



# Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>, 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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## Parish Staff

Rev. Mr. Rachid Murad, Permanent Deacon  
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Mr. Joseph Murray, Co-Dir. of Music  
Ms. Joan Marie Delahunt, Co-Dir. of Music  
Ms. Tamika Daniel, Youth Minister  
Mr. Humberto DaCosta, Buildings /Grounds

## 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

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: Rosary for Life



## St. Peter Claver Church

29 Claver Place  
Brooklyn, NY 11238

### Mass Times

Sat.: 5pm / Sun.: 11:30am

Monday. & Wednesday: 12noon

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: 12noon

*Holiday schedule will be announced*

# *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Parishioners,

We have come to the midpoint of our Lenten observance. Traditionally, the fourth Sunday of Lent is known as Laetare Sunday. The word Laetare means rejoice. You will notice that the priest and deacons for Mass are wearing rose colored vestments. The rose color is an outward sign that the celebration of Easter is close at hand. These last few weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of prayerful preparation as we enter the most sacred of days, that is the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. Today's gospel is the story of the prodigal son. This passage should remind us of the importance of forgiveness and mercy. All of us are called to be merciful, just as our Father is merciful to us. We must not allow anger, resentment or jealousy to get in the way of truly being imitators of Christ here on earth. May these next few weeks of Lent be an opportunity for us to grow in love and mercy, as we continue to journey with Christ on the road to Calvary.

## **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 29 at 7:30PM. It will also be livestreamed. 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.

## **First Friday Devotions**

This Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> is the first Friday of the month. First Friday devotions will take place at Our Lady of Victory Church following the 8:00AM Mass with Eucharistic Adoration, the recitation of the rosary for life and Benediction. There will also be a 12:00Noon Mass celebrated at St. Peter Claver Church.

## **Good Friday Seven Last Words**

As is the custom, we will pray the seven last words of Christ on Good Friday, April 15 at St. Peter Claver Church beginning at 10:00AM. Parishioners are invited to give a 5-to-7-minute reflection on one of our Lord's seven last words. If you would like to participate, please speak with Estella White McDuffy or Stanley Davis at St. Peter Claver Church, or you may call the rectory office.

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. 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver vigil Mass:**  
Elsie Poisson – birthday blessing

**Sunday: Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver**  
Joseph H. Allman & Joseph E. Allman – in memoriam  
*Req. by Doreen Allman*

**7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church**  
Felina Soudin – birthday blessing  
*Req. by Mary Carasco*

**10:15am- Our Lady of Victory Church**  
Theiiron Brown & Dana Salazar – birthday blessing  
*Req. by Marina Brown*

**10:15am- Our Lady of Victory Church**  
Rear Admiral Ebony Aneke- in memoriam  
*Req. by Aneke family*

**9:00am- Holy Rosary Church**  
Fr. James. E. Goode. O.F.M. Phd -in memoriam  
*Req. by members of the Joseph Bakhita Guild*

**Wed. Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>, 8am Our Lady of Victory**  
Patricia Rojas – birthday blessing  
*Req. by Rojas family*



## ALTAR BREAD:

All Priest and Deacons

## ALTAR WINE:

## ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

## ALTAR CANDLE:

Linley and Julienne Roberts - thanksgiving

## 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, 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, Veronica Quinn, 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](http://www.smdpp.org). The fee is \$55 per student. For more information, contact Ms. Michelle Joseph at [DRE101260@diobrook.org](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup>

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](http://www.sfabrooklyn.org) 400 Lincoln Rd, Brooklyn, NY 11225.



**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**



• **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.

• **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).

• **Reconciliation Monday on Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022,** (in *Our Lady of Victory* 7-8pm) will give parishioners an opportunity to receive God’s forgiveness by going to confession.



**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.



**Seven Parishioners are needed to participate in the Good Friday "Seven Last Words of Christ" service** on April 15, 2022. At 10am. A 6-minute to 8-minute reflection/talk is usually expected from each person. Please contact Stanley Davis 718-857-1442-or- Estella McDuffey 718-622-1222 for details.



**Rosary Altar Society Palm Sunday Food Sale**

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 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

*"Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him." — Pope Francis*

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**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

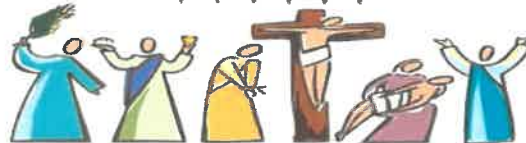


**\*COIN CARDS FOR ST. JUDE’S CHILDREN HOSPITAL\***

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



Easter is just a few weeks away, when we will be renewed in our Baptismal Life in Christ Jesus. Why not celebrate our renewed life with flowers! I am making an additional 1 appeal for help in purchasing Easter Flowers. The average Easter plant is \$20.00. May I ask you to **donate an Easter Flower on the Fifth Sunday of Lent (APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>)** during the second collection.



**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.** 1Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6.  
Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

**Mon.** Is 65:17-21 Ps. 30:2 &4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b  
Jn 4:43-54

**Tues.** Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps.46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

**Wed.** Is 49:8-15 Ps.145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn  
5:17-30

**Thurs.** Ex 32:7-14 Ps.106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-  
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**Fri** Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps.34:17-18, 19-20, 21& 23 Jn  
7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Sat.** Jer. 11:18-20 Ps.7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn  
7:40-53

**Relief for Ukrainian**

In an effort to give aid and support to our Ukrainian brothers and sisters in need, particularly the refugees, Bishop Brennan asked that every parish in the Diocese take up a voluntary second collection as soon as possible. Asking the Lord to extend His blessings upon our brothers and sisters in Ukraine during this most difficult time, and thanking the faithful of Brooklyn and Queens for their continued compassion of your choosing.

# Oberammergau Passion Play 2022

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 (\$4,679 per person) until Dec. 31st! Pilgrimage brochures are available in the Parish Office. Register at [www.pilgrimages.com/frmcmbrien](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frmcmbrien), or call 206 Tours at 1-800-206-8687 ext. 1229 for more details.



The **Women's Day Committee** wishes to thank our parish community and friends who purchased a raffle ticket. The winners are as follows: Vanessa Parkinson, Maria Hernandez & Lovette Aneke. Congratulations to all the winners.



**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





## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

<b>Vigil of Palm Sunday</b>	St. Peter Claver Church	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Our Lady of Victory Church	<b>7:30pm</b>
	Holy Rosary Church	<b>9:00am</b>
	Our Lady of Victory Church	<b>10:15am</b>
	St. Peter Claver Church	<b>11:30am</b>
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	Our Lady of Victory Church	<b>7:30pm</b>
	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
<b>Good Friday</b>	St. Peter Claver Church	<b>10:00am</b>
	Seven Last Words	
	Our Lady of Victory Church	<b>3:00pm</b>
	Liturgy of The Lord's Passion	
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	Station of the Cross	<b>6:00pm</b>
	Holy Rosary Church	
	Office of Tenebrae ( <i>Morning Prayer</i> )	<b>9:00am</b>
	Our Lady of Victory Church	
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	Solemn Easter Vigil	<b>8:00pm</b>
	Holy Rosary Church	
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Our Lady of Victory Church	<b>7:30am</b>
	Holy Rosary Church	<b>9:00am</b>
	Our Lady of Victory Church	<b>10:15am</b>
	St. Peter Claver Church	<b>11:30am</b>

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