



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 now moved into the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year. Our scripture readings will focus on the beginning of Jesus public ministry. Our gospel passage for Mass today is one of my favorites, the wedding feast at Cana. It is here that Jesus conducts his first public miracle, as he changes water into wine. But, before he even does that, our Blessed Mother Mary gives us a mandate for how to proceed, "do whatever he tells you". These next few weeks of Ordinary Time will lead us to the solemn 40 days of Lent. We are invited to use these weeks as moments of spiritual preparation for the days of Lent. May the Holy Spirit continue to strengthen and empower this community of faith here in Bedford Stuyvesant, as we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation & Mission

As I have mentioned in the previous bulletin letters, Our Holy Father Pope Francis has officially opened a Synod for the Catholic Church. It is a gathering of the laity to hear from them on how we can continue to grow as a Church, particularly here in the United States. Here in the Diocese of Brooklyn, Bishop Brennan has asked each parish to host a listening session that will focus on specific questions for reflection. Those questions are printed in this week's bulletin. Here at St. Martin de Porres, listening sessions will be held at each of our three churches. It will take place next Sunday, January 23 at 10:00AM at Holy Rosary Church, 12:00 Noon at Our Lady of Victory Church and 1:00PM at St. Peter Claver Church. We encourage everyone to try to review the questions and to participate at one of the three listening sessions on January 23.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Service

As is the custom, the Diocesan Vicariate for Black Catholic Concerns will host a prayer service celebrating the birthday of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The prayer service will take place this Monday, January 17 at Our Lady of Victory Church beginning at 12:00Noon. We will welcome Father John McKenzie, a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit as the guest homilist. There will be a light reception in McGuinness Hall following the prayer service.

Bishop Robert Brennan Official Visit

It is with great joy that we will welcome Bishop Robert Brennan, the new Bishop of Brooklyn to our parish community. Bishop Brennan will celebrate the 11:30AM Mass at St. Peter Claver Church on Sunday, February 27. At that Mass, Bishop Brennan will bless the new organ console, the newly renovated shrine to St. Therese of Lisieux and the newly refurbished choir pews. There will be a reception to follow in Msgr. Rodgers Hall.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

This Monday, January 17 we as nation commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It is a national holiday. The parish office will be closed and only one Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory Church. There will **not** be a 12:00 Noon Mass at St. Peter Claver Church.

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

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday: Jan. 15th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver vigil Mass:

Deceased members of St. Martin de Porres Parish

Sunday: Jan. 16th, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver
Fr. Franklin Ezeorah – in thanksgiving

7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church
Bro. Toby Chuckwu – in thanksgiving

10:15am-Our Lady of Victory Church
Fr. Alonzo Cox – in thanksgiving

9:00-am – Holy Rosary Church
For the repose of the soul of Victor Charles
Req. by Eugenia Charles

Thurs. Jan 20th, 8am-Our Lady of Victory Church
Janiyah Hutchins – birthday blessing
Req. by Janice Boyce

Fri. Jan 21st, 8am-Our Lady of Victory Church
Joseph Rojas - birthday blessings
Req. by Rojas family



ALTAR BREAD:

Concepcion Garbanzos- birthday remembrance

Req. By Garbanzos family

ALTAR WINE:

ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

ALTAR CANDLE:

Rev. Martin Carter – repose of the soul

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bailey, Melona Barber, 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, 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.

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



Parish Ministry

There are many ministries and groups for children & adults at St. Martin de Porres: **Altar Servers, Lectors, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 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.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Martin Luther King Jr

**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.



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 learn with each other, and to grow closer to the Lord and His Church. Here at St. Martin de Porres, listening sessions will be held at each of our three churches. It will take place next Sunday, January 23, 10:00AM at Holy Rosary Church, 12:00 Noon at Our Lady of Victory Church and 1:00PM at St. Peter Claver Church. We encourage everyone to try to review the questions and to participate at one of the three listening sessions on January 23rd. The questions available on the Parish Website @smdpp.org and FB @smdppbklyn.



2021 Tax Contribution Letter

Dear Parishioners: If you would like to receive your 2021 church envelope contribution, you may call the Parish Office between the hours of 9am and 4pm Tue. thru Fri. **PLEASE NOTE:** Tax Statements will be processed upon your request only. Parishioners on Give Central can retrieve their year-end tax letter by login into your Give Central account with your user name and password, on your profile page download your tax letter. Any questions please call the Parish Office 718-574-5772.

**VICARIATE OF BLACK CATHOLIC
CONCERNS: INVITES YOU TO
The Black History Month**

Mass of Thanksgiving,
The Immaculate Conception Church
86-45 Edgerton Blvd Jamaica, NY 11432
Sunday, February 20th, 2022. Time: 4:00pm.
Dress in your Cultural Attire.
Celebrant/Homilist:
**His Eminence Wilton Gregory
Archbishop of Washington D.C.**



**St. Martin de Porres Parish
Black History Month Celebration**

Holy Rosary Church will host the Parish Black History Month Mass/Celebration on Sunday February 6th, at 10:30AM.

There will be the usual Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 5:00PM at St. Peter Claver Church, and the 7:30am Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church. Please note. There will **NOT** be a 10:15am Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church, nor an 11:30am Mass at St. Peter Claver Church.

Celebrant/Homilist: Fr. Mario Powell, Principal of the Brooklyn Jesuit School. Parishioners are encouraged to dress in cultural attire. There will be fellowship in the lower church afterwards



**Second Collection
Church in Need**

January 23rd second collection for **Church in Need** is for the support of pastoral programs for the Churches in Latin America and the Caribbean, Central & Eastern Europe, and Africa. Projects in Latin America and the Caribbean include the work of evangelization, formation of Laity, religious and seminarians as well as youth ministry and catechesis

"From my point of view, God is the light that illuminates the darkness, even if it does not dissolve it, and a spark of divine light is within each of us."

Pope Francis.

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

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



Thank you to all those that have stepped up and donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal. You can still contribute. 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!



Weekday Readings

Sun. Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

Mon. 1Sm 15:16-23 Ps. 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21&23 Mk 2:18-22

Tues. 1Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

Wed. 1Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps. 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6

Thurs. 1Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps.56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 Mk 3:7-12

Fri. 1Sm 24:3-21 Ps.57:2, 3-4, 6 &11 Mk 3:13-19

Sat. 2Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps.80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21



thank you

Thank you for your contribution to last weekend's second collection for the Diocesan Mission. Funds from this collection will 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 Immaculate Conception.

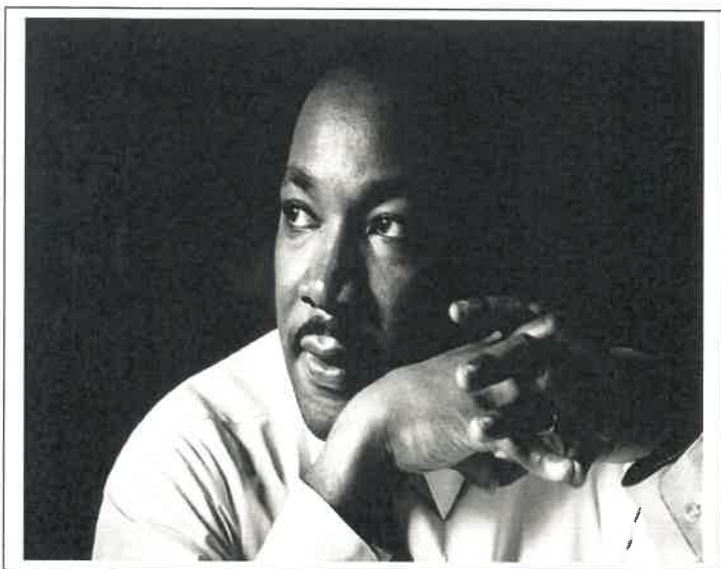


The Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn Vehicle Donation Program will accept donations of used vehicles in any condition. For each car, truck or van running or not the Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to your Parish \$75/\$200 per vehicle. To donate, call Vincentian Charities at 718-491-2525 or SDVAUTO-Brooklynqueens.org



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

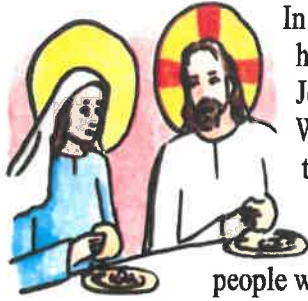
“On Monday January 17th, there will **not** be a 12Noon Mass at St. Peter Claver Church. There will be one Mass celebrated at 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory Church. **The Rectory office will be closed on Monday in observance of his birthday.**



Welcome to our Church

Are you new to the neighborhood? Have you been away from the church for a long time? Come in and join us. **You are welcome here! This is your home, and we are your family!**

Mary asks Jesus for a Miracle



In today's Gospel we hear the story of Jesus' first miracle. Wine was an important part of a wedding, and Our Lady felt bad for the people when they ran out.

When Mary hinted to Jesus to do something, Jesus said that the time wasn't ready yet. But do you know what? He did what His mother wanted anyway! He told the servants to fill six big jars with water, and when they did it turned into wine! And not just ordinary wine, but the very best.

We can learn from this story that we should listen to our parents. Jesus is God and even He obeys His mother!

Here's another thing: if you need Jesus to help you with anything, pray to His Blessed Mother to ask Him for it. You know He will listen to His Mother!

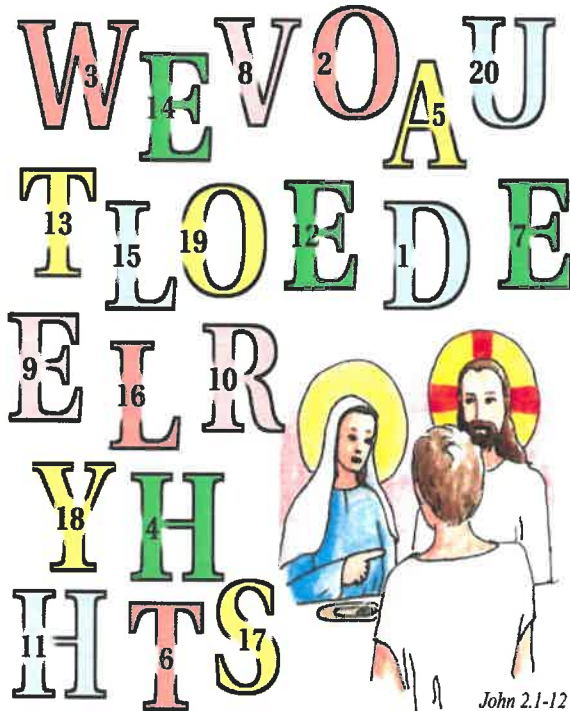


Answers to Crossword: Across: 1 six 2 woman 4 now 8 feast 9 tells 10 said 11 servants 13 wine 16 everyone 17 Jesus 18 when 19 do Down: 1 signs 3 mother 5 was 6 wedding 7 became 12 serves 13 water 14 where 15 good
Answer to front page: Do whatever He tells you.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 16th, 2022



John 2.1-12

Do you know what Mary said to the servants at the wedding feast at Cana? Sort out the letters by their numbers to find out!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20				

Dear visitors, help us to know who you are by becoming a registered member at St. Martin de Porres send us an email at info@smdpp.org /visit us at www.smdpp.org or simply fill out this form, and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____ Cell# _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

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