



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,

Just this past Tuesday, we formally welcomed the 8th Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn, Bishop Robert Brennan. It was a beautiful celebration filled with pomp and circumstance along with the ancient and traditional elements of the installation of a Bishop. As many of you know, I serve as Diocesan Liturgical Master of Ceremonies so much of my responsibilities was behind the scenes making sure the liturgy flows well. The installation of a Bishop is a historic moment for a diocese, most especially for a diocese like ours here in Brooklyn. Tuesday's installation reflected the great diversity of the Catholic community of Brooklyn and Queens. Each Sunday, Masses are celebrated in 33 different languages. We are blessed to be called the "Diocese of Immigrants". I ask all of us to pray for our new Bishop, that the Lord will continue to bestow his blessings upon him and the grace he needs to shepherd the 1.5 million Catholics in Brooklyn and Queens. Today is the second Sunday of Advent. You will notice that the second purple candle on our Advent wreath is lit. Our gospel passage today introduces us to John the Baptist. John foretells the coming of Christ, announcing to the people, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight a path for our God. We look to John the Baptist as an example of faith, as we are called to go out and announce the coming of the Lord. These weeks of Advent should prepare us to make straight a highway for our God. Let us pray that through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, we can be heralds and proclaimers of the Good News that Jesus is coming!

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 7. Vespers will take place at Our Lady of Victory Church starting at 7:30PM. We will welcome Monsignor Guy Massie, Pastor of Sacred Heart/St. Stephen's parish in Carroll Gardens Brooklyn as the homilist. The service will be livestreamed, but all are welcomed to join us for prayer.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

This Wednesday, December 8 is the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **It is a holy day of obligation this year.** Masses will be celebrated at each of our three churches: 9:00AM at Holy Rosary Church, 12:00Noon at St. Peter Claver Church and 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. Please note that there will **not** be an 8:00AM Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church this Wednesday morning.

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 \$52,215. 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 and peaceful Advent season,
Father Alonzo Q. Cox

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday: Dec. 4th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver vigil Mass:

Evelyn Panares-Mercer – in memoriam
Req. by Estella White-McDuffey

Sunday: Dec. 5th, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver Rita & Florence Afanoukoe - in memoriam
Req. Gisele Sedjro

7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church
In honor of The Sacred Heart - Mary Carasco

10:15am-Our Lady of Victory Church
Delores Dabe – in memoriam
Req. by Garbanzos family

10:15am: Millicent Field – birthday blessing
Req. by Glenn Mitchell

9:00-am – Holy Rosary Church
Dulcie Merrifield – birthday remembrance

Wednesday Dec. 8th 8am-Our Lady of Victory
Alice Rosete – birthday remembrance
Req. by Garbanzos family

Friday Dec. 10th 8am-Our Lady of Victory
Alice Rosete – 1st year death Anniv.



Reconciliation Monday

On Monday, **December 20th**, 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.

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

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/frmcbrien, 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.



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.

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.



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.



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.

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 Msgr. Guy Masse. The second Tuesday vespers will take place on Dec. 7th, 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



The **second candle** represents **faith** and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. The second candle is also purple to symbolism preparation for the coming king.

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Weekday Readings

Sun. Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6. Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

Mon Is. 35:1-10 Ps. 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 5:17-26

Tues. Is 40:1-11 Ps. 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13 Mt 18:12-14

Wed. Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps. 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Thurs. Is 41:13-20 Ps. 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13ab Mt 11:11-15

Fri. Is 48:17-19 Ps. 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 Mt 11:16-19

Sat Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps. 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13



Zeta Phi Beta, Sorority, Inc. and the March of Dimes are partnering to spread the word about Prematurity Awareness. More than 450,000 babies are born too soon in our country each year. These tiny babies often face serious problems. Together we can help more babies be born healthy and strong, by spreading awareness or contributing to the March of Dimes at www.matchofdime.org



Save The Date

Advent Lessons and Carols

St. Martin de Porres Parish **Annual Service of Lessons and Carols** on Friday, December 17th, 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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Wednesday, December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be celebrated at all three Churches. Holy Rosary Church -9:00am, St. Peter Claver Church - 12:00Noon and Our Lady of Victory Church 7:30pm.



**St. Martin de Porres Parish
Black Cake Raffle & Poinsettia.**



Our annual Christmas Black Cake raffle and Poinsettia plant sale will take place on Sunday December 12th, immediately after the 10:15am Mass at OLV Church. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or call the rectory office at 718-574-5772.



Parish Goal: \$63,586

149 Families Pledged - \$47,760

Received - \$40,465.59

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.



*Light a candle Jesus
is coming*

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD



Second Sunday of Advent

God of patience, show us your wisdom in time. That we may grow to expect your action on your time. Teach us to be gentle and patient within ourselves. Make us receptive to your timing in others. Help us see the long view when we are caught in the frustration of you.

Amen.



LESSONS
and
CAROLS

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CHRISTMAS SALE

Beautiful Poinsettias



Delicious Cake

