



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

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,

We have reached the 4th and last Sunday of the Advent season. This week the Church will celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. I do hope that these last weeks of Advent have been a time of spiritual renewal and preparation, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Christ the Lord. Our scripture readings for Mass today point us spiritually to the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. The gospel passage depicts the visit our Blessed Mother Mary makes to her cousin Elizabeth. John the Baptist, already in the womb of his mother Elizabeth, leaps for joy when he hears the voice of Mary. He knows the voice of the mother of the Savior. On this last Sunday of Advent, we continue to pray that through the powerful intercession of Mary, our hearts will leap for joy at the coming of the Lord Jesus.

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin letter, 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

This Tuesday, December 21, we will have our last Tuesday evening Vespers with Eucharistic Adoration. It will take place at Our Lady of Victory Church beginning at 7:30PM. The service will be livestreamed, but all are welcomed to join us for prayer.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule

This Friday, December 24, is Christmas Eve. Masses for Christmas Eve will be as followed: 6:30PM Family Mass at St. Peter Claver Church, 11:00PM Carol Sing followed by Mass at Midnight at Our Lady of Victory Church. On Saturday, December 25, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM at Holy Rosary Church and 10:00AM at Our Lady of Victory. **Please note there will not be a 5:00PM Mass at St. Peter Claver Church on Christmas Day.** The Sunday schedule will remain the same.

On behalf of the entire parish staff here, I wish all of you a blessed and joyful Christmas. May the light of the newborn King illumine our world with his love, mercy and peace. O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Father Alonzo Q. Cox

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday: Dec. 18th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver vigil Mass:

Martha & Thomas Georges – in memoriam
Req. by Nadyne Gerard

Sunday: Dec. 19th, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver Emmanuel & Dewokpo Sedjro – in memoriam
Req. by Gesiele Sedjro

7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church
Virginia Cox – grace & healing

10:15am-Our Lady of Victory Church
Khalid & Alia Franklin – special intention
Req. by Mercia Franklin

10:15am- Deborah Altifois – birthday blessing
Req. y Agatha Altifois

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

Monday Dec. 20th 8am-Our Lady of Victory
Eloise Ghulkie - in memoriam
Req. by Mercia Franklin

Tuesday. 21st 8am-Our Lady of Victory
Khalid Franklin – grace and blessing
Req. by Mercia Franklin

Wednesday. 22nd 8am-Our Lady of Victory
Yael & Brennan Barber – birthday blessing
Req. by Rosanne Barber.



ALTAR BREAD:

Fr. Alonzo Cox – grace and blessing

ALTAR WINE:

Fr. Franklin Ezeorah -grace & blessing

ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

ALTAR CANDLE:

Virginia Cox – grace & healing

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The people of the Parish

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, Patricia 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

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.



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. The fee is \$55 per student. For more information, contact Ms. Michelle Joseph at DRE101260@diobrook.org

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.

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!**

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.



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 8th 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 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 13th 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.

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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 Rev. Alonzo Cox. Vespers will take place on Dec. 21st, at 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. It will also be livestreamed.

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CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY CHURCH.

A special Christmas collection for the parish is being taken up before Christmas Day. You can use the **Christmas Gift To My Church** envelope in the recent mailing of church envelopes to make your contribution. For those who are not receiving envelopes, there are extra collection envelopes in the Church. If you are contributing via Gift Central, under my profile click on Parish Collection then and My Christmas Gift To My Church to make your contribution. The entire Pastoral staff thank you for your contribution.



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.



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 remembrance Mass will be offered on Christmas Eve at Midnight Mass. Envelopes are available in the church. Please return your offering in the collection or at the Parish Office.



Fourth Sunday of Advent



The “Angel’s Candle.” The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace--He came to bring people close to God and to each other again.

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Weekday Readings

Sun. Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

Mon. Is 7:10-14 Ps.24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

Tues. Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps. 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

Wed. 1Sm 1:24-28 1Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-56

Thurs. Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps.25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14 Lk 1:57-66

Fri. 2Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29

Sat: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6. Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

**Christmas Mass Schedule****Friday- December 24th 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 25th - Christmas Day

9:00AM -Holy Rosary Church

10:00AM - Our Lady of Victory Church

Friday - December 31st 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 1st 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



Thank you!

We thank all who contributed either by purchasing a raffle ticket, Poinsettia plant, cake, or making a donation towards the Parish holiday sale. A special thanks to Ms. Georgiana Brown for her contribution of the raffle prizes. The winners are: Patricia Brown, Diana Ottey & Larry Shannon.



Save the date

The Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns
Prayer Service celebration. Commemorating the Birthday of **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Monday, January 17th, 2023, 12noon.

Our Lady of Victory Church

More information will follow.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2021
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Parish Goal: \$63,586

163 Families Pledged - \$55,680

Received - \$49,846.01

Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you for helping us come ever so close in reaching our parish goal. 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.





*On behalf of the entire parish staff here, I wish all of you a
blessed and joyful Christmas*

*Fr. Alongo Cox
Fr. Franklin Ezeorah,
Deacon Rachid Murad
& Bro. Toby Offiah.*

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Holy Rosary Lower Church Hall



Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall



St. Peter Claver Lower Church Hall