



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

"A Faith Community, One in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 2022

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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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,

What a beautiful celebration we had last week commemorating Black History Month! I take this opportunity to thank the Black History Month committee who worked so hard to make last week's celebration so beautiful. I also want to thank our parish choir under the direction of Ms. Joan Delahunt and Mr. Joseph Murray. Our dedicated choir has worked so hard in making our liturgies prayerful and beautiful. Throughout the month of February, we continue to celebrate Black History Month, most especially in thanksgiving for our ancestors who shed their blood fighting for equality, peace and justice. As Father Mario Powell said so beautifully in his homily, Black History should be celebrated not just during the month of February, but every month of the year. May Christ our Savior continue to bestow his love and mercy upon us, his children as we grow in charity and peace.

Diocese of Brooklyn Black History Month Mass of Thanksgiving

As you all know, I serve as the Vicar for the Vicariate for Black Catholic Concerns for the Diocese of Brooklyn. Each year, the Diocese of Brooklyn sponsors a special Mass in Thanksgiving for Black History Month. This year's Mass will take place next Sunday, February 20 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Jamaica, Queens beginning at 4:00PM. His Eminence, Wilton Cardinal Gregory, Archbishop of Washington DC will be the Main Celebrant and Homilist. Cardinal Gregory is the first African American Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church. All of you are welcomed to join us for this most historic Mass and celebration.

Bishop Robert Brennan Official Parish 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.

Welcome Deacon Leroy Branch

As I announced last week, Bishop Robert Brennan has appointed an additional deacon to our parish. Deacon Leroy Branch will officially begin his assignment here at St. Martin de Porres parish this weekend. He lives in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn. He is very familiar with Bedford Stuyvesant, since he grew up in this neighborhood and attended Holy Rosary Church as a young boy. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Deacon Leroy and welcome him to our parish community.

Death of Mrs. Mary Offiah

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Mrs. Mary Offiah, the mother of our seminarian Tobe Offiah. There will be a viewing and a Vigil Mass celebrated next Saturday, February 19 at 11:00AM taking place at St. Clement Pope Parish located at 141-11 123rd Avenue in Jamaica Queens. Mrs. Offiah will be buried back home in Nigeria within the next few weeks.

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

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday: Feb. 12th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver vigil Mass:

For the repose of the souls of Damion Ford & Eric McKenny, Jr.

Req. by Estella Whyte-McDuffey

Sunday: Feb. 13th, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver of Victory Church

Georgette Afoukoe Ablaba – in memoriam

Req. by Gusele Sidjro

7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church

In honor of the Sacred Heart for Mary Carasco

10:15am- Our Lady of Victory Church

Joshua Dufont – birthday blessing

Req. by Dufont family

King Arron Midgett – birthday blessing

Req. by Marina Brown & Family

10:15am- Our Lady of Victory Church

Cuthbert Robinson – in memoriam

Req. by Marie St. Ange

9:00am- Holy Rosary Church

Willie Suarez- health and healing

Req. by Cathy & Kevin Suarez

Monday: Feb. 14th, 8am Our Lady of Victory

Sheila A. Alexander- in memoriam

Req. by Frank Delorise

Thursday: Feb. 17th, 8am Our Lady of Victory

Corneliuse Altienor & Clara Francois – in memoriam

Req. by Dorville family



ALTAR BREAD:

Health & healing for the Suarez family
Req. by Cathy Suarez family

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, 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 February 2022)

For religious sisters and consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



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.



**SMDPP Women's Day
Committee Raffle**

The Women's Day Committee virtual presentation of women of the Church on Sunday, March 13th, 2022. This year's theme, "**The Way Forward-Stronger in Faith, Stronger in Love.**" Raffle tickets are available for purchase at **\$5 per ticket**. Prizes are, **Ninja Foodie**, Raffle drawing will take place on that day after the 11:30am Mass. 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.



**Commemoration of St. Lucia 43rd
Independence Day.
Anniversary**

*"Don't ever underestimate the importance you can have because history has shown us that **Courage can be contagious** and hope can take on a life of its own."*
-Michelle Obama

Marriage Encounter 2022

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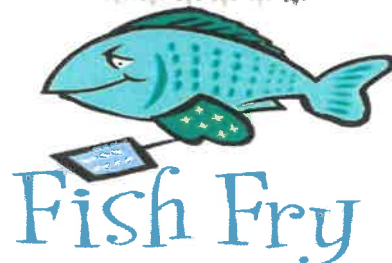
The Black History Month

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 Annual **Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser** on Friday, March 4th, 2022. (Pre-Orders Only) **Fish dinners** (Fry, Fish, *Potato Salad, Cole Slaw Soda*) will be available for ****pick-up from 1:00pm to 5:45 pm. Cost per dinner is \$15.00.** ****Pre Orders** should be placed no later than 11am on Mar. 4^h, 2022.



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

Weekday Readings

Sun. Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 1Cor 15:12, 16-20
Lk 6:17, 20-26

Mon. Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76
Mk 8:11-13

Tues. Jas 1:12-18 Ps.94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19
Mk 8:14-21

Wed. Jas 1:19-27 Ps. 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5
Mk 8:22-26

Thurs. Jas 2:1-9 Ps. 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 8:27-33

Fri Jas 2:14-24, 26 Ps. 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6. Mk 8:34-9:1

Sat. Jas 3:1-10 Ps. 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8 Mk 9:2-13



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/frmcmbrien, or call 206 Tours at 1-800-206-8687 ext. 1229 for more details.

Thank You

On behalf of the parish clergy and staff, we express a heartfelt thank you to all who made a contribution to the Black History Mass Celebration. We especially thank those who contributed their time and food items.



Do you need a Letter of Sponsorship?

Then, be an Active Parishioner. To receive a letter of Sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation from the Pastor, one has to be an active parishioner of this parish for at least six months, received the Sacraments of Initiation, and (if married) be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.



Rest in Peace

Mrs. Charlene Ferguson
Mrs. Mary Offiah



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



26 Our Church Family! We consider ourselves blessed to have you worship with us today, and we are excited to share what God is doing in our faith community

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: _____

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord

**Mother Lange****Pierre Toussaint****Thea Bowman****Rev. Tolton****Julia Greeley****Sister DeLille**

1. **Mother Mary Lange**, a Baltimore nun who started and ran a school for Black children during the era of slavery.
2. Haitian American and former slave **Pierre Toussaint**, who went on to become a successful business owner and philanthropist in New York.
3. Mississippi-born scholar-evangelist **Thea Bowman**.
4. **Rev. Augustus Tolton**, a former slave who was baptized and reared Catholic, was rejected on the basis of his race by every American seminary he applied to. He went to Rome to study and, in 1886, won the distinction of being the first Black priest in America.
5. **Julia Greeley**, born enslaved in Missouri in the mid-1800s and baptized Catholic, became known as Denver's "Angel of Charity" for her work on behalf of that city's poor.
6. **Sister Henriette DeLille**, a Black nun from New Orleans born in 1813, opened the first Catholic home for older adults and founded an order of women religious in the face of opposition due to her race.

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Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall



St. Peter Claver Lower Church Hall