



# 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  
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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*



# PALM SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners,

Today the Church celebrates Palm Sunday. It is on this day that we commemorate our Lord's entry into the city of Jerusalem. Palm Sunday begins the celebration of Holy Week, in which we recall the Lord's Last Supper on Holy Thursday, his crucifixion on Good Friday and his Resurrection on Holy Saturday. I invite you to solemnly enter into these days. I know that there is much on our minds with Easter Sunday next week, but we must enter into these days with solemn reverence. As we take strips of palm home with us today and as we recall the Passion of Jesus at Mass, we must never take our eyes off the cross. It is on the cross that Jesus died for our sins and broke the chains of death by virtue of his resurrection. We pray that this Holy Week will be a moment of prayerful renewal, as we gaze upon the great love God has for us through his son, Jesus Christ. As I have mentioned in the previous bulletins, because of the ongoing COVID-19 regulations, we will not have the usual Palm Sunday procession. Masses today will begin in the usual way, without the blessing of palms. Priests were asked to bless the palms prior to the Palm Sunday Masses, which I have done. Blessed palms can be picked up after all the Masses today. Please follow the instructions of the ushers.

### **Reconciliation Monday**

This Monday, March 29 is Reconciliation Monday. There will be a priest available at every Catholic Church in New York City for the sacrament of Confession. Here at St. Martin de Porres, I will be available to hear confessions beginning at 3:00PM at the parish office. There will be a penance service beginning at 7:00PM at Our Lady of Victory Church where I will be available to hear confessions. Going to confession is a wonderful way to begin Holy Week and to celebrate Easter.

### **Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday Schedules**

The schedule for the Triduum is printed in this week's bulletin. Please be sure to note the times and locations of the services. On Good Friday there will not be an outdoor procession from Our Lady of Victory to Holy Rosary Church for stations of the cross. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6:00PM at Holy Rosary Church. We will have a regular Sunday Mass schedule on Easter Sunday. We will also distribute Easter water bottles to parishioners on Easter Sunday. All of our liturgies will be livestreamed, but all are welcomed to join us.

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

I wish to thank all of you who have already contributed to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. 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. 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. Cox



**Saturday: Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver Vigil Mass**

The people of the Parish

**Sunday: Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver**

Lucy & Frank Stephenson – in memoriam

Req. by Patricie Smith

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

Georgie & Epiehane Altifois – in memoriam

Req. by Agatha Altifois

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

Marie George – in memoriam

Req. by Rachele Sanniano

**Jenny Constantine & Josephine Marcellin -birthday blessing**

Req. by Cathy Sobers

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church**

Fitzroy Rodney – in memoriam

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

Patricia Rojas – birthday blessing

Req. by Rojas family



*Hosanna!  
to the King of Kings*

**ALTAR BREAD:**

Fr. Alonzo Cox - grace and blessings

**ALTAR CANDLES:**

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

**ALTAR WINE:**

**ALTAR CANDLE:**

Virginia Cox - health & healing

*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.



**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**



● **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 [smdppblyn](https://www.facebook.com/smdppblyn).



The clergy and staff extend condolences to Sister Pat Nzekwe of SPC on the death of her brother Prof. Amaechi Alfred Nzekwe. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for the consolation of his family and friends. May he rest in the peace of Christ, the Risen Lord.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Reconciliation Monday - Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>**

Our Lady of Victory Church - 7pm

**Holy Thursday – Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>**

Our Lady of Victory Church - 7:30pm

*(Mass of the Lord's Supper)*

**Good Friday -Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>**

St. Peter Claver Church -10:30am

*(Seven Last Words)*

Our Lady of Victory Church -3pm

*(Liturgy of the Lord's Passion)*

Holy Rosary Church – 6pm

*(Stations of the Cross)*

**Holy Saturday -Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Our Lady of Victory Church- 10am

Office of Tenebrae *(Morning Prayer)*

St. Peter Claver Church -5pm

**Vigil of Easter Mass**

**Easter Sunday -Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

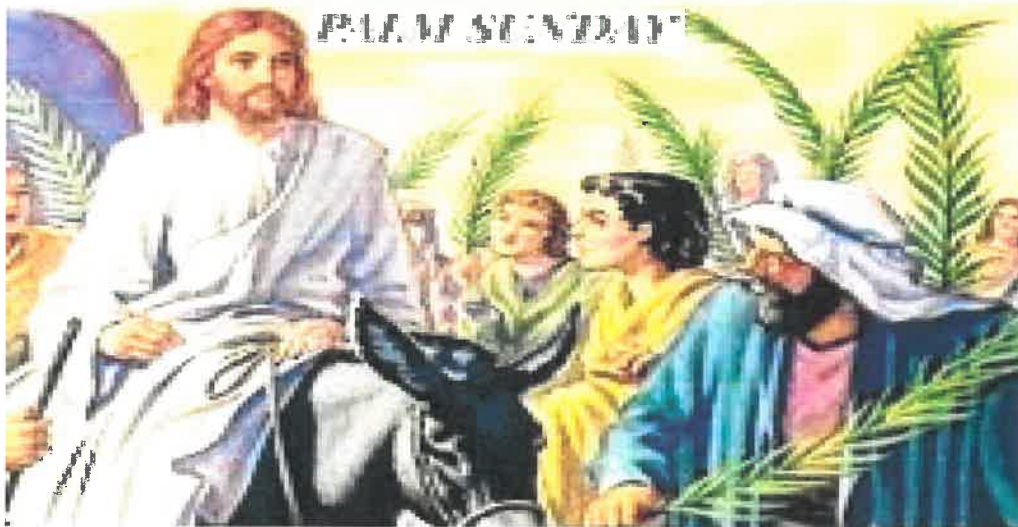
Our Lady of Victory Church- 7:30am &10:15am

Holy Rosary Church - 9:00am

St. Peter Claver Church 11:30am

**HOSANNA TO THE KING OF KINGS**

**PALM SUNDAY**



*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the*

*LORD!*

**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



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.







God and Father of all gifts, we praise you  
the source of all we are.  
Teach us to acknowledge always  
with generous gratitude  
the many good things your infinite love has  
given to us, as we support the work  
of our Diocese in Brooklyn and Queens.

Open our hearts that we  
may answer your call to follow  
the message of the Gospel as disciples  
in love and service,  
so that all may come to know you.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and  
ever. Amen.



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

**2021 Summer Youth Employment Program.** NYCSYEP provides NYC Youth with the opportunity to explore their interests and career pathways, develop workplace skills and engage in learning experiences that help to develop their social, civic, and leadership skills. If you are between the ages of 14-21, Visit <https://on.nyc.gov/syep> for eligibility or call 800246-4646.

**Weekday Readings**

- Sun.** Mk 11:1-10 Is 50:4-7 PS: 22:8-9,17-18,19-20, 22-24 Phil 2:6-11
- Mon.** Is.42:1-7 PS: 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11
- Tue.** Is 49:1-6 PS: 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab,15&17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wed.** Is 50:4-9a PS: 69:8-10, 21-22, 31& 33-34, Mt 26: 14-25
- Thur.** Ex 12:1-8,11-14 PS: 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17,18 1Cor 11:23-26
- Fri.** Is 52:13-53:12 PS: 31:2, 6,12-13,15-16,17,25,1 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42
- Sat.** Gn 1:1-2:2 Ps104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 Gn 22:1-18 Mark 16:1-7

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