



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

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast day marks the final Sunday within the Christmas season. Next week you will notice all the Christmas poinsettia plants will be gone along with the Christmas trees and Nativity scene. In the city of Rome, Christmas decorations remain in place until February 2, which is the Presentation of the Lord, but here in the U.S. most decorations have begun to be put away. I hope that these weeks of Christmas have been moments of grace and blessings. Jesus comes to us as a child in Bethlehem, to grow in wisdom and strength, which will lead him to the cross on Calvary. As we see in today's gospel, after John baptizes Jesus, the heavens are opened and the voice of God speaks to us, "this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." We pray that the grace of the Holy Spirit will continue to flow in abundance here at St. Martin de Porres parish.

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 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.

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 next 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. All are welcomed to join us.

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. Please be sure to put this important date for our parish community on your calendar.

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

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday: Jan. 8th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver vigil Mass:

For the Souls in Purgatory

Sunday: Jan. 9th, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver
In thanksgiving to St. Joseph for Joyce Peter

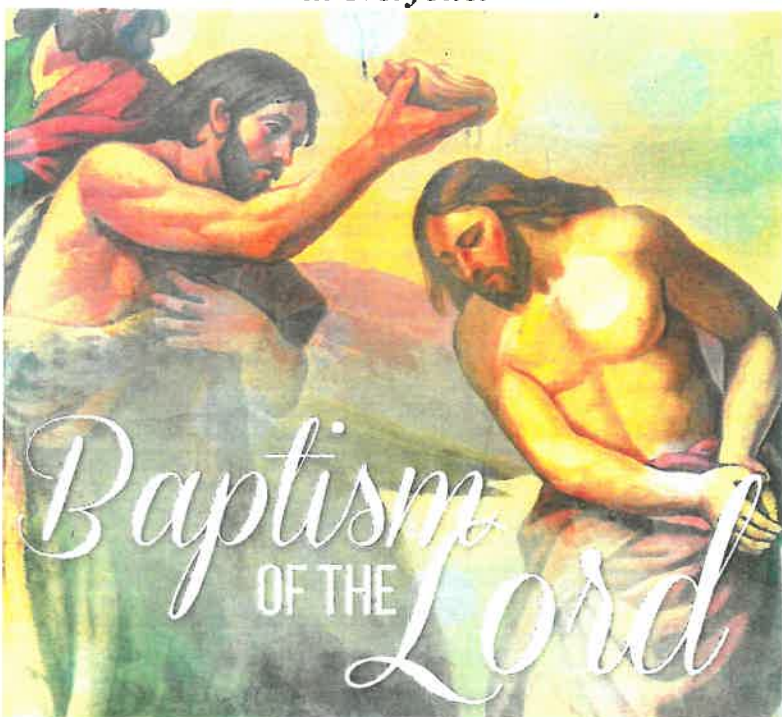
7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church
The people of St. Martin de Porres Parish

10:15am-Our Lady of Victory Church
Teddy, Alvin & Agatha Altifois – birthday blessing and guidance.

10:15am- John Eley – birthday blessing

9:00-am – Holy Rosary Church
Josemae Boyce – in memoriam
Req. by Randall family

Today. Lord, allow me to remain with you, to feel you present at my side, to find you everywhere and in everyone.



ALTAR BREAD:

Virginia Cox - grace & healing

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



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.



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.

**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.

You cannot be afraid to speak up and speak out for what you believe. You have to have courage. Raw courage.

Rep. John Lewis

O bless the Lord, my soul.

**The Vicariate of Black
Catholic Concerns**

Prayer Service celebration.

"Commemorating the Birthday of
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

Monday, January 17th, 2022, 12:00noon

Our Lady of Victory Church

**Guest Preacher: Fr. John McKenzie from the
Archdiocese of Detroit, MI.**

For more info. Please contact the Parish office.

718-574-5772.



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2021**
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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 6th, 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.



*Baptism
of the
Lord*



Weekday Readings

Sun. Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Mon. 1 Sm. 1:1-8 Ps: 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 Mk 1:14-20

Tues. 1 Sm. 1:9-20 Ps: 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28

Wed. 1 Sm. 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps: 40:2 & 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39

Thurs. 1 Sm. 4:1-11 Ps:44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45

Fri. 1 Sm. 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps:89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12

Sat. 1 Sm. 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps. 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13-17

Second Collection

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.

**VICARIATE OF BLACK CATHOLIC CONCERNS****The Black History Month Mass**

At the Immaculate Conception RC Church
86-45 Edgerton Blvd Jamaica, NY 11432

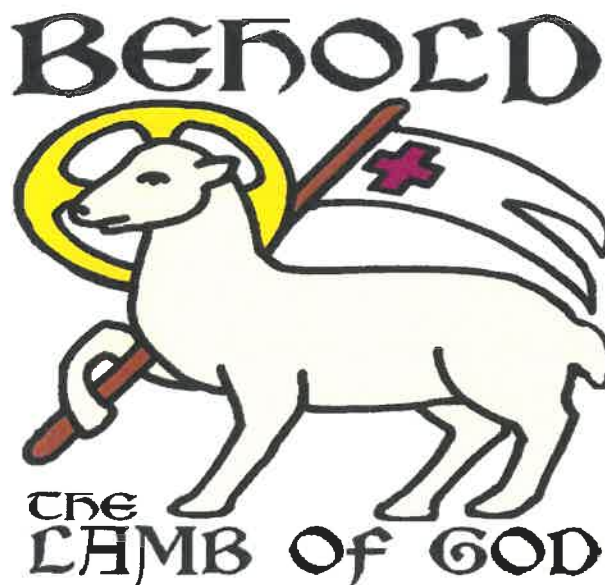
Sunday, February 20th, 2022.

Time: 4:00pm.

More information will follow.



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

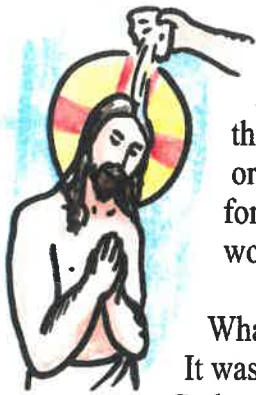


Welcome to our Church

If you are new to our parish please feel free to introduce yourself to one of the priests after Mass today. We kindly invite you to come to the Parish Office and register and become a member of St. Martin de Porres Parish. Registration is important for all parishioners because then we are able to issue sponsor letters for Baptism, Confirmation and Matrimony. We can also give end of the year statements of your contributions to the church through regular use of the envelopes. Thank you and welcome.

O bless the Lord, my soul.

Jesus Begins His Mission



Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. After living with his mother for thirty years and working as an ordinary carpenter, it was time for Jesus to start His special work.

What was Jesus' special work?
It was showing people the way to God and taking away their sins.

When you were baptized God was getting you ready for a special job too. He was giving you grace so that you could grow closer to Him and bring other people closer to Him too.

How can you help bring others closer to God?

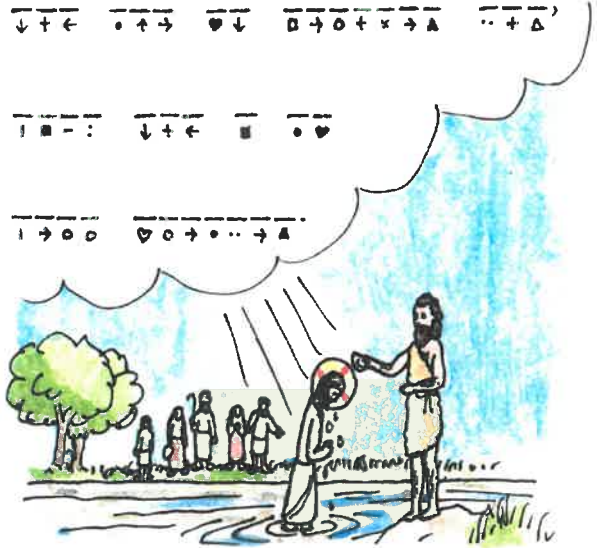


Answers to front page: You are my beloved Son, with You I am well pleased, smoldering, light, eyes, prisoners.

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The Kids' Bulletin

The Baptism of the Lord
January 9th, 2022



Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

After Jesus was baptized, a voice came from the clouds and said something to Jesus. What did it say? Use the code to find out!

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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

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Holy Rosary Lower Church Hall



Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall



St. Peter Claver Lower Church Hall