



## 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  
Ms. Paulitiana St. Hilaire, Secretary  
Mrs. 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  
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 PASTORS DESK

Dear Parishioners,

We have come to the midpoint of our Lenten journey. Traditionally the fourth Sunday of Lent is known as "*laetare*" Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word which means rejoice. We rejoice that very soon we will celebrate the joys of Easter Sunday. You will notice that the priest and deacon for Mass today will be wearing rose colored vestments. The mixture of the purple of Lent and the white of Easter creates a rose color. It is a clear and visible sign that Easter is coming soon. We do have a few more days of Lent before us. We hear in today's gospel for Mass the famous words of John 3:16, God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life. These weeks of Lent have allowed us to reflect on the great gift God has given to us, that is Jesus himself. Jesus knew that he must endure the cross to gain everlasting life through the resurrection. As we approach the end of the Lenten season and enter into the holiest of days, let us pray that we will be lifted up in God's mercy.

## **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 16. 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.

## **Holy Week Schedule Banners & Liturgical Changes**

You may have noticed that we have placed banners with the Holy Week schedule printed on it. Please take notice of the time changes this year. Usually on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday we would have a special schedule with just one Mass at each of our three churches. This year because we are still in the midst of the pandemic, we will have a regular Sunday Mass schedule for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Due to the pandemic, we will not have a Palm Sunday procession at any of the three churches. Priests have been asked to bless palms privately the day before Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday Mass will begin as a usual Sunday Mass. Immediately after the Palm Sunday Mass, there will be a table with blessed palm outside the church that everyone can take on their way home. On Holy Thursday there will not be the traditional Washing of the Feet or procession to the place of Repository after Mass. On Good Friday, there will not be the veneration of the Cross during the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. On Holy Saturday there will be a simple blessing of the Easter fire with just the priests and deacon outside while the congregation will be seated in the pews. I ask all of you to be mindful of these changes this year for our Holy Week celebrations.

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



**Saturday: Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver Vigil Mass**

Matthew N. Nunes – in memoriam  
Req. by Avril Nunes

**Sunday: Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver**

Wilmena Merose – in memoriam  
Req. by Francisca Deterville

**7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church**

Amato & Sannino family – in memoriam  
Req. by Rachel Sannino

**10:15am-Our Lady of Victory Church**

Alexander Fusco – in memoriam  
Req. by Antonia Fusco

Antonia Fusco – belated birthday blessing  
Req. by Kerin Coughling

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church**

For the people of the Parish

**Wednesday: Mar 17<sup>th</sup>, 8am Our Lady of Victory**

Aaron T. Garbanzos - birthday blessing  
Req. Garbanzos family

### *Daily Readings*

- Sun.** 2Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 PS:137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Eph 2:4-10  
Jn 3:14-21
- Mon.** Is 65:17-21 PS: 30:2& 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b Jn 4:43-54
- Tue.** Ez 47:1-9, 12 PS: 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16
- Wed.** Is 49:8-15 PS: 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30
- Thur.** Ex 32:7-14 PS 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47
- Fri.** 2Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a,16 PS:89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- Sat.** Jer 11:18-20 PS: 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53

### ALTAR BREAD:

Thomas Concepcion – in memoriam  
Req by Garbanzos

### ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

### ALTAR WINE:

### ALTAR CANDLE:

### *Pray for the Sick*

Dorothy Bailey, Burtel Batson, 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**

**(March 2021)**

### **Sacrament of reconciliation**

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**



• **PRAYER** –Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

• **ALMSGIVING** - During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2462).

• **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 Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, (in Our Lady of Victory 7-8pm)** will give parishioners an opportunity to receive God’s forgiveness by going to confession



**Stations of the Cross**

**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.**



**\*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.



**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.” Holy Hour will be celebrated on Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm, in Our Lady of Victory Church. Dcn. Rachid Murad will be the Homilist.



**Seven parishioners are needed to participate in the Good Friday "Seven Last Words of Christ "** service on April 2nd. A 6-minute to 8-minute reflection/talk is usually expected from each person. For more details at please contact Estella White-McDuffey at 718-622-1222, or Stanley Davis 718-857-1442.



Join the Women’s Day Committee Virtual presentation today Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm, livestreamed on SMDPP.org FB & YouTube. **Theme: “RESILIENCE.”**

### School of Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes will be held remotely from January 2021 to June 2021. 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

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. Hilaire **HRC**. You can also purchase a ticket by calling the Rectory Office 718-574-5772.



### St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Free UPK Program

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy offers a free UPK program. All children born in 2017 are eligible to enroll. The **deadline** is April 7 to apply for the UPK class beginning this September 2021. Apply on-line at [www.NYC.gov/prek](http://www.NYC.gov/prek), or call 718-778-3700. Select St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy as your **# 1 Choice**. Use school code: **17KAJW**



## PALM SUNDAY / HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

<b>Vigil of Palm Sunday</b> St. Peter Claver Church	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Palm Sunday</b> Our Lady of Victory Church	<b>7:30am</b>
Holy Rosary Church	<b>9:00am</b>
Our Lady of Victory Church	<b>10:15am</b>
St. Peter Claver Church	<b>11:30am</b>
<b>Reconciliation Monday</b> Our Lady of Victory Church -	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Holy Thursday</b> Our Lady of Victory Church - Mass of the Lord's Supper	<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>Good Friday</b> St. Peter Claver Church - Seven Last Words	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Our Lady of Victory Church -</b> Station of the Cross -	<b>3:00pm</b>
Holy Rosary Church	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b> Office of Tenebrae ( <i>Morning Prayer</i> ) Our Lady of Victory Church	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Easter Vigil</b> St. Peter Claver Church	<b>8:00pm</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b> Our Lady of Victory Church	<b>7:30am</b>
Holy Rosary Church -	<b>9:00am</b>
Our Lady of Victory Church	<b>10:15am</b>
St. Peter Claver Church -	<b>11:30am</b>



Are you new to the neighborhood? Have you been away from the church for a long time? Come in and join us. **EVERYONE** is welcome, loved and included and we mean **EVERYONE!**

## The Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2021 a "Year of St. Joseph." It is a wonderful opportunity to increase our love for St. Joseph and knowledge, "to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal."



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To make a donation to the **Annual Catholic Appeal** online. Open your camera on your phone hover over the **QR Code** click the pop-up notification to be taken to the website to begin your online donation. All donations made to the **ACA** above our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements.



**ST. MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH  
FREE COVID TESTING  
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Sundays/8.30a-2.30p

Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall

163 Mac Donough Street

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To registerforcovid@gmail.com

or just scan the QR Code





# Annual Catholic Appeal 2021

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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 benefiting our parish.

## How Does Our Parish Benefit?

In order for our parish to function, we need well trained **priests and deacons** who can celebrate the sacraments and administer the parish. Without the **\$2.5 Million** from the Appeal allocated to vocations, we would not have the clergy our parish needs.

Our Children are the future of our parish and we are called to support them as they grow in faith. The Appeal provides funding which supports every parish **religious education program** as well as tuition assistance to those seeking **Catholic Education** at Catholic Academies and Schools. Over **\$2 million** from the Appeal is invested in the faith of our children in addition to also providing **adult faith formation**. Instruction programs for lay people, including those in our own parish, provide training in ministries such as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors or prepare others for sacraments.

The Appeal also provides the salaries for the trained Youth Ministers working in parishes throughout Brooklyn and Queens. **\$150,000** each year from our donations sustains the **Youth Ministry Initiative**, which has been supported by Generations of Faith, ensuring that young people encounter Christ through the Church, forming life-long bonds of faith which will sustain our parishes for years to come.

Christ Himself has called all of us to care for those among us in need, but as one parish we lack the time, space, skills and volunteers that it takes to address the needs of our brothers and sisters who need our help. This is why, through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our parish supports the work of **Catholic Charities** and **Catholic Migration Services** which receive a total of **\$1.4 million** from the Appeal. Together we are able to welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, feed the hungry and shelter the homeless in the name of our Church.

In our efforts to spread the Gospel of Christ we also have a responsibility as Catholics to minister to those who are ill, students in high schools and colleges as well as those who are imprisoned, just as Christ directed us to. The Appeal provides **\$1.9 million** to ensure that **chaplains** bring the sacraments of the church to those who are ill, imprisoned or are studying in high school and college.

## **Why is my participation important?**

As followers of Jesus here at St. Martin de Porres, we understand our responsibility to our parish implies a responsibility to the diocese which unites us together with the entire Catholic community as the one body of Christ.

When one part of the body does not participate, the entire body suffers and makes it harder to function. Likewise, your participation in this Appeal, over and above your regular Sunday offering, will determine the ability of St. Martin de Porres to faithfully support the mission of Christ while also providing the needed support we receive as one parish, which is part of the larger Catholic Church.

## **WHAT IS NEXT FOR THE Annual Catholic Appeal AND HOW CAN WE HELP?**

Please join with us to respond as the Church of Christ together in Brooklyn and Queens through a pledge to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* today at [AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://AnnualCatholicAppeal.org) or text **ACA** to **917-336-1255**

**Thank you and God bless you.**

Fr. Alonzo Cox, and the staff of St. Martin de Pore Parish

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* seeks to raise a minimum of \$8 million to provide programs and ministries throughout the Diocese and support the local efforts of parishes like ours.

**The goal at St. Martin de Porres Parish (#2179) is \$63,586.00**

**Once we exceed our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure directly back to our parish.**

For questions regarding the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, or to schedule an appointment to make a gift to the parish, please contact the Parish Office  
718-574-5772

**WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER**