



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH, 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,

On this first Sunday of Lent, we hear in our gospel passage for Mass the account of the temptation. Jesus is tempted by Satan on three different occasions. It is customary to hear the story of the temptation each first Sunday of Lent. It gives us an opportunity to reflect upon the times we are tempted to give in to Satan and his empty promises. Lent is an opportunity for us to grow in holiness and truth. Every time I reflect upon this gospel passage, I recall the image of the devil and an angel perched up on a person's shoulder. Who do we listen to in times of temptation, the angel or the devil? During this season of Lent, we are given an opportunity to listen attentively to Jesus and to journey with him in the desert. These weeks of Lent are meant to be moments of encounter, allowing Christ to lead us to the joys of the resurrection. All of us are poor sinners, trying our best each day to get to heaven. May this Lenten season be a time of transformation, as we follow Christ from the cross to the empty tomb.

What a beautiful celebration we had last week! I sincerely thank all of you who came to St. Peter Claver Church for the Mass closing the 100th anniversary. Bishop Brennan had a great time! He expressed his joy and gratitude to all of you. I thank each of you who made last week's celebration so beautiful and prayerful. We are truly producing good fruit here in Bedford Stuyvesant!

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 beginning this Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00PM. 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.

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. I pray every day that the Lord will continue to bless all of us in his love, mercy and goodness.

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

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

Sunday: Mar. 6th, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver Virginia Cox – grace and healing

7:30am-Our Lady of Victory Church
Rear Admiral Mr. Ebony E. Aneke – in memoriam
Req. by Aneke family

10:15am- Our Lady of Victory Church
Ramieen Brown & Kate Cochran –birthday blessings
Req. by Marina Brown & family

9:00am- Holy Rosary Church
Judy Thurston-McNeil – in memoriam
Req. by family

Monday: Mar. 7th, 8am Our Lady of Victory
Rudolph Harrison & Errol Blackman – in memoriam
Req. by Linley & Julienne Roberts

Tuesday: Mar. 8th, 8am Our Lady of Victory
Edward & Therese Taviere- in memoriam
Req. by Gabrielle, Edward & Francios Roberts

Friday: Mar. 11th, 8am Our Lady of Victory
Elvira Kennedy- in memoriam
Req. by Rojas family



ALTAR BREAD:

Linley & Julienne Roberts – in thanksgiving to God.

ALTAR WINE:

ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

ALTAR CANDLE:

Gabriëlle, Edward & Francios Roberts
Grace & Blessings
Req. by Linley & Julienne Roberts

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, 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

(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.



LENTEN DEVOTION



Vespers & Benediction: Tuesdays throughout Lent, preaching and prayer with Eucharist Adoration. The first Holy Hour will be celebrated on Tuesday March 8th, 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).



SAVE THE DATE

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

The Corporal Works of Mercy

Weekday Readings

Sun. Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15.
Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

Mon. Lv.19:1-2, 11-18 Ps19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

Tues. Is 55:10-11 Ps. 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15

Wed. Jon 3:1-10 Ps.51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

Thurs. Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps;138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

Fri. Ez 18:21-28 Ps; 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26

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



Second Collection

The **Black Indian Mission Collection** will be used to support the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. Please be generous.



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.

**Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens
Day of Creativity!**

Tuesday, March 15th, 10:30AM

Holy Rosary Church

Join us at our Sip and Paint

- * Relaxation and stress management tips
- * Resources and information on COVID-19
- * SNAP Benefits * Health Insurance
- * Giveaways, Raffles and much more!

SPACE IS LIMITED!

Registration is required.

A face mask is required.

Event is co-sponsored by

Catholic Charities Brooklyn & Queens Community Outreach Services and Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield.



The forty days of preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is a time for inner examination, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving - a time for growing through repentance and fellowship. It is not merely a time of "giving up," but also a time for "taking on." This is the season that each of us should take personal spiritual inventory in order to prepare ourselves to experience the mighty meaning of the Cross.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT**

Holy Rosary Church - 7:00PM

St. Peter Claver Church - 7:00PM

Our Lady of Victory Church - 7:00PM

FRIDAY - April 8th, at 7:00PM

Stations of the Cross will only be held at Our Lady of Victory Church

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



March 13th, 2022.



Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble.



Lent:

Getting ready for Jesus' death and resurrection

Lent is the special time when we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. We get our souls ready by doing prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Prayer is talking with God. We need to talk with God even more than we need to talk to our family and friends. Lent is a good time to get into a habit of talking with God every day.



Fasting is eating less than you normally would. It's a good idea to give up a little something you like for Lent. Giving things up helps us remember we need God, not just food.



Almsgiving means giving to those who are in need. It helps us to be generous like God. Maybe you have a bit of money you can give to the poor or to the Church.



Answers to True or False: 1. true. 2. false. 3. false. 4. true. 5. false. 6. true. 7. false.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent
March 6th, 2022



Luke 4:1-13

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert preparing for His work. During Lent we spend 40 days getting ready to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection.

Can you find your way into the desert to be with Jesus?



Annual Catholic Appeal 2022

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Each year St. Martin de Porres Parish 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 benefiting 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

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 Parish, 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 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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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 lifelong 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

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 Parish is \$63,586.00

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

Respond in Faith, Hope & Charity