



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 Ezeroah 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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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,

In today's first reading, God calls the prophet Jeremiah and equips him for the opposition and rejection ahead of him. Please make no mistake about it; nobody is immune to rejection and adverse reactions, not the prophets like Jeremiah and certainly not Jesus, as seen in today's gospel passage. During February, we as a nation celebrate Black History by highlighting the achievements of African Americans and recognizing their central roles in the history of the United States. These achievements were realized amidst struggles, challenges, and difficulties associated with systemic oppression of Black people, racism, slavery, and social segregation. Like the others in our past, we still contend with the challenges of discrimination, police brutality, incarceration of our youth, and flagrant violation of our fundamental rights. In the face of all these challenges, God reminds us of His omniscience the way he reminded Jeremiah in today's first reading and encourages us to remain resilient as He would make sure that we are victorious. Against this backdrop, we are called to face the future with prophetic courage and optimism.

St Paul advises us in the second reading to embrace our prophetic calling and fight rejection with one simple spiritual instrument, love. As prophets and Christians, let us continue to speak out against injustice despite the situation we are subjected to; and let us show an excellent example by embracing love. After all, Martin Luther King Jr. advised us to use love as an antidote for maltreatment, hatred, and rejection. Let us end with the beautiful words of MLK in his Christmas sermon for peace in December 1967, "We shall match your capacity to inflict suffering by our capacity to endure suffering. We will meet your physical force with soul force. Do to us what you will, and we will still love you... But be assured that we will wear you down by our capacity to suffer, and one day we will win our freedom. We will not only win freedom for ourselves; we will appeal to your heart and conscience that we will win you in this process, and our victory will be a double victory."

Parish and Diocesan Black History Month Celebrations

During the month of February, we as a community will celebrate Black History month. Our parish celebration will take place on Sunday, February 6 at a special 11:00AM Mass that will be held this year at Holy Rosary Church. We will welcome Father Mario Powell, SJ as the main celebrant and homilist for Mass. Father Powell is the President of Brooklyn Jesuit Prep School in Brooklyn. Please note that on Sunday, January 6, there will **not** be a 10:15AM Mass or an 11:30AM Mass. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30AM at Our Lady of Victory Church and 11:00AM at Holy Rosary Church. There will be a reception in the lower hall following the 11:00AM Mass. On Sunday, February 20, the Diocese of Brooklyn will celebrate Black History with a special Mass of Thanksgiving at Immaculate Conception Parish in Jamaica, New York. We will welcome His Eminence, Wilton Cardinal Gregory, Archbishop of Washington DC as the main celebrant and homilist. All are welcomed to join us for both celebrations.

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.

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

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday: Jan. 29th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver vigil Mass:

For the Souls in Purgatory

Sunday: Jan. 30th, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver of Victory Church

Virginia Cox – grace and healing

7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church

Christine Dorville & Maura Danzie – Thanksgiving For God's Will and Mercy

10:15am-Our Lady of Victory Church

Mathilda Sobers – in memoriam

Req. by Cathy Sobers

10:15am-Our Lady of Victory

Brian Reimer – grace and healing

9:00-am – Holy Rosary Church

Rodney Pino – in memoriam

Req. by Pino family

Tues. Feb 1st, 8am-Our Lady of Victory Church

Murray Lawrence – God's grace and deliverance

Req. by Rose Graham

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ALTAR BREAD:

ALTAR WINE:

ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

ALTAR CANDLE:

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 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.



I will sing of your salvation.

**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.



2021 Tax Contribution Letter

Dear Parishioners: If you would like to receive your 2021 church contribution tax letter, you may call the Parish Office between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm Tues. 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 logging 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.



It is with great joy that we welcome Bishop Brennan to our Parish. He will celebrate the Mass for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of St. Peter Claver Church on February 27th at 11:30AM. A light reception will be held immediately after the Mass in the Msgr. Rodgers Hall.



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**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 11:00AM. There will be a Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 5:00PM* at St. Peter Claver Church, and a 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 will be the Celebrant. Parishioners are encouraged to dress in cultural attire. There will be fellowship in the lower church afterwards.

**Movie Night will occur after the 5:00PM Mass on February 5th and the 26th.*



**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.**



Knowing your history and planning is wisdom.
"The more you know of your history,
The more liberated you are."

Maya Angelo

I will sing of your salvation.

Weekday Readings

Sun. Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 Lk 4:21-30

Mon. 2Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Ps. 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Mk 5:1-20

Tues. 2Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 Ps. 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 5:21-43

Wed. Mal 3:1-4 Ps. 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22-32

Thurs. 1Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab,
11d-12a, 12bcd Mk 6:7-13

Fri. Sir 47:2-11 Ps.18:31, 47& 50, 51Mk 6:14-29

Sat. 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps. 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
Mk 6:30-34



Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection for the Churches in Need. Your support helps this collection spread the Gospel message and connect millions of people with Christ, here in the United States and around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!



Marriage Encounter 2022

Live your best life in Love. Attend the World Wide Marriage Encounter Virtual Experience. Wednesday evenings 7-9pm, March 9, 16, 23, 30 April 6, 13, 20th
Via Zoom.

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Catholic Charities

Community Health Event

Catholic Charities of Brooklyn & Queens will host a **Community Health Event** on Thursday, February 10th, at Holy Rosary Church, 139 Chauncey Street, beginning at 10:30AM until 1:00PM. Interactive Health & Wellness Stations featuring: COVID-19 safety, testing, vaccinations, at-home test kits, SNAP benefits, screenings and a bag of non-perishable food items, while supplies last. This event is opened to all parishioners and people in the community.



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



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



Blessing of Throats



Thursday, February 3rd we celebrate the feast of St. Blaise, the patron saint of throat ailments. Blessing of throats will take place after the 8:00AM Mass in OLV Church.

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!

I will sing of your salvation.

Saint Paul Teaches About Love

SORRY I BROKE THIS. I FORGIVE YOU.



In today's second reading St. Paul tells us what real love is like. It is patient, kind, and forgiving, and it rejoices in the truth. Love never fails! No matter how important you are, or talented, or smart, what really makes you great is loving others.

Who do you love? Can you love someone who bothers you or doesn't like you? Love isn't just a nice feeling about somebody. It means deciding to want what is best for that person. You really can love people that you don't get along with! It's a decision that you can make.

LET'S PLAY A GAME YOU LIKE!



Who was the most loving person ever? Jesus! Think of how much He must have loved us to die on the cross for us even though we hurt Him by our sins! Every day tell Jesus that you love Him, and show it to Him by loving the people around you.

Answers to Love: True or False? 1.false 2.true 3.true 4.false 5.false 6.false 7.true

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The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 30th, 2022



Luke: 4.21-30

Jesus' neighbours got upset with Him when He said that they wouldn't appreciate a prophet from their own town. But when they tried to throw Him off a cliff, He walked right through the crowd and went away.

Can you find Jesus in this crowd?

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.

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Holy Rosary Lower Church Hall



Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall



St. Peter Claver Lower Church Hall