



## 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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### 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,

Last Sunday we celebrated the beautiful feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. The Assumption is a holy day of obligation so we were blessed for it to fall on a Sunday this year. On the Church's liturgical calendar, one week after the Assumption we would celebrate the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is today, August 22. Because the feast of the Queenship of Mary is not a holy day of obligation, the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time takes precedence. I would invite you to say a special Hail Mary in honor of this beautiful feast that depicts Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Mary continues to intercede for us, allowing us to grow closer to the heart of her son, Jesus Christ. We are reminded by the disciples in today's gospel that Jesus has the words of everlasting life. Jesus himself tells us that the words he has spoken are spirit and life. It is Peter who will tell the Lord, "We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." May these words echo in our minds and hearts as we continue to follow the Lord ever so closer to the eternal Kingdom of God.

## **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 \$44,060. 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.

## **St. Martin de Porres Parish School of Faith Formation & RCIA**

We will begin in-person classes for our school of faith formation this Fall. All students who are preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation must be registered in our school of faith formation. Registration forms can be filled out on our parish website at [www.smdpp.org](http://www.smdpp.org). Adults who are looking to join the Catholic Church or who need sacraments of initiation may begin the RCIA process this Fall. For inquires or questions, please contact Ms. Michelle Joseph our Director of Faith Formation or myself.

## **Seminarian Assigned to the Parish**

Just a few months ago, I was informed by St. Joseph's Seminary that Bishop DiMarzio has assigned a seminarian to our parish for his Pastoral Year. His name is Tobechukwu Tobe Jude Offiah. He is from Nigeria and is currently completing his third year of formation at the major seminary. He will arrive at the parish this weekend. Please be sure to welcome him to our parish community.

***Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.***

Wishing all of you a blessed and peaceful week,  
Father Alonzo Q. Cox

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday: Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver vigil Mass:**

The people of St. Martin de Porres Parish

**Sunday: Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver**  
Mrs. Virginia Cox- grace and healing

**7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church**  
Lonn & Romona – blessing of Love, Joy & Peace  
*Req. by Ms. Dolores Channell*

**10:15am-Our Lady of Victory Church**  
Dr. Marina Brown & family – special intention

**10:15am -Margaret Delahunt – in memoriam**  
*Req. by Joan Delahunt*

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church**  
For the repose of the Soul of Ms. Virginia Caesar

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



*The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe."*

### ALTAR BREAD:

### ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

### ALTAR CANDLE:

### ALTAR CANDLE:

### ALTAR FLOWERS:

### *Pray for the Sick*

Dorothy Bailey, Burtel Batson, Terrance Baptiste, Sara Burnett, Felicia Casimiro, Eugenia Charles, Joyce Cochran, Virginia Cox, Olive DeRoach-Carter, Delva Ellis, Khalil Fletcher, Narcissus Frett-Moses, Charleen Ferguson, Patrick Gilbert, Veronica Gersi, Antonio Goodsell, Omar Mulgraze, Christabel Gomes, Maria Hernandez, Denise Hughes, Ian Kellman, Judy Joseph-Jenkins, Gwendolyn Knight, Adolph Lauriano, Jacques Maurice, Leslie McFarlane, Shawn Paul, Brian Randall, Doreen Scott, Noreen Simonette, Patricia Solartes, Marilyn Sylvester, Beverley Thompson, Juanita Vega-Perdomo, Vera Walker, Rosemarie Wilkie, Marie Williams.



### **Holy Father's Prayer Intention (August 2021) The Church**

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



**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



**Reminder ~ Virtual Rosary prayer line.** Msgr. Bernard Quinn's cause to sainthood. Every Friday – 6 pm: **Dial-in: - 1-720-650-3030** follow the instructions & put in the **ID code: 1151888.**



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.

**Sunday Mass Obligation**

While summer is a time for fun and relaxation, please remember that we still have an obligation to attend daily and weekly Mass. Please invite your family who has been away from the church to attend Mass with you.

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy****PRE-K FOR ALL**

Registration is now open for the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy 2021-2022 Academic Year. In addition to students from Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, the Academy is also offering a 3-K program for children turning three this year. For more information, please contact the main office, (718) 778-3700 or visit us [www.sfabrooklyn.org](http://www.sfabrooklyn.org) 400 Lincoln Rd, Brooklyn, NY 11225.

*It's not **how much** you do, but **how much** love you put into what you do that counts.*

*Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

**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.



**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.



**Annual Catholic Appeal 2021**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

If you have not pledged, please consider making your contribution to the **ACA**. There will be a renewed drive in the coming weeks to get more of our parishioners to pledge to the appeal. Your financial contribution will help us meet our goal to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. Pledge forms are available in the church.



**School of Faith Formation**



New registration and re-registration Faith Formation forms for the year 2021-2022 school year are available online. New students beginning in the fall must also present a copy of their Baptismal Certificates. You may 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.



**Feast of Saint. Teresa of Calcutta**

Join us at the Feast Day Mass for Saint Teresa of Calcutta Saturday, September 4th at 10:00am in Our Lady of Victory Church. All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass. The celebrant and preacher will be the Most Rev. Raymond Chappetto, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn.



Think it's too early to think about school supplies? Not for **Operation Back-to School Supplies**? We are accepting donations of School supplies to be distributed to the youths of the Parish on **August 29<sup>th</sup>**. You may bring your donations to the rectory or leave them with an usher after the Masses at **HRC, SPC and OLV**. For more information, you may call the rectory at 718-574-5772.



**Feast of St. Peter Claver**



The Feast of St. Peter Claver will be celebrated on Sunday, **September 12th** at **St. Peter Claver Church** with the 11:30am Mass. Immediately after the Mass, there will be a reception /barbeque in the driveway.

Members of Our Lady of Victory and Holy Rosary Churches are invited. If you would like to make a donation/contribution, please call the rectory office.



**THE WORD AMONG US** September issue entitled, **"I Am He Who Comforts You."** is now available at the parish. The list price is \$5.95 but can be purchase for only \$3.00. Please call the Parish office to purchase your copy.

**Progress of Peoples  
Management Corporation**

Progress of Peoples Management Corporation – an affiliate of **Catholic Charities Brooklyn & Queens** – is pleased to announce the opening of the waitlist for **54 units Loreto II Apartments located at 2377 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233**. The building is for elderly residents and couples where the head of household or spouse is 62 or older. Income restrictions apply and are based on Section 8 guidelines. Applications will be available beginning July 1st, 2021 and will remain available until August 31<sup>st</sup> 2021. Applicants will be required to meet income and family size guidelines and additional selection criteria to qualify.

**Weekday Readings**

**Sun.** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 Jn 6:60-69

**Mon.** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b Mt 23:13-22

**Tue.** Rv 21:9b-14 Ps.145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

**Wed.** 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab Mt 23:27-32

**Thur.** 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 & 17 Mt 24:42-51

**Fri.** 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1 & 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Mt 25:1-13

**Relief for Haiti**

In an effort to give aid and support to our sisters and brothers in need in Haiti, Bishop DiMarzio asked that every parish in the Diocese take up a voluntary second collection on August 28/29. The monies collected will be sent to our Diocese for distribution to the affected in Haiti. Asking the Lord to extend His blessings upon our brother and sisters in Haiti during these difficult times.



**REST IN PEACE**

**Ms. Virginia Caesar**



Eternal rest grant onto her O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of

God, rest in peace. Amen.



**2019 Annual  
Catholic Appeal Prayer**

God and Father of all gifts,  
we praise you the source of all who we are.  
Teach us to acknowledge always  
with generous gratitude  
the many good things  
your infinite love has given us,  
as we support the work of the Church  
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,  
forever and ever.  
Amen

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## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021

We ask each family to make a pledge to the ACA today!  
There are Envelopes at the back of Church – Fill one out and you can drop it in the collection baskets.



**131 Families Pledged: \$44,060**  
**Received: \$ 31,614.42**

**We have not yet made our goal  
And need your support!  
2021 Annual Catholic Appeal**

**Please visit. [www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org)**

- *Or call the office for a pledge card today.*



*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*

Dear visitors, help us to know who you are by becoming a registered member at St. Martin de Porres send us an email at [info@smdpp.org](mailto:info@smdpp.org) /visit us at [www.smdpp.org](http://www.smdpp.org) You may also visit us at [givecentral.org/smdpp](http://givecentral.org/smdpp)

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**Holy Rosary Lower Church Hall**



**Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall**



**St. Peter Claver Lower Church Hall**







## *St. Peter Claver RC Church*

*Celebrating 100 Years of Black Catholics in Christ*

# **SAVE THESE DATES**

- **Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**7:30pm Mass at**

**Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph**

*(856 Pacific St, Brooklyn, NY 11238)*

**\*\*\*\*\***

- **Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**11:30am Mass**

**St. Peter Claver Church**

**(Celebrant, The Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio)**

- **Immediately following the Mass  
Lunch Celebration in Msgr. Rogers Hall  
And outside parking lot  
(Weather permitting)**

**\*\*\*\*\***

- **Paint & Sip**

**Date: TBD**

*Face Masks and Social Distancing are still required*