



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY. AUG. 14th. 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

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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

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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 Parochial Vicar's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

It is good to be back! Permit me to use this platform to thank you immensely for your prayers during my long European tour, where I attended some conferences and met some friends around Europe. I had my first conference in Rome with an intense, nay scorching heatwave ravaging significant parts of Europe. Despite the fierce weather, I had the opportunity after the conference to visit some priest friends in the Netherlands and celebrated my 15th priestly anniversary in Germany with the unique set of priests ordained on 07/07/07. Speaking about heat waves, can you imagine a world without fire or light? That sounds like the original state of the cosmos before creation. According to the book of Genesis (1:1-2), "...the earth was a formless void, there was darkness over the deep, with a divine wind sweeping over the waters. Then God said, let there be light, and there was light." That light became the good that illumined the evil that was the darkness. Against this backdrop, the readings for this weekend draw attention to how we can become the light in this dark world. Can you imagine a world without good (wo)men with the fire of perfection and a sense of order? That will be cataclysmic, like the picture painted about the original State of Nature described by Thomas Hobbes in his Leviathan, "life would be solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short."

To guard against the tendency to degenerate to that level of a state of nature, we need good (wo)men like Jeremiah (Jer. 38:4-6,8-10), we need to resist sin to the point of shedding blood (Heb. 12:1-4), and we need to radiate like light/fire in telling the truth if we have the hopes of saving our society (Lk. 12:49-53). Long story short, we need to be prophets. At any rate, William Barclay describes a prophet as one who has "God's wisdom in his mind, God's courage in his heart, and God's truth on his lips."

Just so you know, I ended my European trip with a three-week program in Porto, culminating in the visit to the Pilgrimage Site of Fatima, where I had the opportunity to wrap things up by praying and lighting candles for all of you at the Sanctuary of our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima in Portugal. It was my first time in that beautiful pilgrimage site of our Blessed Mother's appearance in 1917. With that, I feel confident that God will continue to bless every one of you.

The Repose of the Soul of Susana Gyamfi Konadu

On a sad note, we regret to announce the sudden departure of Mrs. Susana Gyamfi Konadu, the mother of our beloved Fr. Bonsu, our summer priest. Mrs. Konadu died in Ghana this Monday. Please pray for her peaceful repose, for Fr. Bonsu, and the consolation of their family and friends.

Annual Catholic Appeal

Once again want to thank all of you who have made a pledge to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. As you know, monies that are raised through the appeal go to help support the work of the Diocese of Brooklyn, such as Catholic Charities, Catholic Migration Services and Vocations to the Priesthood. Each parish is assigned a goal to raise throughout the year. Our goal here at St. Martin de Porres is \$63,586. We have pledged to date \$35,252. The key to having a successful campaign is 100% participation. If every family in our parish made a pledge, we would definitely make our goal and even go over it. Any monies that are received over the goal comes directly back to the parish. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so. Thank you all for your generosity.

Have a joyful and peaceful week,
Fr. Franklin Ezeorah

Mass intentions for the week

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

For the people of the Parish

Sunday: Aug. 14th, 11:30am -St. Peter Claver
For the repose of the soul of Susana Gyamfi Konadu

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

10:15am- Our Lady of Victory Church
Hayden & Ariel Dufont – birthday blessing
Req. by Angela Dufont

Linley Roberts – birthday blessing
Req. by Julienne Roberts & kids

9:00am- Holy Rosary Church
TobeChuKwu Offiah - continued blessings

Fri. Aug. 19th 8am Our lady of Victory
Bernice Brown – birthday blessings
Req. by Ms. Channell

***Assumption of the Blessed Mother Monday, August
15th. Is the Feast Day on which we celebrate the
Assumption of our Blessed Mother into heaven
body and soul***



ALTAR BREAD:

ALTAR WINE:

ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard
Quinn

SANTUARY CANDLE:

Grace and blessing Linley, Julienne
Roberts & Kids

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Pray for the Sick

Marie Alfred, Dorothy Bailey, Meltona
Barber, Burtel Batson, Zena Benoit, Patricia
Browne, Felicia Casimiro, Eugene Charles,
Joyce Cochran, Angelina Cooper, Donald
Correa, Virginia Cox, Cecilia Dear, Olive
DeRoach-Carter, James Faison, Khalil
Fletcher, Helen Frazier, Patrick Gilbert,
Veronica Gersi, Antonio Goodsell,
Christabel Gomes, Gleno Holder, Denise
Hughes, Judy Joseph-Jenkins, Ian Kellman,
Gwendolyn Knight, Paul Martin, Carol
Murray, Ida Lashley, Adolph Lauriano,
Jacques Maurice, Leslie McFarlane, Edward
Newsum, Iretha Phillips, Veronica Quinn,
Noreen Simonette, Marilyn Sylvester,
Patricia Sylvester, Beverley Thompson, Vera
Walker, Rosemarie Wilkie, Marie Williams.



Holy Father's Prayer Intention (August 2022)

For small businesses

We pray for small and medium sized
businesses; in the midst of economic
and social crisis, may they find ways to
continue operating, and serving their
communities.



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.



Faith Formation

New registration and re-registration Faith Formation forms for the year 2022-2023 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 2023 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.



Lord, come to my aid!

Save
the
date

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF THE
NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**

Saturday, October 22, 2022

St. Martin de Porres Parish will travel with the diocese on all-day pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. This pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine offers worshipers from our Diocese a wonderful opportunity to gather in shared worship, reconciliation and companionship with Bishop Brennan and parishioners from across the Diocese within a day's journey from our homes. We will leave Brooklyn, that day, at 6 AM and arrive at the National Shrine at 11 AM. **The cost per person is \$75.** For all those interested in attending, please call the parish office 718-574-5772 or e-mail Dcn. Leroy Branch, lbranch@smdpp.org.

Save
the Date

St Peter Claver Feast Day.



The Feast of St. Peter Claver will be celebrated on Sunday, September 11th at St. Peter Claver Church. Members of **Our Lady of Victory and Holy Rosary Churches** are invited.

More information will follow.

Memoriam



It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Susana Gyamfi Konadu, the mother of Father Bonsu. Mrs. Konadu died on Monday, August 8, 2022 in Ghana. Let

us pray for the repose of her soul and the consolation of her family and friends.



SMDPP ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE throughout the summer we have collected donations of school supplies (e.g., notebooks, memo pads, binders, pencils and pens, crayons and markers, school bags, etc.) to help needy boys and girls begin the new school year well-equipped. Today is the last Sunday for donations. **Supplies will be distributed next Sunday, August 21st**, at all church sites. We thank you for your generosity.



If you have not pledged, please consider making your contribution to the **ACA**. There will be a renewed drive in the coming months to get more of our parishioners to pledge to the appeal. Your financial contribution will help us meet our goal to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal. Pledge forms are available in the church.

**SPC Credit Union bus trip
to Sight & Sound**

Brooklyn Federal Credit Union Bus Trip to Sight and Sound, to see **DAVID** on **Friday, November 11th, 2022**. Tickets are \$200.00 for adults. Bus leaves from St. Peter Claver Church at 8am, lunch at 12pm and show time 3pm. For more info. Please contact Jennifer Parkinson-Gilbert 917-957-8648, Millicent Field-Mitchell 917-821-3220 and Patricia Tecla 347-564-7505.



The 1st Friday Midday Mass at **St. Peter Claver Church** and 11:00am Tuesday Mass at **Holy Rosary Church** will be suspended during July and August. Schedule will resume in September 6th. The Rectory office **FRIDAY** hours will be from 8:30am to 12:00noon.

Lord, come to my aid!

SMDPP Youth Group Meetings

The Mustard Seed Youth Group will resume meetings on Friday September 10th, 2022 at 7pm in McGuinness Hall at Our Lady of Victory Church. At the first meeting each youth and parent who attend will receive a calendar of events as well as dates when Youth Group will and will not meet. This year we will be rotating our meetings, those dates will be said at the first meeting. If you have any questions please ask Ms. Tamika Daniel at tdaniel@smdpp.org.

Weekday Readings

Sun. Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53

Mon. RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB PS 45:10, 11, 12, 16 1 COR 15:20-27 LK 1:39-56

Tues. EZ 28:1-10 **DET 32:26-27AB, 27CD-28, 30, 35CD-36ab MT 19:23-30**

Wed. EZ 34:1-11 PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 MT 20:1-16

Thurs. EZ 36:23-28 PS 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 MT 22:1-14

Fri EZ 37:1-14 PS 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 MT 22:34-40

Sat. EZ 43:1-7AB PS 85:9AB AND 10, 11-12, 13-14 MT 23:1-12



Our Parish is blessed and enriched by the presence of all new parishioners. Our prayer is that they will find in this place, a home where they can bring their sorrows and joys, their pain and triumphs.



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2022**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Annual Appeal Goal for 2022: \$63,586

Amount Pledged: \$35,252.19 (as of 8/8/22)

AMOUNT Received: \$23,173

Imagine, if every family gave something!

Remember no gift is too small or too large! Once we exceed our goal, we will receive 100% of all funds raised for the general use at the parish.

For questions regarding the Appeal please call the Parish Office at **718-574-5772. or email us at info@smdpp.org**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUOPPRT!



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2. Text "SUNDAY" to (718) 550-5830

3. Mail your envelopes to the Parish Office at 583 Throop Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. 11216

4. Bring contribution to Mass to be deposited into the collection baskets during the Offertory

Fire in Our Hearts



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that He has come to set the earth on fire. Of course He didn't mean that He wanted everything to burn up. He meant that He wanted the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn in the hearts of people all over the world.

What do you think happens when the Holy Spirit is in someone's soul? The Holy Spirit pulls us closer to Himself and God the Father and Jesus. When we are closer to God that means we love Him more, and the more we love God the more we will love other people too. We were made to love God and be happy with Him, so we want the Holy Spirit to live in us and bring us close to Him!



How does the Holy Spirit come into our souls? When we are baptized the Holy Spirit comes into us for the first time. He will stay with us unless we sin and close our hearts to Him. But when we go to Confession He comes back, and in Holy Communion and the other Sacraments



He becomes even stronger in us. He comes in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation, when He gives us grace and strength to live as grown-up Christians and soldiers for God. Pray to the Holy Spirit to live in your heart and make you love God more every day!

Answers to Assumption Cross-Word: Across: 4. be 5. He 6. Mary 7. sing 9. Assumption 13. out 15. raise 17. love 19. womb 20. total 21. go Down: 1. Jesus 2. sin 3. saint 4. by 8. Son 10. soul 11. pure 12. imitate 14. tomb 16. evil 18. now 20. to

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 14th, 2022

Luke 12:49-53

"I have come to set the earth on fire,"

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,

and a son against his father;

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?

and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!

From now on a household of five will be divided,

No, I tell you, but rather division.

a father will be divided against his son

and a daughter against her mother.

a mother against her daughter

and how I wish it were already blazing!

a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

three against two and two against three;

What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading?
Match the parts to find out!

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 You may also visit us at givecentral.org/smdpp

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Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall



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