



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 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,

Our gospel passage for Mass today must be one of the most difficult passages for me to reflect upon as a human being. Today, the Lord is challenging us to love our enemies, to turn the other cheek and to do good to those who persecute us. Each time I proclaim this gospel, I think of those who have been persecuted for their faith in Jesus. I think of those who have caused harm to others, whether it be physical or spiritual harm. I think of those who continue to bear the marks of pain and sorrow in their lives. Yet, the Lord wants us to love our enemies, to not judge others and ultimately to pray for those who mistreat us. To be a disciple of the Lord, we must not combat violence with more violence. We are called to love one another, in the same way that God loves us. We must continue to pray for one another, not allowing hatred or violence to get in the way of bringing the light and love of Christ to all our brothers and sisters. The Lord speaks to us about forgiveness. We must be able to forgive those who have hurt us, not forgetting, but allowing Christ to heal us from it. May our hearts be conformed to the heart of Christ our Savior, who himself said from the wood of the cross, "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they do".

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 today, 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 next 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.

Parish Fish Fry Fundraiser

It is hard to believe that we are just one week away from the beginning of the season of Lent. We will hold our annual fish fry fundraiser next Friday, March 5. Fish dinners include potato salad, coleslaw and a beverage. Pre-Orders are \$15, and orders placed on March 5 are \$20.

President's Day Holiday

This Monday, February 21 is President's Day. It is a national holiday. The parish office will be closed. There will **not** be a 12:00Noon Mass at St. Peter Claver Church. Only one Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM taking place at Our Lady of Victory Church.

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

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday: Feb. 19th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver vigil Mass:

Nettie Gibbs-Allman – in memoriam
Req. by Shamba Elyjha

Sunday: Feb. 20th, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver of Victory Church

Georgette Ablaba Afanoukoe – in memoriam
Req. by Gisele Sidjro & family

7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church

Eucheria Herman-Mathurin - Happy 60th Birthday blessing

10:15am- Our Lady of Victory Church

Carmen Worrell- in memoriam
Req. by Annmarie Worrell

10:15am- Our Lady of Victory Church

Glenn Mitchell – birthday blessing
Req. by Mitchell family

9:00am- Holy Rosary Church

For the repose of the soul of Charleen Ferguson

Monday: Feb. 21st, 8am Our Lady of Victory

Liliana Santamaria & Enis Sujak – forgiveness of Sin

Tuesday: Feb. 22nd, 8am Our Lady of Victory

Hector Fritz – in memoriam
Req. by Pasty Fritz

Wednesday: Feb. 23rd, 12noon St. Peter Claver

Georgette Ablaba Afanoukoe – in memoriam
Req. by Gisele Sidjro & family

Thursday: Feb. 24th, 8am Our Lady of Victory

Sharon Palmer – Birthday blessings
Req. by Palmer family

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, Eugene Charles, Joyce Cochran, Angelina Cooper, Virginia Cox, Olive DeRoach-Carter, Delva Ellis, Khalil Fletcher, 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.



Save the date

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.



**SMDPP Black History
Month Celebration**



Join us on Saturday, February 26th, after the 5pm Mass at St. Peter Claver Church Night for movie night.

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 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 following Ash Wednesday schedule as we begin our Lenten Journey.

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

8am Mass, Our Lady of Victory

11am Service, Holy Rosary

12noon Service, Our Lady of Victory

12noon Mass, St. Peter Claver

7: 30pm Mass, Our Lady of Victory

"A people with the knowledge of their past history is like a tree without roots."

- Marcus Garvey

Weekday Readings

Sun. 1Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

Mon. Jas 3:13-18 Ps.19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mk 9:14-29

Tues. 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps.23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:13-19

Wed. Jas 4:13-17 Ps.49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11 Mk 9:38-40

Thurs. Jas 5:1-6 Ps.49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20 Mk 9:41-50

Fri. Jas 5:9-12 Ps.103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12 Mk 10:1-12

Sat. Jas 5:13-20 Ps.141:1-2, 3 and 8 Mk 10:13-16



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.



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.



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Office Closed

Monday, February 21st, we celebrate **President's Day**. The Rectory **Offices will be closed** for business, but emergency sick calls can be made at any time. In addition, the **12noon Mass** at St. Peter Claver Church is cancelled.



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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

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history MONTH



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