



## 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,

I take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy and blessed New Year 2022. We pray that this year will bring us the blessings and the graces needed to continue the mission of preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ. On the liturgical calendar, we celebrate today the Feast of the Epiphany. We recall how the Magi was sent by Herod to find the child Jesus to bring him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These were gifts that were fit for a king, as the Magi knew that they were in the presence of the baby Jesus, king of kings and lord of lords. On this feast day, we are invited to bring to Jesus the gift of ourselves. The Lord is asking us to give ourselves totally to him, because it is from that self-gift that we encounter the presence of God the Father. The Magi were led to the manger by the light of a star. May that light continue to lead us closer to the heart of Christ, our savior and king.

## **Father Martin Carter, SA (1930-2021)**

Just one week ago, I was informed of the passing of Father Martin Carter, former Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church. Father Carter served as Pastor from 1995 to 2008. Father Carter loved Our Lady of Victory Church so much! He was influential in restoring the church to its original beauty. He oversaw the refurbishment of the grand pipe organ, that continues to sound to this very day. Over the last few days, I have heard so many beautiful stories about Father Carter's ministry and his love for the people of God not just at OLV but throughout the entire Diocese. In addition to being the Pastor of OLV, Father Carter served as the first Director of the Office of Black Ministry for the Diocese of Brooklyn. I am honored to have succeeded him both as Pastor and Diocesan Director of Ministry to Black Catholics. Father Carter was a pioneer, who brought Black Catholic Spirituality to this vibrant neighborhood. As I write this letter, his funeral arrangements are still be planned. Let us continue to pray for the repose of his soul and the consolation of his brother Friars, friends and family.

## **First Friday Devotions**

This Friday, January 7 is the first Friday of the month. First Friday devotions will take place at Our Lady of Victory Church following the 8:00AM Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place with the recitation of the rosary for life followed by Benediction. There will also be a first Friday Mass at 12:00Noon at St. Peter Claver Church.

## **Installation to the Ministry of Acolyte**

Our pastoral year seminarian, Mr. Tobeckwu Offiah will formally be installed to the ministry of Acolyte. It will take place next Sunday, January 9 at the 10:15AM Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church. Bishop James Massa, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn and Rector of St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers will be the Main Celebrant and Homilist. Before a man is ordained to the diaconate and to the priesthood, they must formally be installed to the ministry of Lector and Acolyte. This is a very important moment in formation for Tobe and we pray for him as he perseveres to ordination to the priesthood. There will be a light reception in McGuinness Hall after Mass next week. All are welcomed.

Wishing you a happy, joyful and prosperous New Year,  
Father Alonzo Q. Cox

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Sunday: Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00am -St. Peter Claver**

Lorna Marquez – birthday blessing

*Req. by members of the League of the Sacred Heart*

**7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church**

The repose of the Soul of Sabine Nord-Joseph

**10:15am-Our Lady of Victory Church**

The repose of the Soul of Rev. Martin J. Carter, SA.

**9:00-am – Holy Rosary Church**

Deceased members of St. Martin de Porres Parish

**Tuesday. Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 8am-Our Lady of Victory**

Franciso & Francisca Dychioco – in memoriam

*Req. by Garbanzos family*

**Wednesday. Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 8am-Our Lady of Victory**

Concepcion Y Garbanzos – birthday remembrance

*Req. by Garbanzos family*

## *The Epiphany*



O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.

### ALTAR BREAD:

Virginia Cox - grace & healing

### ALTAR WINE:

### ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

### ALTAR CANDLE:

Fr. Martin Madison – in memoriam

### ALTAR FLOWERS:

Fr. Alonzo Cox - grace & thanksgiving

### *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 (January 2022)**

#### **For true human fraternity**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



**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.**

Msr. 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](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)



**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 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.



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 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.



**Holy Rosary Church Envelope**

The new packet of church envelopes was mailed recently to all registered parishioners who use the weekly envelopes. If you did not receive the mailing please contact the Parish Office. If you are not receive envelopes we encourage you to formally register in the parish as active parishioners and help support the parish throughout the year. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity to the Parish.

**The Vicariate of Black  
Catholic Concerns**

Prayer Service celebration.  
"Commemorating the Birthday of  
**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**"  
Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 12:00noon  
**Our Lady of Victory Church**  
For more information, please contact the  
Parish office.



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!



**SMDPP Black History  
Month Celebration**

St. Martin de Porres Parish Black History Month  
**Mass of Thanksgiving** will take place on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am in Holy Rosary Church.  
On select Saturdays in **February**, after the **5pm Mass at St. Peter Claver Church**, join us for movies highlighting African-American history.



The parish clergy and staff regret to announce the passing of the Reverend Martin J. Carter, S.A., former Pastor of Our lady of Victory Church. Funeral arrangements are still pending.

**Weekday Readings**

**Sun.** Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

**Mon.** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps. 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tues.** 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps. 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44

**Wed.** 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps. 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52

**Thurs.** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14 & 15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22

**Fri.** 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps.147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16

**Sat** 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps. 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b Jn 3:22-30

**Second Collection**

Next weekend second collection is for the Diocesan Mission. Funds from this collection will be used when the Bishop receives appeals from various Missions for support from the Diocese of Brooklyn and when Mission appeals are requested from the Society of the Immaculate Conception

*Thank You* 

We would like to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts for your kind words and gifts this Christmas. It is truly appreciated. With gratitude, Fr. Alonzo Cox, and Fr. Franklin Ezeorah.



***Rest in Peace***

**Sabin Nord-Joseph**

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon him! May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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**HAPPY EPIPHANY**  
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**Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**



*A new year about to unfold  
With new opportunities to explore  
Doors will open for new experiences,  
New adventures with the Lord.*

*Remember not the former things,  
The things of this past year  
The Lord will do new things in us,  
Much more than we are aware.*

**Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**



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**Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall**



**St. Peter Claver Lower Church Hall**