



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,

A blessed and joyful Christmas to each of you! We rejoice at the celebration of the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. This beautiful season reminds us of the great gift God the Father has bestowed upon us, his children. That is the gift of the Incarnation, the Word made flesh, who made his dwelling among us. As Catholics, we know that Christmas doesn't end on December 25, but the celebration continues until the commemoration of the Baptism of the Lord, which this year takes place on January 9th. Today, we commemorate the Feast of the Holy Family. We look to Jesus, Mary and Joseph as that primary example of family life. Our scripture readings for Mass today speak to us of the qualities of family life. I love today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians where he talks about us having patience, gentleness, humility, kindness and compassion. I don't know about you, but it's difficult to practice those traits in a large family! We don't get to choose our families; God does that for us! On this Holy Family feast day, let us lift our family members up in prayer, asking that God will continue to bestow his love, mercy and peace upon all our families.

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

As I mentioned a few weeks ago, 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 been 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.

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Mass Schedule

This Friday, December 31st is New Year's Eve. We will have a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 11:00PM concluding with Night Prayer and Benediction which will take place at Our Lady of Victory Church. Mass will be celebrated at Midnight at Our Lady of Victory Church. On Saturday, January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, Masses will be celebrated at 10:00AM at Our Lady of Victory Church and 11:00AM at St. Peter Claver Church. Please note there will not be a 5:00PM Vigil Mass at St. Peter Claver Church on New Year's Day.

Thank You!

On behalf of Father Franklin, Deacon Rachid and our seminarian Tobe, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your thoughtful and generous Christmas gifts that arrived at the rectory. As you know, we have a private chapel in the rectory, where we pray for each of you every single day. May God continue to bless you and this parish community.

Wishing all of you a blessed and joyful Christmas,
Father Alonzo Q. Cox

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: Dec. 26th, 11:00am -St. Peter Claver
Chris & Erica Cotto , and Nicole Valasco – in
memoriam

Req. by Donovan Simonette

7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church
The people of St, Martin de Porres Parish

10:15am-Our Lady of Victory Church
Jean Davis-Butler – in memoriam

Req. by Maribell Ellis & family

10:15am Joy Alice McIntyre – in memoriam

Req. by Ann Marie Worrell

9:00-am – Holy Rosary Church
Karen St. Hilaire – birthday blessing

Tuesday. 28th, 8am-Our Lady of Victory
Josephine Ferguson



ALTAR BREAD:

Virginia Cox - grace & healing

ALTAR WINE:

The people of the parish

ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard
Quinn

ALTAR CANDLE:

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, Shirley Skeete, 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?

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.



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.

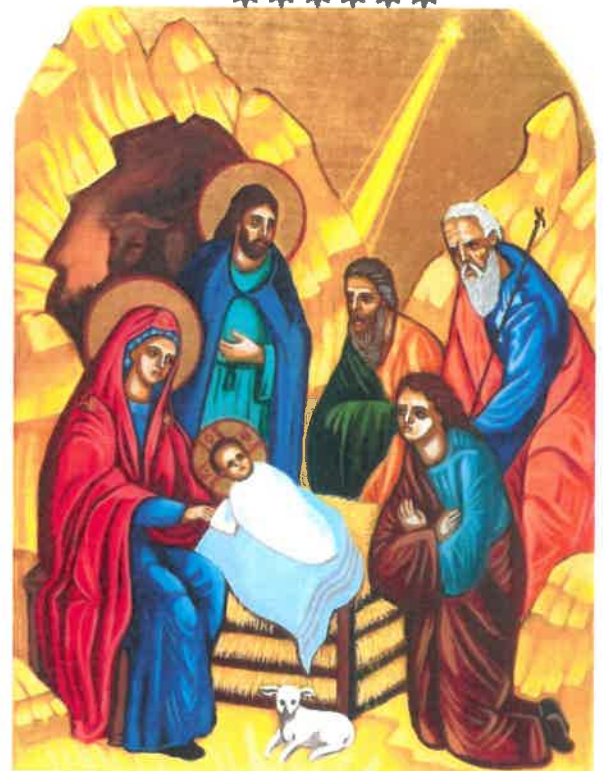


CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY CHURCH.

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.



A Savior has been born for you



*Merry
Christmas*

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Weekday Readings

Sun. Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5. Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Col 3:15a, 16a Lk 2:41-52

Mon. 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps. 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Tues. 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps.124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8Mt 2:13-18

Wed. 1Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

Thurs. 1Jn 2:12-17 Ps.96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Lk 2:36-40

Fri. 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 Jn 1:14a, 12a

Sat Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21



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**



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.



Thank you to all those that have stepped up and donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal. You can still make a gift through December 31, 2021. We ask you to be as generous as you can when making a year-end gift. Remember, no gift is too small or too large. Thank You. Your Support is Greatly Appreciated!



THE WORD AMONG US periodical offers daily reflections on the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass. The January 2022 issue entitled, "One Lord, One Faith One Baptism" 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.



A New Year's Prayer

Lord, whether we're leaving behind a year of joy and blessing or trials and difficulties, we pause to give thanks. We thank You that You are always with us every single day of every single year. Please remind us of your presence in the year ahead, even when life is busy. We are so thankful that we serve a God Who makes things new and gives us the grace of fresh starts and new beginnings. Be glorified in our lives this year. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Ame

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

We wish to thank the following parishioners for the beautiful Poinsettia

Parishioner	In Honor/ Memory of...
Lorna Cupidon	Violet Manley
Pryce Family	Ann & Charles Pryce, Daisey Eward & Irene Reese
Sadie Boozer	John & Ruth Garland
Edward Newsum	Mr. & Mrs. E. Newsum
Dorene Allman	Peggy Clark
Roslyn Bernard	Delphine Bernard
Estella White-McDuffey	Isola Greene & Turner McDuffey
Claudia Charles	Victorie Charles
Yvette Carter-Baynes	Kristoffer Carter & Christie Baynes
Eugene Charles	Sandra CoJoe
Catherine Suarez	Leon & Carrie Trescott
Kossiawavi Gisele-Sedjro	Georgette Ablaba Afanoukoe
Catherine Joseph	Jasmine Charles
Nina Ward	Jeanette Christin
Violet Chandler	Michael George
Helena Edwards	Myrtle Fowler
Irma Ellis	Deceased family members
Ceceilia Dear	Abrey Dare
Lausanne Dear	Abrey Dare
Michelle Worrell	Arnim & Ekva Worrell, Matthew & Enid Joseph, Olga King
James Sullivan	James V, Pauleta H, & John Sullivan
Kiara Whittle	Dennis Knight, Annie Mae Whittle, Benjamin Jones Jacob Turner
Ingrid Brown	Floretta Rawlings & Bernard Brown, Jr.
Kyle Whittle	Dennis Knight, Mitchell Whittle, Donald Thomas
Julian Dorville	Olive & Ray Dorville, Ann Mosie & Robinson Mathurin
Gwendolyn Knight	John Thomas, Donald Thomas, Reatha Thomas Dennis Knight
Michell Whittle	Donald Thomas, Dennis Knight, Marie Turner Nannie Valentine
Melona Barber	Gordon Barber, Anne Marie Barber
Peter Diaz	Claudette Diaz
Mr.& Mrs. Isidro Garbanzos	Jose Paras, Tomas & Concepcion Garbanzos & Marie Duarte
Benedict Vitalis	Vitalis family
Jessica Eudovic	Catherine Felix

We wish to thank the following parishioners for the beautiful Poinsettia

Parishioner	In Honor/ Memory of...
Sharon & Jaden Ellis	Sylvester Palmer
Mr. & Mrs. Yozzo	Sr. Anna Bittner, Patrick Ba, Myra Antoine, Ema
Rita Thomas	Rose & Boniface Thomas
Pauli & Karen St. Hilaire	Dulcie Merrifield, Florestin & Leonne Henderson, Fitzroy Rodney
Pearl Brathwaite	Millicent, Gerry & Albert Watson & Ricardo McBea0
Debra Spence	David Payne, Wilfred & Verna Payne
Sooyeng Sung	Lillian Buyund
Jean Paul	Baptiste and McLeod Family
Ionie Lino	Nelson Robinson, Theodore Vialet, Dorothy Bennett, Wenceslaha Enriquez
Violet Hargrave	Viola & Loretta Jenkins
Ted & Margaret Fletcher	Jean Fletcher & Janie Wilkinson
Agatha Altifois	Gorgie, Epiphane, & Lee Altifois & Marge Ephraim
Doreen Mondesir	Terrence Curtis Elsa & Roderick Mondesir
Yolande Roberts	Yolanda Roberts, Joyce Lewis, Phillip & Rudolph Harrison
Sally Lott	Deceased members of the Lott family
Eunice Pino	Deceased members of the Pino family
Maureen Simonette	Delroy Hall
Marsha Jackson	Robert W, Jones, Jr
Edward Faulkner	Deceased members of the Faulkner family
Mary Carasco	Sylvester Soudin
Olivia Elee	Grandma, Grandpa, Reoz Uche
Mastere Joseph	Michael, Joseph & Ramez, Rahawani
Fr. Franklin	Deceased members of the Ezeorah
Wilhelmina Whyte-Randall	Anna & Winston Whyte
Emma Walcott	Agnes & Kelvin Walcott
Gabriel Caesar	Gregory & Virginia Caesar
Glenn Mitchell & family	Gorvin & Vilma Mitchell & Eupheta Miller
Georgiana Brown	Oscar Brown

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Parishioner - In Honor

Fr. Alonzo Cox & family	
Adolph Lauriano	
Johnathan Bassie	
Margaret Xavier	
Yevette Carter-Baynes	
Kabore Jean-Paul	
Gladwyn Charles	
Olderine Hodge	
Christine Dorville	
Paula Samaroo	
Jocelyn Edmunds	
Jean Matamoro	
Yvonne Samaroo	
Agatha Alexander	
Mr. & Mrs. Isidro Garbanzos	Teresita Paras & Monica Sasis
Neil & Michael Alvarez	
Catherine Irish	
Kirton Henderson	
Selwyn Smart	
Dolores Channell-Welch	
Patrice Theiba	
Ronaele Cambridge	
Larry Shannon	
Shaun & Leela Regis	
Lucie Raphael	
Daby Ruth Dilla	
James Brown	
Michelle Wilson	
Fortuna Charles	
Dolores Casey	
Roslyn Bernard	

