



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 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 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 is the second Sunday of Lent. We continue to journey with the Lord through the desert during these weeks of Lent. Our gospel passage today is the account of the Transfiguration. Jesus takes Peter, James and John up the mountain and he is transfigured before their very eyes! As he sees all of this, Peter says, "Master, it is good that we are here." Those words can be our reflection for today. It is good that we are here in the house of the Lord. It is good that we can worship the Lord. It is good that we can gather as a community to give honor, glory and praise to our God. During these weeks of Lent, we are invited to journey with the Lord, acknowledging our sinfulness, but experiencing God's grace and forgiveness. As we continue our Lenten encounter with Christ, let us pray that our hearts will continue to be filled with gratitude and thanksgiving, for it is good to be in this holy place.

Lenten Evening Vespers & Stations of the Cross

As is the custom here at St. Martin de Porres, each Tuesday of Lent we will have Eucharistic Adoration with Vespers. It will be held at Our Lady of Victory Church continuing this Tuesday, March 8 at 7:30PM. It will also be livestreamed. This Tuesday we will welcome Father Christopher Heanue, Rector of St. Joseph Co-Cathedral as the homilist. We will also continue the Lenten practice of praying the stations of the cross every Friday during the season of Lent at each of the three churches beginning at 7:00PM. All are welcomed to join us for prayer.

Lenten Coin Cards

One of the three traditional practices of Lent is almsgiving. It is in that spirit, that we will continue with the custom of distributing Lenten coin cards. These cards are meant to serve as a practice of giving what we have for the poor and needy of our community. There will be coin cards available at the doors of each of our three churches. Please return these cards in the collection basket or to the parish office on Palm Sunday.

Contribution Letters

As we get closer to tax preparation time, letters are available for those of you who need them to prepare your taxes. It is important to use your envelopes when contributing to the parish in order that we can keep a record of your financial contribution to the parish. As your Pastor, I take this opportunity to thank all of you for the gift of your time, talent and treasure.

Bible Study Series

Many parishioners have been asking for a Bible Study series here at St. Martin de Porres. We will begin in the Spring with a series on the Acts of the Apostles. As you know, each Sunday during the Easter season we hear from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles as the first reading at Mass. We will be looking to do both an in-person and livestreamed platform for this Bible Study series. More information to come as we get closer to the season of Easter.

We adore you O Christ and we praise you. For by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Father Alonzo Cox

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday: Mar. 13th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver vigil Mass:

Dieuseul Valcin -Birthday blessing
Req. by Nadyne Gerard and family

Sunday: Mar. 13th, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver Leone & Florestin Henderson – in memoriam

7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church
In honor of the Sacred Heart for Mary Carasco

10:15am- Our Lady of Victory Church
Souls in Purgatory –
Req. by Linley & Julienne Roberts

9:00am- Holy Rosary Church
Alexander Fusco – in memoriam
Req. by Antonia Fusco

Monday: Mar. 14th, 12noon St. Peter Claver
Awilda Delarosa – in memoriam
Req. by Brignol family

Tuesday: Mar. 15th, 8am Our Lady of Victory
Rene Semper – birthday blessing
Req. by Marina Brown and family

Thursday: Mar. 17th, 8am Our Lady of Victory
Aaron Thomas Garbanzos – birthday blessing
Req. by Garbanzos family



ALTAR BREAD:

Tomas & Concepcion Garbanzos -
memoriam

Req. by Garbanzos

ALTAR WINE:

ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard
Quinn

ALTAR CANDLE:

Linley & Julienne Roberts - Grace &
blessing

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bailey, Melona Barber, Burtel
Batson, Terrance Baptiste, Felicia Casimiro,
Eugene Charles, Joyce Cochran, Angelina
Cooper, Virginia Cox, Cecilia Dear, Olive
DeRoach-Carter, Delva Ellis, Khalil
Fletcher, Helen Frazier, Patrick Gilbert,
Veronica Gersi, Antonio Goodsell,
Christabel Gomes, Maria Hernandez, Denise
Hughes, Judy Joseph-Jenkins, Ian Kellman,
Gwendolyn Knight, Paul Martin, 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

(March 2022)

For a Christian response to bioethical challenges

We pray for Christians facing new
bioethical challenges; may they
continue to defend the dignity of all
human life with prayer and action.



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.



00St. 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.





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.

The Season of Lent



LENTEN DEVOTION

Vespers & Benediction: Tuesdays throughout Lent, preaching and prayer with Eucharist Adoration. The theme for this service, “Return to Me with your whole heart.” Holy

Hour will be celebrated on Tuesday March 15th, at 7:30pm, in Our Lady of Victory Church.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at all three Churches in our Parish on Fridays at 7:00PM.



COIN CARDS FOR ST. JUDE’S CHILDREN HOSPITAL

Lent is a time of renewal in faith. One way of renewal is a more serious devotion. This year we, at the Parish of St. Martin de Porres, would like to support St. Jude’s Hospital for Children. We will tithe 50% of the Lenten Quarters collections towards this cause. I hope you will prayerfully support this Lenten act of almsgiving.

Spring Forward



• **PRAYER** –Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

• **FASTING** – With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that’s why it gets all the attention. “What are you giving up for Lent? Hotdogs? Beer? Jelly beans?” It’s almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

• **ALMSGIVING** - During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2462).



STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

Please note: Friday – April 8th, there will be one Parish celebration of Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Victory Church at 7:00PM.



The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Weekday Readings

Sun. Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 Phil 3:17—4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

Mon. Dn 9:4b-10 Ps.79:8, 9, 11& 13 Lk 6:36-38

Tues. Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps.50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 &23 Mt 23:1-12

Wed. Jer 18:18-20 Ps.31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28

Thurs. Jer 17:5-10 Ps. 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 Lk 16:19-31

Fri. Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps. 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46



St. Peter Claver Church will be hosting a Women's Liturgical Mass on Sunday, April 3rd, 11:30am. All for Christ Dance Ministry will be sharing their talents with us. All former choir members are invited to join the choir for that service (*warm-up at 11am*). Mothers, sisters and daughters are invited to celebrate with the Women of SMDP Parish! (Men welcome!)



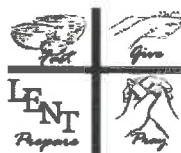
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2022 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Application

Internships are available for High School, Undergraduate, Graduate, and Law students. The internship will provide students with exposure to city government, workplace skills development and networking opportunities. Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination is required. Application Posted: March 21, 2022 Application Deadline: April 17, 2022. Visit the link below for additional detailed information: <http://on.nyc.gov/nycmointernship>.



The League of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Parish of St. Martin de Porres invites you to attend **A Lenten Retreat Day** at St. Peter Claver Church, on Saturday March 26th, beginning at 10am. The Presider will be Dcn. Leroy Branch. Theme: The Word of God. Is.55. Come and be sacredly nourished during this holy Lenten season. Breakfast and lunch will be served.



Rosary Altar Society Palm Sunday Food Sale
Sunday, April 10th, 2022, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2022
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The 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of our parish and the daily work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative, Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation

All donations made to the ACA above our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements

The Lord is my light and my salvation.



Looking at Jesus



In today's Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain where they saw Him shining like the sun and talking with Moses and Elijah. They were talking about how Jesus was going to go to Jerusalem and be killed. The apostles were amazed and confused.

Jesus let the apostles see Him in glory to help them to understand why He had to suffer and die. We won't see Jesus in His glory until we see Him in Heaven, but it is good for us to think about the things that He and Moses and Elijah were talking about.

Look at a crucifix or picture of Jesus on the cross every day. Think about how much He loves you, and think about how you act toward Him. What can you do to love Him better? Lent is a good time to try to find ways to love Jesus more.



Answer to St. Joseph Puzzle:
1 E 2 F 3 D 4 C 5 B 6 A

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent
March 13th, 2022

Jesus shone like the sun when He took his three friends up the mountain.



Luke 9:28-36



Peter was confused and said something without thinking. What did he say he could make?

Connect the dots to find out!

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Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall



St. Peter Claver Lower Church Hall