



# 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 Pastor's Desk*

Dear Parishioners,

Our Lenten journey with the Lord is moving quickly. We are already at the third Sunday of Lent. Our scripture readings for Mass allow us to look to the centrality of our faith, the cross. It is on the cross that Jesus will shed his blood for our salvation. St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Corinthians that Jews and Greeks look for a sign, but we as disciples proclaim Christ crucified. It is from the cross that we proclaim our faith. Our Lord reminds us in today's gospel that he will die but on the third day be raised. It is in the Paschal Mystery, that is his passion, death and resurrection, that we prepare ourselves to enter into. These next few weeks are meant to be a time of spiritual renewal, preparing ourselves for this most sacred of time. May we never take our eyes off the cross, the sign of our salvation in Christ.

### **Holy Week Schedule Banners**

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. There will be some changes to the celebration of the liturgies for Holy Week that I will outline in next week's bulletin.

### **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 9. 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.

### **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. Cox



**Saturday: Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver Vigil Mass**

The souls in Purgatory

**Sunday: Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver**  
For deceased members of the Parish

**7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church**  
For the repose of the soul of Josephine Ezeorah  
*Req. by Rachele Sannino*

**10:15am-Our Lady of Victory Church**  
Ramieen Brown & Kate Cochran – birthday blessing  
*Req. by Marina Brown*

Janet & Jacqueline Battle - in memoriam  
*Req. by Margaret Xavier*

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church**  
Shirley Salomon Mitchell -God's grace and blessing

**Monday: Mar 8<sup>th</sup>, 12noon St. Peter Claver**  
Isarine Baptiste & John Henry- in memoriam  
*Req. Jean Paul & family*

**Thursday: Mar 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-Our Lady of Victory**  
Elvira Kennedy – in memoriam  
*Req. by Patricia Rojas*

### *Daily Readings*

**Sun.** Ex 17:3-7, Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42

**Mon.** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30

**Tue.** Dn. 3:25, 34-43 Ps.25:4-5ab, 6&7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35

**Wed.** Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

**Thur.** Jer. 7:23-28 Ps.95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11:14-23

**Fri.** Hos 14:2-10 Ps.81:6c-8a, 8bc-9,10-11ab,14 &17  
Mk 12:28-34

**Sat.** Hos 6:1-6 Ps.51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Lk 18:9-14

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

*In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute.*

*Thurgood Marshall*

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).

• **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

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 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm, in Our Lady of Victory Church. Brother Dennis Cronin, President of Bishop Loughlin High School will be our guest preacher.



**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.



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."



**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>



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!**



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.



**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 registerforcovid@gmail.com  
or just scan the QR Code
















**Third Sunday  
of  
Lent**



*Jesus at the Temple*

# LENTEN ACTIVITIES

15 	14	13	12	11	2nd SUNDAY Of Lent	10	9 
16		<b>WALK THE</b>				L	8
3rd SUNDAY Of Lent							
17		35		32	6		
18		36		31	5		
19		37		30	1st SUNDAY Of Lent		
20		<b>38 Holy Thursday</b> 		<b>Happy Easter He has Risen</b>	29	4	
21 		<b>39 Good Friday</b> 	<b>40 Holy Saturday</b>	5th SUNDAY Of Lent	3 		
22				28	2		
4th SUNDAY Of Lent Half Holy Day	23	24	25	26	27 		

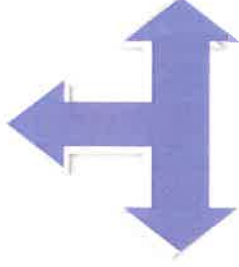


**SPC BROOKLYN FEDERAL CREDIT  
UNION**

***“Loan Blitz”***

➤ March 14, 2021 thru June 13, 2021

- ✓ TAKE A PERSONAL LOAN
- ✓ NEED A VACATION
- ✓ TUITION
- ✓ COMBINE CREDIT CARD BILLS
- ✓ INTO ONE PAYMENT



INTEREST RATES  
SECURED LOANS  
6.5%  
UNSECURED LOANS  
7.4 THRU 11%

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