



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 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 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,

Lent seems to be flying right by! We are already at the third Sunday of Lent. Our gospel passage for Mass speaks about the fig tree. The Lord speaks to us about a tree producing good fruit. As you have heard me say, the fruit we produce here at St. Martin de Porres will last for ages to come. I am so blessed to be the shepherd of a parish that produces such good fruit which is in sharing in time, talent and treasure. The Lord also calls us to repentance. We are all poor sinners, trying our best each day to get ourselves to heaven. We are called to repent for the sins we have committed, knowing that God is merciful and compassionate. I invite all of you to take advantage of the Sacrament of Penance, asking the Lord to forgive us of our sins, and to lead us to everlasting life. Lent is a great opportunity for us to look at the sins we have committed, asking for the Lord to heal us from our weaknesses and faults. As we continue to journey with the Lord this Lenten season, let us pray that Christ will continue to transform our hearts to live lives of holiness and love.

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 22 at 7:30PM. It will also be livestreamed. This Tuesday our seminarian, Tobe, will serve 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 Q. Cox

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Joseph Delince Gerard – in memoriam
Req. by Nadyne Gerard

Sunday: Mar. 20th, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver
Virginia Cox – grace and healing

7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church

The Souls in Purgatory
Req. by Edward, Francois & Gabrielle Roberts

10:15am- Our Lady of Victory Church

Gorvin Mitchell – birthday remembrance
Req. by Mitchell family

10:15am- Our Lady of Victory Church

Georgie & Epiphane Altifois – in memoriam
Req. by Agatha Altifois

9:00am- Holy Rosary Church

Pauline Lippman – in memoriam
Req. by Edward Faulkner

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

Errol Mathurin – thanksgiving to God
Req. by Judy Mathurin-George

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

Sylvia Boyce – in memoriam
Req. by Janice Boyce

Solemnity of the Annunciation



ALTAR BREAD:

Edward, Francois & Gabrielle Roberts.
God's grace & blessing
Req. by Linley & Julienne Roberts

ALTAR WINE:

ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard
Quinn

ALTAR CANDLE:

Edward, Francois & Gabrielle Roberts.
God's grace & blessing
Req. by Linley & Julienne Roberts

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.



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.





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.



LENTEN DEVOTION

The Season of Lent



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.



- **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).



Easter Mass Remembrance

During the Easter season we will pray for you loved ones with Easter remembrance envelope. Envelopes are located at the front of the church. Kindly drop off your envelope, in the collection basket or at the rectory, with the name of person(s) who is/are to be remembered in the Masses.



Stations of the Cross

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.

Weekday Readings

Sun. Ex 3:1-8a,13-15 Ps.103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11.
Lk 13:1-9

Mon. 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30

Tues. Dn.3:25, 34-43 Ps.25:4-5ab, 6& 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35

Wed. Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

Thurs. Jer 7:23-28 Ps. 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11:14-23

Fri Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps.40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

Sat. Hos 6:1-6 Ps. 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Lk 18:9-14

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!)



Open your camera on your phone hover over the QR Code click the pop-up notification to be taken to the website to begin your online donation or call the office for a pledge card.

Please visit. www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org

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, immediately following the 10:15am Mass. Cost, \$20.00 per plate with a variety of items on the menu. Come join us in fellowship.



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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



What Kind of Fig Tree are You?



In today's Gospel reading, we hear a parable about a fig tree. The owner waited three years for it to grow some figs, but it still wasn't producing any. He told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener said he would try just for one more year to get it to bear fruit- and if it didn't give any then he would cut it down.

The fig tree is like a person who can do good things but doesn't. The owner shows the justice of God- he has given the tree enough chances so its time is up. But the gardener is like God's mercy. He wants to give the tree one more chance. And he's going to give it extra fertilizer to try to help it.



Lent is a good time to look at our own life and see if we are doing all the good things we can. Maybe there's something nice that we know we could do for someone but we just never bother to. Or maybe we aren't praying quite as much as we know we should. God is giving us a chance to become better people this Lent, and it's your job to make it happen!

Answer to Word-Find: Free land

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The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent
March 20th, 2022



*What's wrong with this fig tree?
See what the two men want to do with it by
reading what they say in a mirror.*



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Each year St. Martin de Porres R.C. Church and the Diocese of Brooklyn engage in the *Annual Catholic Appeal* which supports Catholic programs throughout Brooklyn and Queens and affects the lives of countless individuals and families living in our neighborhoods in addition to benefitting our parish.

How Does Our Parish Benefit?

In order for our parish to function, we need well-trained **priests and deacons** who can celebrate the sacraments and administer the parish. Without the **\$2.5 Million** from the Appeal allocated to vocations, we would not have the clergy our parish needs.

Our Children are the future of our parish and we are called to support them as they grow in faith. The Appeal provides funding which supports every parish **religious education program** as well as tuition assistance to those seeking **Catholic Education** at Catholic Academies and Schools. Over **\$2 million** from the Appeal is invested in the faith of our children in addition to also providing **adult faith formation**. Instruction programs for lay people, including those in our own parish, provide training in ministries such as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors or prepare others for sacraments.

The Appeal also provides funding for the Youth Ministers working in parishes throughout Brooklyn and Queens. **\$150,000** each year from our donations sustains the **Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative**, which has been supported by Generations of Faith, ensuring that young people encounter Christ through the Church, forming life-long bonds of faith which will sustain our parishes for years to come.

Christ Himself has called all on us to care for those among us in need, but as one parish we lack the time, space, skills and volunteers that it takes to address the needs of all our brothers and sisters who need our help. This is why, through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our parish supports the work of **Catholic Charities** and **Catholic Migration Services** which receive a total of **\$1.4 million** from the Appeal. Together we are able to welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, feed the hungry and shelter the homeless in the name of our Church.

In our efforts to spread the Gospel of Christ we also have a responsibility as Catholics to minister to those who are ill, students in high schools and colleges as well as those who are imprisoned, just as Christ directed us to. The Appeal provides **\$1.9 million** to ensure that **chaplains** bring the sacraments of the church to those who are ill, imprisoned or are studying in high school and college.

Why is my participation important?

As followers of Jesus here at St. Martin de Porres R.C. Church, we understand our responsibility to our parish implies a responsibility to the diocese which unites us together with the entire Catholic community as the one body of Christ.

When one part of the body does not participate, the entire body suffers and makes it harder to function. Likewise, your participation in this Appeal, over and above your regular Sunday offering, will determine the ability of St. Martin de Porres R.C. Church to faithfully support the mission of Christ while also providing the needed support we receive as one parish, which is part of the larger Catholic Church.

WHAT IS NEXT FOR THE Annual Catholic Appeal AND HOW CAN WE HELP?

Please join with us to respond as the Church of Christ together in Brooklyn and Queens through a pledge to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* today at AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or text **DONATE** to **917-336-1255**

Thank you and God bless you.

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The *Annual Catholic Appeal* seeks to raise a minimum of \$8 million to provide programs and ministries throughout the Diocese and support the local efforts of parishes like ours.

The goal at St. Martin de Porres R.C. Church is \$63,586.

Once we exceed our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure directly back to our parish.

For questions regarding the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, or to schedule an appointment to make a gift to the parish, please contact the
Parish Office –
(718) 574-5772

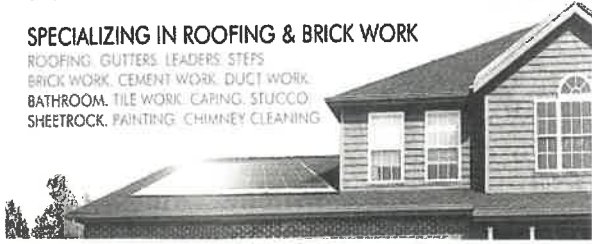
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Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall



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