



# 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: 10:00am. - 5:00pm.  
Tuesday to Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm  
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,

Today we light the third candle of our Advent wreath. You will notice that it is a different color candle. It is a rose-colored candle, reflecting the purple of Advent and the white of Christmas. Today is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday. The Latin word Gaudete means rejoice. We rejoice today that soon we will celebrate the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ. Our second reading at Mass today, which comes from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians tells us to rejoice always in the Lord! During this season of Advent, we are called to wait in joyful anticipation for the Lord's coming. John the Baptist once again reminds us in today's gospel that one mightier than he is coming. He tells us that when the Lord comes, he will baptize us with the Holy Spirit. As we approach the midpoint of our Advent journey the question, we must ask ourselves is, "are we ready to welcome the Lord wholeheartedly this Christmas?" We must continue to keep Christ at the very center of our lives, not allowing the hustle and bustle of Christmas to hinder our minds from losing sight of the reason for the season. May we truly rejoice this Gaudete Sunday, knowing that the Lord is near. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

## **For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission**

As some of you may have heard, our Holy Father Pope Francis has called the entire Catholic Church to participate in the upcoming Synod of Bishops. The word "synod" simply means gathering. The Holy Father has called all Catholics to journey together with their bishops. This Synod is a process of journeying together by listening, dialoging, praying, discerning and making decisions together for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Here in the Diocese of Brooklyn, each parish has been asked to hold a listening session based on questions that have presented by the Bishops of the Church. These questions will be published in next week's bulletin. We will hold a listening session the first week in January. From that listening session, our responses will then be compiled and given to Bishop Brennan, who will then report back to the Bishops of the United States. You will hear more information about the Synod as we get closer to the listening session date.

## **Advent Vespers and Eucharistic Adoration**

As is the custom here at St. Martin de Porres, we will have Eucharistic Adoration with Vespers each Tuesday during Advent continuing this Tuesday, December 14. Vespers will take place at Our Lady of Victory Church starting at 7:30PM. We will welcome Pastor Alex Williams who is from the Institutional International Ministries here in Brooklyn.

## **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 \$53,085. 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 also want to thank all of you who contributed to the parish for Giving Tuesday this past week. May God bless you for your thoughtful generosity.

Wishing you a blessed, peaceful and joyful Advent,  
Father Alonzo Q. Cox

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday: Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver vigil Mass:**

Thanksgiving to St. Joseph for Nadyne Gerard

**Sunday: Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver Estelle& Lillian James – in memoriam**

*Req. by Catherine Joseph*

**7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church**  
Island Jean & family - thanksgiving to God

**10:15am-Our Lady of Victory Church**  
SallyAnn Bartholomew – Birthday blessings  
*Req. by Angela Dufont*

**10:15am- Kwesi Aaron – birthday blessing**  
*Req. by Georgiana Brown and family*


**9:00-am – Holy Rosary Church**  
Joseph Pino – in memoriam  
*Req. by Pino family*

**Monday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 8am-Our Lady of Victory**  
Andre Wilson – thanksgiving and protection  
*Req. by Vignon Wilson*

**Tuesday. 14<sup>th</sup> 8am-Our Lady of Victory**  
Elaine Go-Oye – in memoriam  
*Req by Garbanzos family*

**Wednesday. 15<sup>th</sup> 8am-Our Lady of Victory**  
Theophane Zongo – birthday blessings

**Friday. 17<sup>th</sup> 8am-Our Lady of Victory**  
Jason Hutchings – birthday blessing  
*Req. by Janice Boyce.*



When you choose joy  
You feel good  
& when you feel good, YOU do good  
& when YOU do good  
it Reminds others  
of what joy feels like  
& it just might inspire  
them to do the same.

## ALTAR BREAD:

## ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

## ALTAR CANDLE:

Virginia Cox – grace and healing

## ALTAR CANDLE:

## ALTAR FLOWERS:

### *Pray for the Sick*

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



### **Holy Father's Prayer Intention (DECEMBER 2021) Catechists**

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

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 2022 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

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**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.

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**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.

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**Parish Ministry**

There are many ministries and groups for children & adults at St. Martin de Porres: **Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Choir, Religious Education, Health, and much more.** We urge active parishioners, **Find one! Join one! Start One!**

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**Consider Leaving a Legacy of Faith**

Remember Our Parish in Your Will When you next update your estate plans, please consider continuing your lifelong stewardship by leaving a bequest to St. Martin de Porres Parish. For more information, please see Fr. Alonzo Cox.



My soul rejoices in my God.



**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](mailto:DRE101260@diobrook.org).



**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy**



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.



**SMDPP Women's Day Committee Raffle**

The Women's Day Committee is holding a raffle fundraiser for their Annual Women's Day Luncheon Celebration. Raffle tickets are available for purchase at **\$5 per ticket**. Prizes are, **Ninja Foodie, Ring Door Bell and a Bottle of White Hennessy**. Drawing will take place on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 2022 at the Women's Day Luncheon. To purchase tickets, please see committee members: Maureen Simonette, Wilhelmina Whyte-Randall, Jennifer Parkinson-Gilbert, Michelle Joseph & Doreen Allman. Please support this fundraiser.

*Welcome to our Church*

**Advent Vespers**

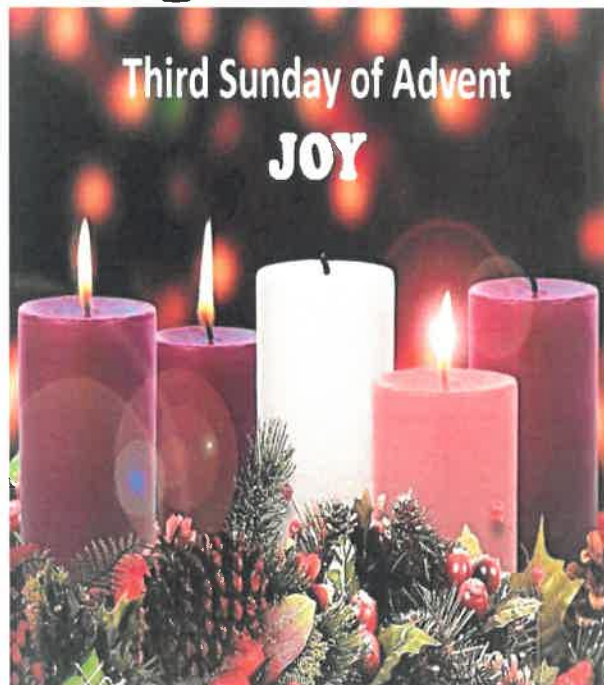
Our custom of Advent vespers will continue this year. All are invited to pray vespers with the community on the Tuesdays of Advent. The presider at this Vespers will be Pastor Alex Williams from Institutional International Ministries. The second Tuesday vespers will take place on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. It will also be livestreamed.



The **Poinsettias** that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas Season may be donated. You may wish to donate **IN MEMORY OF** or **IN HONOR OF** a loved one. Christmas flower donation envelopes are available in the church. Please return your offering in the collection or at the Parish Office.



*Advent*



**Weekday Readings**

**Sun.** Zep 3:14-18 Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

**Mon** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps:25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27

**Tues.** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19& 23Mt 21:28-32

**Wed.** Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25 Ps.85:9ab& 10, 11-12, 13-14 See Isaiah 40:9-10

**Thurs.** Is 54:1-10 Ps: 30:2& 4, 5-6, 11-12a &13b Lk 7:24-30

**Fri.** Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps.72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17

**Sat:** Jer 23:5-8 Ps:72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25



**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Friday- December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**  
 6:30PM -Family Mass~ St Peter Claver Church  
 11:00PM - Carolsing,  
 Our Lady of Victory Church  
 12:00AM Midnight Mass  
 Our Lady of Victory Church

**Saturday- December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day**  
 9:00AM -Holy Rosary Church  
 10:00AM - Our Lady of Victory Church

**Friday - December 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve**  
**10:00PM** -Confession~ Our Lady of Victory Church  
**11:00PM-** Service of Compline & Benediction  
**12:00AM**-Midnight Mass~ Our Lady of Victory Church

**Saturday- January 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day**  
**10:00AM-** New Year's Day Mass~ Our Lady of Victory Church.  
**11:00AM** - New Year's Day Mass~ **St. Peter Claver Church**



Recently, Pope Francis announced that there would be a worldwide synod exploring ways in which the Universal Church can improve its ability to listen to the faithful. The theme for the synod is, “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.” Pope Francis is asking each local diocese to gather -clergy, religious and laity together- to listen to each other’s joys and hopes, and griefs and anxieties. The goal of this journey together is not to create a new vision or pastoral plan with objectives. Rather, the goal of our journeying together is to be present with one another, to listen and lean with each other, and to grow closer to the Lord and His Church.



**Parish Goal: \$63,586**  
**158 Families Pledged - \$53,085**  
**Received - \$46,286.59**

**Annual Catholic Appeal.** Thank you for helping us come ever so close in reaching our parish goal. We are not quite there yet. There is still an opportunity to make a pledge and payment. **Remember**, anything that we make over the goal comes directly back to the parish. Thank you.



**Reconciliation Monday**

On Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be reconciliation for parishes in the New York Area. Here in St. Martin de Porres Parish, one of the priests will be on hand throughout the day to hear confessions whether after the morning Masses or in the rectory. From 6 PM to 8 PM, there will be a Silent Service of Adoration in Our Lady of Victory Church. It's a great way to prepare spiritually for Christmas.

My soul rejoices in my God.



## 3 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. Here are a few things to know about this important day during the Advent season:

### 1) WHAT DOES GAUDETE MEAN?

“Gaudete” is a Latin word meaning “rejoice.” It comes from the opening word of the introit (entrance song) of the third Sunday of Advent liturgy, which is derived from Philippians 4:4-5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.”

### 2) WHY PINK (ROSE)?

The priests wear rose colored vestments on this day. The third candle on the Advent wreath is rose (pink) as well.

While purple/violet is a color to signify prayer, penance, and preparation, the color change to rose signifies the joy we can experience now that Christmas is almost here.

### 3) WHY THE THIRD SUNDAY?

By week three we have passed the half-way point of Advent. Jesus is near. Christmas is almost here. So many people are tempted by the stresses of the holiday season. This third Sunday of Advent is a reminder to seek and spread joy in the coming of Christ. So, here is your challenge during the third week of Advent: spread joy not stress! Be a source of joyful appreciation for all that God has given to you and share that joy with others. The shift from purple/violet to pink/rose is similar to the Laetare Sunday during Lent, which similarly marks the half-way point of the penitential season leading up to Easter. Laetare is another word in Latin meaning “rejoice.”



## LESSONS and CAROLS

### Advent Lessons and Carols

St. Martin de Porres Parish **Annual Service of Lessons and Carols** on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, at St. Peter Claver Church. Our choir, under the direction of Mr. Joseph Murray and Ms. Joan Delahunt, will lead us in the time-honored hymnody of Christmas.

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