



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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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

1st Fridays: Rosary for Life



St. Peter Claver Church

29 Claver Place
Brooklyn, NY 11238

Mass Times

Sat.: 5pm / Sun.: 11:30am

Monday. & Wednesday: 12noon

1st Fridays: 12noon

Holiday schedule will be announced

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the fourth Sunday of Easter. It is also popularly known as Good Shepherd Sunday. We hear in today's gospel that Jesus is the good shepherd that lays down his life for his sheep. The Lord reminds us that the sheep hear the voice of the shepherd calling out to them. We know that the Lord calls out to us every day. Jesus is that shepherd who guides and nourishes us as his flock. It is on this good shepherd Sunday that we also pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood. Today our Holy Father Pope Francis will ordain new priests at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. We must pray for more shepherds here on this earth to guide the flock of the Church. I thank the Lord each day that I am able to be a good and holy shepherd to all of you here at St. Martin de Porres Parish. May Christ continue to lead all of us to the eternal kingdom that awaits us. As I write this letter, we as a nation witnessed the verdict in the murder trial of George Floyd. We must continue to pray for peace and justice in our society, that we may all live in peace and harmony. Allow me to share with you the statement of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on the guilty verdict: "Today, a jury found Derek Chauvin guilty of the murder of George Floyd. As we receive this result, we recall that God is the source of all justice, love, and mercy. The death of George Floyd highlighted and amplified the deep need to see the sacredness in all people, but especially those who have been historically oppressed. Whatever the stage of human life, it not only matters, it is sacred. Let us pray that through the revelation of so much pain and sadness, that God strengthens us to cleanse our land of the evil of racism which also manifests in ways that are hardly ever spoken, ways that never reach the headlines. Let us then join in the hard work of peacefully rebuilding what hatred and frustration have torn down. This is the true call of a disciple and the real work of restorative justice. Let us not lose the opportunity to pray that the Holy Spirit falls like a flood on our land again, as at Pentecost, providing us with spiritual, emotional, and physical healing, as well as new ways to teach, preach, and model the Gospel message in how we treat each other."

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 100th 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.

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. Our goal here at St. Martin de Porres is \$63,586. We have pledged thus far \$14,500. 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. This weekend 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. 24th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver
vigil Mass:**

Turner McDuffey – in memoriam
Req. by Linda White

**Sunday: Apr. 25th, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver
Darnley Best & Peter Daniels – in memoriam**
Req. by Catherine Joseph

7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church
Audra Pryor – in memoriam
Req. by Diana Snell

10:15am-Our Lady of Victory Church
Stephen and Nicholas Dufont – birthday blessing
Req. by Dufont family

Jose R. Teresita Paras – Wedding Anniversary
Jose Concha Garbanzos - memoriam
Req. by Garbanzos family

9:00am – Holy Rosary Church
Irma Liddell - birthday remembrance
Req. by Gayle Liddell and family



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. The fee is \$55 per student. For more information, contact Ms. Michelle Joseph at 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, 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 21st, 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

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy offers a free UPK program. Apply on-line at www.NYC.gov/prek, or call 718-778-3700. Select St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy as your **# 1 Choice**. Use school code: **17KAJW**

The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

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.

The Word Among Us

THE WORD AMONG US is a periodical that offers daily reflections on the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass. The May issue entitled, “**Holy Spirit Breath of God,**” is available to explore and pray the Scriptures by reading the daily reflections. The listed price is \$5.95 but at St. Martin de Porres Parish they are available for only \$3.00. Please call the Parish office to purchase.

MOTHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE. takes place Sunday, May 9th, 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.

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.

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn Vehicle Donation Program Vincentian Charities will accept donations of used vehicles in any condition. They will tow the vehicle away. You will get a tax receipt and the parish will get a donation from Vincentian Charities. To donate, call Vincentian Charities at 718-491-2525 or avcb@gmail.com.



Pledge: \$14,500 -Received \$6,288

The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

- Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Parish Assistance Program; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation*



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.

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.

The Sacrament of First Communion for our parish children will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 9th,** at the 10:15am Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church.

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Weekday Readings

- Sun.** Acts 4:8-12 PS: 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18
- Mon.** Acts 11:1-18 PS: 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:1-10
- Tue.** Acts 11:19-26 PS: 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30
- Wed.** Acts 12:24-13:5a PS: 67:2-3, 5, 6& 8 Jn 12:44-50
- Thur.** Acts 13:13-25 PS: 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27 Jn 13:16-20
- Fri.** Acts 13:26-33 PS: 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab Jn 14:1-6
- Sat.** Acts 13:44-52 PS: 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 14:7-14

FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number

Applications begin on **April 12, 2021**
844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585
Hours of Operation:
 Monday - Friday
 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time
 Call this dedicated toll-free phone number to get a COVID-19 Funeral Assistance application completed with help from FEMA's representatives. Multilingual services will be available



*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!***



Psalm 23:1

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. In Jesus' time, a shepherd was someone who protected and guided his sheep. Jesus does this for us and so much more. He is the Shepherd that lays down His life for His sheep. This message calls us to reflect inward — do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives



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Follow us: @smdppbklyn

World Day Of Peace Pope Message

"Peace is a great and precious value, the object of our hope and the aspiration of the entire human family". Hope, writes the Pope, is "the virtue that inspires us and keeps us moving forward, even when obstacles seem insurmountable."
"Mistrust and fear weaken relationships and increase the risk of violence, creating a vicious circle that can never lead to a relationship of peace". Pope Francis.

GROW SPIRITUALLY AND NEVER MISS ANOTHER CHURCH EVENT!

Sign up now for Mass schedule
 Event reminders, Changes,
 Weekly Devotionals & much more.



Text "SUNDAY" 718-550-5830

or

just scan **the** QR Code

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Annual Catholic Appeal 2021

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Goal:	\$63,586
Raised:	\$14,500

Daily Sacrifice	Amount per Week (approximately 36 weeks)	Total Pledge Amount for 2021
\$5.95	\$41.60	\$1,500
\$4.76	\$33.34	\$1,200
\$3.96	\$27.78	\$1,000
\$1.98	\$13.89	\$500
\$0.99	\$6.95	\$250
\$0.40	\$2.78	\$100

We would like to thank all those generous individuals who have made a pledge to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal in our parish.

We are asking each family to consider making a tax-deductible gift today if you have not already done so. It is our hope for this appeal to receive a prayerful gift no matter the amount from every family so that we can reach our goal!

***On April 24th and 25th
we will ask everyone to consider making a gift to
the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal at all Masses.***