

During the Easter season we will pray for you loved ones with Easter remembrance envelope. Envelopes are located at the front of the church. Kindly drop off your envelope, in the collection basket or at the rectory, with the name of person(s) who is/are to be remembered in the Masses



Tuesdays throughout Lent. Join us for Holy Hours with Eucharistic Adoration.” The first Holy Hour will be celebrated on Tuesday March 23rd, at 7:00pm, in Our Lady of Victory Church. **Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at all three Churches in our Parish on Fridays at 7:00PM**



LENTEN REGULATIONS



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

- **ABSTINENCE** – All of the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on the Fridays of Lent.
- **RECONCILIATION** – After having reached the age of discretion, members of the faithful are bound to confess once a year grave sins which have not already been absolved. **Reconciliation Monday on April 10, 2017 (in St Peter Claver Church at 7pm)** will give parishioners an opportunity to receive God’s forgiveness by going to confession.
- **VARIOUS LENTEN ACTS** - Reading the Scriptures, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, generosity toward the poor and the needy are additional means of becoming more involved in the Lenten season.



Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at all three Churches in our Parish on Fridays at 7:00PM. **Please note:** Friday – March 26th, there will be one Parish celebration of Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Victory Church at 7:00PM.



The Season of Lent



Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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.



MASS BOOK. The opportunity to pray in a special way for the repose of the soul of a loved one or other prayerful intention is made available each day with announced Mass offerings. You may choose to commemorate a death anniversary, wedding anniversary or birthday remembrance. The 2021 Mass Book is now open and each offering is \$15.00. Please come to the Parish Office to make special Mass offerings for your loved ones.

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.

When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have to speak up. You have to say something; you have to do something
Rep. John-Lewis

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Next Week's Second Collection

The **Black Indian Mission Collection** will be used to support the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. Please be generous.

VICARIATE OF BLACK CATHOLIC CONCERNS

Black History Month Mass of Thanksgiving
Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph 856 Pacific Street
Brooklyn, NY 11238 **Sunday, February 28th, 2021.** Time: 4:00pm **Dress in your cultural Attire. Homilist/Celebrant: The Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio**



**BLACK HISTORY
BLACK EXCELLENCE**



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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*

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Name: _____

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



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|------------|---------------|--------------|
| Ash | Holy Week | Palm Branch |
| Wednesday | Holy Thursday | Forty Days |
| Sacrifice | Good Friday | Jesus |
| Almsgiving | Holy Saturday | Passover |
| Prayer | Easter | Foot Washing |
| Fasting | Palm Sunday | Resurrection |
| Lent | Purple | Love |

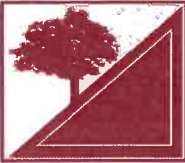
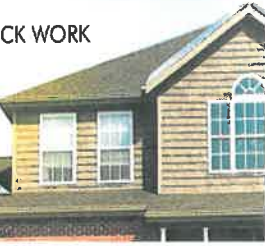


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**Our Lady of Victory McGuinness
Hall**



Holy Rosary Lower Church Hall



St. Peter Claver Lower Church Hall