



## 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,

We have come to the 5<sup>th</sup> and last Sunday of Lent. Next Sunday we will celebrate the commemoration of our Lord's entry into the city of Jerusalem with Palm Sunday, which begins Holy Week. We also mark the one-year anniversary since the outbreak of the coronavirus. It would be safe to say that this has been a year that none of us will forget, even though many of us would want to forget it. Last year we were unable to gather for Holy Week and the weeks of Easter. This pandemic has shown us that we must not take for granted the opportunities that we can come to Church. We are blessed with three beautiful houses of worship here at St. Martin de Porres. Many people have asked, "when are we going to get back to normal?" The question I ask is, "what will the new normal look like?" As we enter into these last days of Lent and enter into the holiest days of the Christian calendar, let us pray that Christ will continue to lead us closer to the Kingdom of Heaven.

### **Tuesday Evening Lenten Vespers and Stations of the Cross**

We will have our last Tuesday Evening Vespers this week, Tuesday March 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. This Friday, March 26 we will celebrate solemn stations of the cross at Our Lady of Victory Church beginning at 7:00PM. **There will not be stations of the cross at Holy Rosary or St. Peter Claver churches this Friday night, March 26.** We will gather as a community for one celebration of stations of the cross at Our Lady of Victory Church. We will welcome Father Ken Gavin, SJ as the presider and homilist. All are welcome to join 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. 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver Vigil Mass**

Edna Jordan – in memoriam  
*Req. by Rachel Sinanno*

**Sunday: Mar. 21st, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver**

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

Theiiron Brown – birthday blessing  
*Req. by Marina Brown*

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

Anthony Toussaint – memoriam 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary  
*Req. by Annmarie Toussaint & family*

Georgie and Epiehane Altifois – in memoriam  
*Req. by Agatha Altifois*

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church**

Ian Saint Germaine- in thanksgiving blessing  
*Req. by Saint Germaine family*

**Monday: Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> 8am Our Lady of Victory**

Fr. Alonzo Cox- birthday blessing  
*Req. by Dolores Channell*

**Tuesday: Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8am Our Lady of Victory**

Stella Parks – in memoriam  
*Req. by Parks family*

**Thursday, Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> 8am Our Lady of Victory**

Lawrence Denson – birthday blessing  
*Req. by Dolores Channell*

**Friday, Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> 8am Our Lady of Victory**

Christopher Denson – happy birthday blessing  
*Req. by Grandma Dolores Channell*



**ALTAR BREAD:**

Fr. Tracy Williams – in memoriam  
*Req. by Andrina Wilkinson*

**ALTAR CANDLES:**

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

**ALTAR WINE:**

**ALTAR CANDLE:**

**Anthony Toussaint – in memoriam**  
*Req. by Toussaint family*

***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.

### 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**



**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.



**Good Friday Collection**

This collection is used to support the Christian community in the Holy Land. The revenue from this collection allows the Christian community to continue their evangelical presence and charitable endeavors. In particular, we are mindful that the Christians of the Holy Land have suffered as a result of Covid-19. They are especially in need of assistance since there has been no pilgrimages for over a year. Please encourage people to be as generous as possible.



**Online Parishioner Registration**

In reflecting upon your support of the parish, consider online giving, a quick and easy way to do your part to foster the life and ministry of our parish. We invite you to register as a member of our parish family. Text “**SUNDAY**” to 718-550-5830 to register.

**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 is just a few weeks away, when we will be renewed in our Baptismal Life in Christ Jesus. Why not celebrate our renewed life with flowers! I am making an additional appeal for help in purchasing Easter Flowers. The average Easter plant is \$25.00 during the second collection at today's Mass



**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.



**Live Streamed Mass**

The parish will continue to livestream Masses during the Easter season. Please follow the Mass times for **Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday**. You can access the livestream on YouTube at SMDPP and Facebook at smdppbklyn.



**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 - Holy Rosary Church	<b>3:00pm</b> <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>

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.



**Tuesdays throughout Lent.** Join us for Holy Hours with Eucharistic Adoration." 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**

Holy Rosary Church - 7:00PM

St. Peter Claver Church – 7:00PM

Our Lady of Victory Church -7:00PM

**FRIDAY – March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00PM**  
**Stations of the Cross will only be held at Our Lady of Victory Church.**



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!**



*"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."  
(John 12:32)*

## Weekday Readings

- Sun.** Ez 37:12-14 PS: 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Rom 8: 8-11 Jn 11:25a, 26
- Mon.** Dn 13:1-9,15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:14c, PS:23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 8:1-11 Jn 8:1-11
- Tue.** Nm 21:4-9, PS;102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21, Jn: 8:21-30
- Wed.** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, PS: Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Jn 8:31-42
- Thur.** Is 7:10-14; 8:10, PS: 40:7-8a, 8b-9,10,11, Heb 10:4-10
- Fri.** Jer 20:10-13 PS 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 Jn 10: 31-42
- Sat.** Ez 37:21-28 PS; Jeremiah 31:10,11-12abcd, 13 Jn 11:45-56



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.

*Fifth*  
SUNDAY  
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LENT







## What does the New Testament say about Stewardship and Giving?

### We are stewards, Not Owners of Our Money

"Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God" (1 Corinthians 4:1)

### Build Treasure in Heaven

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10)

"In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

### Money Represents the Greatest Competition God Faces for Our Hearts

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal" (Mt 6:19-20)

"take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." (Luke 12:15)

### Money Can Move the Human Heart in the Right Direction

Zacchaeus decides to give half of his fortune to the poor and promises to repay more than he has stolen from other. Jesus then responds, "Today salvation has come to his house" (Luke 19:9)

"Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Mt 6:21)