



## 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,

On this third Sunday of Easter, we continue to bask in the joy of the resurrection. Our scripture passages allow us to enter spiritually into the appearances of Jesus to his disciples after his resurrection. Our gospel passage today shows Jesus in the midst of his disciples and he says to them, "peace be with you." His disciples are afraid and terrified because they think it's a ghost! The Lord invites them to touch him and all of a sudden, their hearts are no longer filled with terror or fear but with the peace of Christ. During these next few weeks of Easter we are invited to pray for peace. We pray that the peace of Christ will resonate throughout our community and throughout the world. Our second reading from the letter of St. John reminds us to keep the word of God alive in our hearts. It is the word of God, that is Christ himself that is perfected in us. Let us pray that Christ, the risen Lord will bestow his love, mercy and peace upon all of us his children.

## **St. Peter Claver Church Raffle Fundraiser**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have purchased a raffle ticket for the St. Peter Claver 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary fundraiser. It has been a great success so far! There is still plenty of time to purchase a raffle to win one of the five amazing prizes. Tickets are \$10 each and they can be purchased after all of the masses from any anniversary committee member or by coming to the parish office during business hours.

## **Holy Rosary Church Lower Hall**

Since my arrival as Pastor over six years ago, plans were underway to create a warming kitchen in the lower hall of Holy Rosary Church. As we were making those plans, we found that more pressing work needed to be done in the body of the church, which then led to the full restoration of the upper church. Work was begun a few weeks ago to create a warming kitchen and to replace in its entirety the 4 large windows in the lower hall. We also had to replace the floor behind the stage in the lower hall leading up to the church. All of this work will be completed by early May. I thank all of you for your patience, support and generosity in allowing all of this to be done.

## **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. We have pledged thus far \$11,845. 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. Next week, April 24/25 at all of the Masses both Father Franklin and I will be talking about the importance of the Appeal and conduct an in-pew pledge for those who have not yet done so. 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.

Have a great week,  
Father Alonzo Q. Cox

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday: Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver vigil Mass:**

The People of the St. Martin de Porres Parish

**Sunday: Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver**

Jean Paul & Cheryl Baptiste -birthday blessing

*Req. By Paul family*

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

Virginia Cox – grace and healing

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

Eupehta Miller - in memoriam

*Req. Glenn Mitchell & family*

Karrina Brown, Georgiana Brown -birthday blessing

*Req. by Marina Brown & family*

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church**

Horace Greene – in memoriam

*Req. by Cora Greene*

**Tuesday: Apr. 20<sup>h</sup>, 11:00am – Holy Rosary**

Horace Greene – in memoriam

*Req. by Cora Greene*

**Thursday: Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00am – Our Lady of Victory**

Gregory Lewis – in memoriam

*Req. by Lewis family*



*He is not here;  
he has  
Risen!*

## ALTAR BREAD:

## ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

## ALTAR WINE:

## ALTAR CANDLE:

## ALTAR FLOWERS:

### *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, Peggy Travis, Vera Walker, Sybil Westmoreland, Rosemarie Wilkie, Marie Williams.



### **Holy Father's Prayer Intention (April 2021)**

#### **Fundamental rights**

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

**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).

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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** to apply for September 2021 is April 7. 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**

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

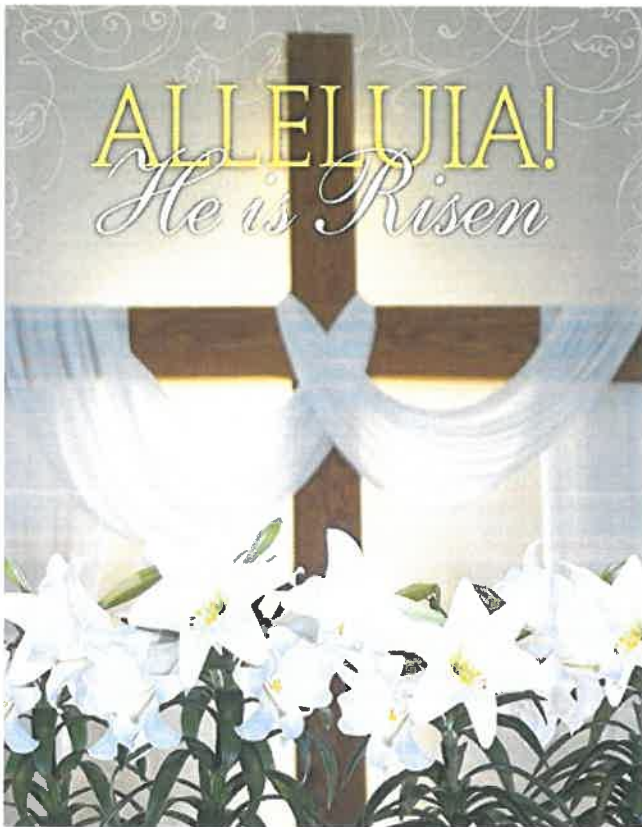
Please return your filled **Lenten coin** cards during the Easter Season. We will **tithe 50% of the Lenten Quarters collections to St. Jude's Hospital for Children.** I hope you will prayerfully support this Lenten act of almsgiving.

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**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. Also, follow and like us on Facebook at facebook.com/smdppbklyn.

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*The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love.  
-Pope Francis-*

**MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE.** takes place



Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at all Masses in our Parish. This is a beautiful way of remembering our mothers, living or deceased, with a special Mass intention.

Offering envelopes are available in the church. You may return your offering in the collection or at the Parish Office. These intentions will remain in the sanctuary from Mother's Day until the end of the month.

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**March of Dimes Virtual March**

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. in partnership with the March of Dimes Virtual March for Babies. Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2021. Join the team and donate via the [marchforbabies.org/team/deltamuzeta](http://marchforbabies.org/team/deltamuzeta), then click on my name: Christie Paul.

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**Second Collection**

Today the parish will be taking its annual collection for **Catholic Home Missions.** This appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses.

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**Goal: \$63,586**

**Pledged: 11,845**

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.

*Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." 40 And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.*

*Luke 24:35-48*

### Legacy of Faith

Remember our parish in your will. When you update your estate plans, please consider continuing your lifelong stewardship by leaving a bequest to **St. Martin de Porres Parish**. For more information, please call Fr. Alonzo Cox, 718-574-5772

### Penny Drive

Once again, we are asking for your support, put your loose pennies to good use. Drop your pennies into the penny jar located at the front of the church. Your donation will help support the social outreach of the parish.

### Weekday Readings

**Sun.** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, Ps; 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 1 Jn 2:1-5a, Lk 24:35-48

**Mon.** Acts 6:8-15, Ps:119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30, Jn 6:22-29

**Tue.** Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6&7b&8a, 17, 21ab Jn 6:30-35

**Wed.** Acts 8:1b-8 Ps66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, Jn 6:35-40

**Thur.** Acts 8:26-40, Ps66:8-9, 16-17, 20, Jn 6:44-51

**Fri.** Acts 9:1-20 Ps:117, 1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59

**Sat.** Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Jn 6:60-69



*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!***



**Annual Catholic Appeal 2021**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

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.



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## A request from St. Martin de Porres R.C. Church

*“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)*

With so much uncertainty in the world, the resolve of our priests and religious, ministers and teachers, and all people of faith has only grown stronger in Brooklyn and Queens, but so have the needs.

More than ever, we need your help to spread the light of Christ to our city and neighbors by giving to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your participation joins you in faith with others in the Church to do good works during challenging times in new innovative ways:

- Connecting our young people to the Church
- Feeding the hungry
- Visiting the sick and imprisoned
- Giving shelter to the homeless
- Welcoming the stranger
- Caring for the elderly
- Sharing our faith
- Educating the young
- Forming deacons and priests

The work you support with a donation to the Appeal goes beyond the abilities of any one parish while benefiting the faithful in all parishes including St. Martin de Porres R.C. Church.

As a committed parishioner, friend, and Catholic, we need your support to uphold our mission. We are grateful to the 27 people who have made a generous commitment to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal.

**Parish Goal: \$63,586.00 Amount Pledged by Parishioners: \$11,845.00**

During Masses across our diocese and at our parish on April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> we will conduct a commitment weekend asking for the support of all who are able.

You may also make your gift online now at [annualcatholicappeal.org](https://annualcatholicappeal.org) or text ACA to 917-336-1255 or call 718-965-7375 ext. 1602 and have a pledge card mailed to your home.

**Suggested giving amounts:**

- \$100 pledge
- \$200 pledge = \$25 a month
- \$350 pledge = \$10 a week
- \$1,200 pledge = \$5 a day



just scan **the** QR Code to make your pledge