



## 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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### Parish Staff

Rev. Mr. Rachid Murad, Permanent Deacon  
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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

### 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

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: Rosary for Life



### St. Peter Claver Church

29 Claver Place  
Brooklyn, NY 11238

#### Mass Times

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

Monday. & Wednesday: 12noon

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: 12noon

*Holiday schedule will be announced*

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Parishioners,

On this second Sunday of Lent, we hear in today's gospel the Transfiguration of our Lord. Jesus takes Peter, James and John up to the mountain and is transfigured before their very eyes! I can only imagine the fear and trepidation they were feeling as this was happening. But then they hear the voice of God speak, "this is my beloved son, listen to him." During the season of Lent, each of us are asked to listen to the voice of God. We live in a world full of noise and distraction. These days of Lent are meant to be moments of prayer and reflection, not allowing the noise or distraction get in the way of hearing the voice of God. I love Peter's response to Jesus, after his fears subside, he says, "it is good that we are here." Each of us must keep those words alive in our hearts. It is good that we are here, in Church, to give honor, glory and praise to our God. It is good that we are able to receive the Eucharist. It is good that we are able to bow down in worship. May these days of penitence and reflection be a moment of grace as we hear the word of God and listen to his only begotten son, Christ the Lord.

### **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 this Tuesday, March 2. 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 today, 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.

### **2021 Diocese of Brooklyn Annual Catholic Appeal**

Each year St. Martin de Porres Parish and the Diocese of Brooklyn engage in the Annual Catholic Appeal which supports Catholic programs throughout Brooklyn and Queens and affects the lives of countless individuals and families living in our neighborhoods in addition to benefitting our parish. As you know, the ACA supports the workings and programs of the Diocese of Brooklyn such as Catholic Migration Services, Vocations to the Priesthood, Hospital Chaplains and Youth Ministry. Each parish is given a financial goal to raise for the year. Our goal here at St. Martin de Porres is \$63,586. The key to having a successful ACA is participation. We are asking everyone to participate in this year's ACA that we will be able to achieve our goal. Any monies collected beyond the goal comes directly back to the parish. I thank each of you for your financial support here at St. Martin de Porres.

We adore you O Christ and we praise you, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world,  
Father Alonzo Q. Co



**Saturday: Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm - SPC Vigil Mass**  
The people of St. Martin de Porres Parish

**Sunday: Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver**  
Dorene Allman – birthday blessing

**7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church**  
Deceased members of the Parish

**10:15am-Our Lady of Victory Church**  
Gorvin Mitchell – in memoriam  
*Req. by Mitchell family*

Diaz family & Donovan Simonette II – in memoriam  
*Req. by Noreen Simonette*

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church**  
Winston Whyte – birthday remembrance  
*Req. Wilhelmina Whyte-Randall*

**Monday: 8:00am-Our Lady of Victory**  
Christopher Clarence – birthday blessing  
*Req. by Dufont family*

### *Daily Readings*

**Sun.** Gn. 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps;116:10, 15, 16-17,18-19  
Rom 8:31b-34 Mk. 9:2-10

**Mon.** Dn. 9:4b-10 Ps.79:8, 9, 11& 13 Lk 6:36-38

**Tue.** Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps.50:8-9,16bc-17, 21& 23 Mt 23:1-12

**Wed.** Jer.18:18-20 Ps. 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28

**Thur** Jer. 17:5-10 Ps.1:1-2, 3, 4& 6 Lk 16:19-31

**Fri.** Gn.37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Ps.105:16-17,18-19,20-21  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Sat.** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps.103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### ALTAR BREAD:

### ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

### ALTAR WINE:

**Human Trafficking**

### ALTAR CANDLE:

### *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.

**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).



**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](http://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 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.

*“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said,  
People will forget what you did,  
But people will never forget  
**how you made them fee.**”*

*Maya Angelou*



**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. 27<sup>th</sup>, “**Hariett,**” with **Cynthia Erivo, Leslie Odom, Jr. and Janelle Monae.**



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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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**



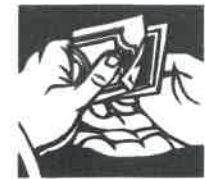
**LENTEN REGULATIONS**



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



**\*COIN CARDS FOR ST. JUDE'S CHILDREN HOSPITAL\***

Lent is a time of renewal in faith. One way of renewal is a more serious devotion. This year we, at the Parish of St. Martin de Porres, would like to support **St. Jude's Hospital for Children**. We will **tithe 50% of the Lenten Quarters collections towards this cause**. I hope you will prayerfully support this Lenten act of almsgiving.



**ST. MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH  
FREE COVID TESTING  
SWAB & SAVE**

Sundays/8.30a-2.30p

Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall  
163 Mac Donough Street  
Call/test 917-633-7710

To registerfor covid@gmail.com  
or just scan the QR Code



The Pastor and Staff wishes to thank everyone who generously supported our annual Fish Fry Fundraiser. The committee raised over \$2,000 plus. The proceeds will be used to support the Parish.



**SAVE THE DATE**

St. Martin de Porres Women's Day Committee will host a Virtual presentation on Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>. **Theme: "RESILIENCE."** **Scripture: Prov. 3:5&6-** "It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."



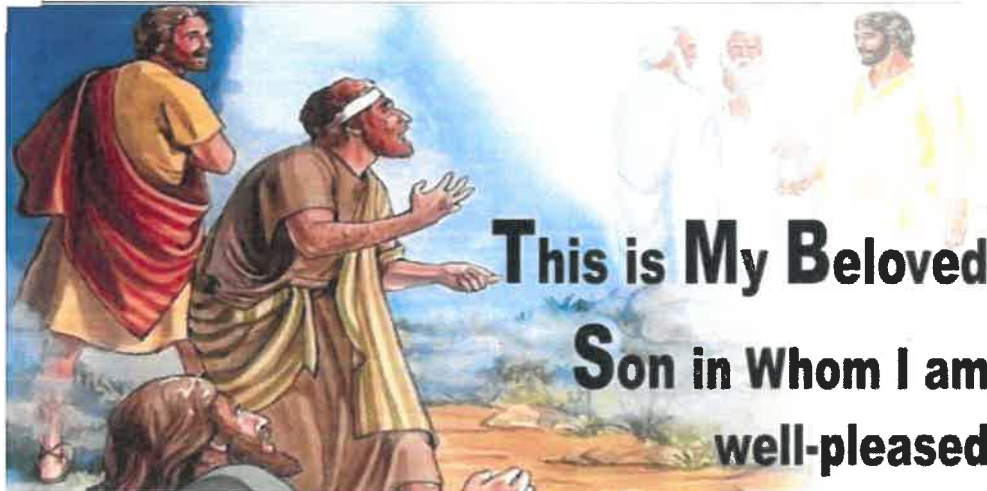
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**WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!**

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

# 40 Lenten Activities for Star of the Sea

Choose activities in any order. When one has been completed, cross it off.

Give up television and Internet for one day	Genuinely compliment someone who isn't expecting it	Donate a bag or food to a church, charity or food pantry	Go to a weekend Sunday Mass as a family	Pray for good things for someone who has been unkind to you	Visit or call an elderly friend or relative who doesn't get a lot of visitors	Pray the Chaplet of Our Lady Star of the Sea	Pray before a meal
Sit down as a family and have dinner	Pray for those adults at Star preparing to enter the Church	Have an attitude of gratitude	Share with someone where you saw God's presence recently	Pray for an increase in religious vocations	Ask for forgiveness from someone what you have wronged	Not just Friday: have an additional meatless day one week during Lent	Pray for someone preparing for First Communion or Confirmation
Go to confession	Have dinner without using your phone or internet device	Clean up a mess that someone else made (without complaining)	Memorize a prayer that you already don't know.	Surprise someone by doing a task or chore that they normally do	Have a family game night	Pray the Rosary (even just a decade) as a family	Thank someone who has been a good influence in your life
Read 10 minutes of the Bible	Attend (or pray at home) the Stations of the Cross	Pray for world political and religious leaders	Do a random act of kindness	Pray for our parish	Learn more about a saint that your family is unfamiliar with	Do something healthy to take care of the body God gave you.	Fast from talking about others
Join in a Lenten Prayer night (March 21 or April 1)	Offer prayers before going to bed	Clear your mind of other things and sit quietly with God	Put others first for a day	Pray for Pope Francis	Donate alms, perhaps to the parish Alms Tree	Go to the chapel or church, even for a brief while, and pray to the Lord.	Attend a Holy Week Mass or Liturgy

As you go through the season of Lent, see how many of these little challenges you can incorporate into your daily or weekly life, even beyond the season of Lent!

Bring this completed Star of the Sea Lenten Challenge to the Parish Lenten Challenge Celebration which will be held during the Easter Season

Watch the bulletin for more information on the Celebration



With Mary, we bring people to Christ to live the love of God

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