



# Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY DEC 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

**Rev. Alonzo Q. Cox, Pastor**  
**Rev. Franklin Ezeorah, Parochial Vicar**

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## 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.

## Parish Staff

Rev. Mr. Rachid Murad, Permanent Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Leroy Branch, Permanent Deacon  
Ms. Paulitiana St. Hilaire, Secretary  
Mrs. Maria Matos, Bookkeeper  
Ms. Michelle Joseph, Dir. of Religious Edu.  
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,

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. It is traditionally known as "Gaudete" Sunday. The word Gaudete is Latin, which means rejoice! We rejoice that the Lord is coming soon. We rejoice that the light of the world, Jesus will come to dispel the darkness. On this third Sunday of Advent, we light the rose-colored candle on our Advent wreath. You will also notice the priests and deacons wearing rose colored vestments. The rose color is a mixture of the Advent purple and the Christmas white, symbolizing that we are soon approaching the celebration of the Nativity. Today's second reading from the letter of St. James speaks to us about patience. As we approach the hustle and bustle of Christmas, we need to pray for patience now more than ever! We must be patient with one another, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide our words and actions. The letter goes on to say that we must not complain either! It is human nature to call out or complain about someone or something that did not line up with what we wanted or envisioned. During this Advent season, we are asked to look at the human traits that hinder us from truly embracing one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. May these last few weeks of Advent prepare our minds, hearts and souls to welcome baby Jesus this Christmas.

## **Reconciliation Monday**

Next Monday, December 19 is Reconciliation Monday. One of the beautiful ways to prepare for Christmas is to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Here at St. Martin de Porres, both Father Franklin and I will be available for confessions next Monday from 3:00PM to 6:00PM at the parish office. We will also be available at 7:00PM for Confessions at Our Lady of Victory Church.

## **Service of Lessons and Carols**

We will have our parish service of lessons and carols next Friday, December 16 at Holy Rosary Church beginning at 7:30PM. Before the service, our parish Music Ministry would like to invite everyone to a pizza party that will take place at 6:30PM in the lower hall of Holy Rosary Church that Friday evening. All are invited to come early for a slice of pizza, some garlic knots and a beverage before lessons and carols. Please be sure to join us and invite someone with you.

## **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule**

You will notice the banners located outside each of our three churches highlighting the schedule of Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. On Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a 5:00PM Vigil Mass for Christmas at St. Peter Claver Church. Midnight Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Victory beginning at 11:15PM with Carol Sing. On Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>, we will have a regular Sunday Mass schedule.

## **Christmas Flower Donation**

To help offset the cost of Christmas flowers, you are invited to have a poinsettia plant donated in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please use the Christmas plant envelopes located at the doors of each of the three churches.

Wishing you a blessed and joyful week,  
Father Alonzo Q. Cox

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday: Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver Vigil Mass:**  
Nasir Simpson –God’s grace and mercy

**Sunday: Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am - St. Peter Claver 11:30am – St. Peter Claver Church**  
Estelle & Lillian James – in memoriam  
*req. by Catherine Joseph*

**7:30am – Our Lady of Victory Church**  
Kristina, Shertey & Tristan Salomon & Parker Gray  
Grace and blessing

**10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church**  
Kwesi Aaron -birthday blessing  
*req. by Georgiana Brown & family*

**10:15am: Tempie Jean-Bullock – in memoriam**  
*req. by Valarie Joyner-Emanuel*

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church**  
Rodney Pion – in memoriam  
*req. by Pino family*

**Mon. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 12noon St. Peter Claver**  
Sarah Keys-Evans – grace and healing  
*req. by Joan Dudley*

**Wed. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. 8am Our Lady of Victory**  
Monica Sasis – grace & healing  
*req. by Garbanzos family*

*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.*

**ALTAR BREAD:**

**ALTAR WINE:**

**ALTAR CANDLES:**

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

**SANTUARY CANDLE:**

*Pray for the Sick*

Marie Alfred, Ricardo Agcauli Dorothy Bailey, Melona Barber, Burtel Batson, Zena Benoit, Patricia Browne, Felicia Casimiro, Eugene Charles, Joyce Cochran, Angelina Cooper, 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, Ian Kellman, Gwendolyn Knight, Henry Latham, Paul Martin, Carol Murray, Ida Lashley, Jacques Maurice, Leslie McFarlane, Edward Newsum, Iretha Phillips, Noreen Simonette, Marilyn Sylvester, Patricia Sylvester, Beverley Thompson, Vera Walker, Rosemarie Wilkie, Marie Williams.



**Holy Father's Prayer Intention (Dec. 2022)**

**For volunteer not-for-profit organizations**

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



*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 Dcn. Rachid Murad at [rmurad@smdpp.org](mailto:rmurad@smdpp.org) 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 2023 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](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 2023 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.



**Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.**

**Advent Vespers**

Our custom of Advent vespers will continue this year. All are invited to pray vespers with the community on the Tuesdays of Advent. Vespers will take place **Tuesday Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. It will also be **livestreamed**.

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION**



Do you know a family member or friend who is interested in becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of **Adults** (RCIA) is a wonderful process in our parish available to those who feel called to the Catholic Faith. The RCIA is also available for those Catholics who have not yet received First Communion or Confirmation. For more information, please call the Parish Office (718-574-5772).

**The League of the Sacred Heart Raffle**

The League of the Sacred Heart of Jesus from St Peter Claver Church is holding a Holiday Fundraiser Raffle. Tickets are available for purchase at **\$5 per ticket**. Prizes are, **1<sup>st</sup> prize \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$75 Gift Card, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize a Basket of Cheers**. Drawing will take place on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 2022. To purchase tickets, please see members of the League of the Sacred Heart. Please support this fundraiser.

**Children Christmas Party**



SMDPP Faith Formation Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm-3pm. at Our Lady of Victory Church Mc Guinness Hall.

**Advent Lessons and Carols.**

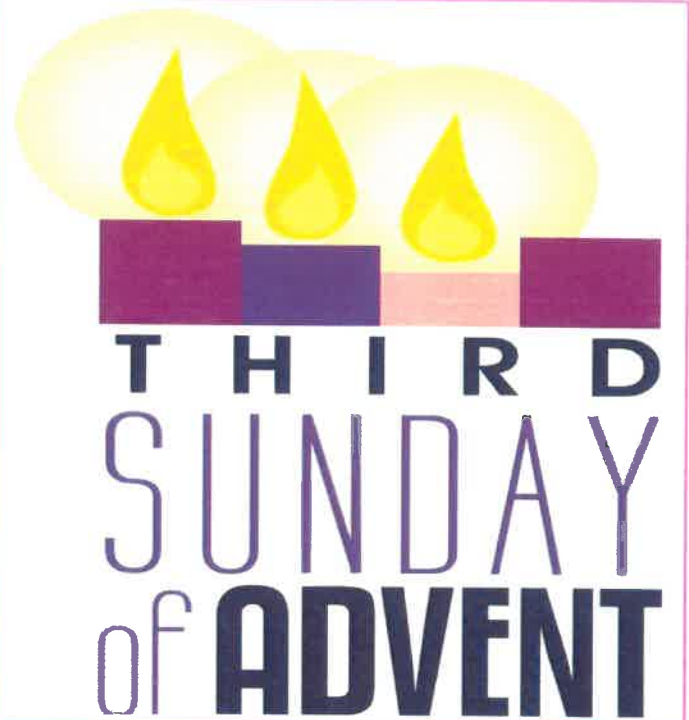


St. Martin de Porres Parish **Annual Service of Lessons and Carols** on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm, at Holy Rosary Church. The Parish choir, under the direction of Mr. Joseph Murray and Ms. Joan Delahunt, will lead us in the time-honored hymnody of Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS PLANTS**



Christmas Plants that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas Season may be donated. You may wish to **donate IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF** a loved one. Christmas plant donation Envelopes are in the mailing of church envelopes boxset and extra envelopes at the entrance of the church. Please return your offering in the collection or to the Parish Office.



**Weekday Readings**

**Sun.** Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10. Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

**Mon.** ZEC 2:14-17 Ps. JUD, 13:18BCDE, 19 LK 1:26-38

**Tue.** ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13 PS 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 & 23 MT 21:28-32

**Wed.** IS 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25 PS 85:9AB & 10, 11-12, 13-14 LK 7:18B-23

**Thurs.** IS 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25 PS 85:9AB & 10, 11-12, 13-14 LK 7:18B-23

**Fri.** Is 56:1-3a, 6-8 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Jn 5:33-36

**Sat.** Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps, 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17Mt 1:1-17

**SUPPORT OUR PARISH  
AT OUR CHRISTMAS SALE**



**Winter Charity Drive for Men's Shelter**

The Columbiettes of St. Columba Council #1119 is sponsoring a **Winter Gear Charity Drive on December 18, 2022** at Our Lady of Victory Parish, 583 Throop Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. We are asking for donations of new, warm articles of clothing such as: coats, sweat shirts, sweaters, insulated vests, Long Johns, hats, scarves, gloves, warm socks. Please find it in your hearts to help clothe the homeless men in our community during this winter and holiday season. You may drop off your donations in a bin at the back of the church. God bless you.



On Monday, December 19, there will be reconciliation for parishes in the New York Area. Here in St. Martin de Porres, we will have confessions from 6-9pm. It's a great way to prepare spiritually for Christmas.



**Annual Appeal Goal: \$63,586**  
**Amount Pledged: \$48,289**  
**Amount Received: \$39,557**



**To donate online, scan the QR code  
THANK YOU!**

*Welcome to our Church*

Are you new to the neighborhood? Have you been away from the church for a long time? Come in and join us. **EVERYONE** is welcome, loved and included and we mean **EVERYONE!**

**Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.**



**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Saturday- December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**  
 6:30PM -Family Mass~ St Peter Claver Church

11:00PM - Caroling,  
 Our Lady of Victory Church

12:00AM Midnight Mass  
 Our Lady of Victory Church

**Sunday- December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day**

7:30AM -Our Lady of Victory Church

9:00AM -Holy Rosary Church

10:15AM - Our Lady of Victory Church

11:30AM – St. Peter Claver Church

**Saturday - December 31<sup>st</sup> New Year’s Eve**

**10:00PM** -Confession~ Our Lady of Victory Church

**11:00PM**- Service of Compline & Benediction

**12:00AM**-Midnight Mass~ Our Lady of Victory Church

**Sunday- January 1<sup>st</sup> New Year’s Day**

7:30AM -Our Lady of Victory Church

9:00AM -Holy Rosary Church

10:15AM - Our Lady of Victory Church

11:30AM – St. Peter Claver Church

**ADVENT WREATH:**



Rejoice Sunday

**GAUDET SUNDAY**

The word “**Gaude**” is Latin for “**Rejoice.**” In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not in fear, but with tremendous joy.

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The Saint Martin de Porres  
Office of Sacred Music Ministry  
cordially invites you to

# ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS



*AN EVENING OF HYMNS, SONGS, AND SCRIPTURE,  
AS WE PREPARE TO WELCOME THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR!*

**DECEMBER 16, 2022 | 7:30PM**  
**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH**  
**139 CHAUNCEY ST., BROOKLYN, NY**

**JOIN US AT 6:30PM FOR**  
**A PRE-SERVICE HOLIDAY PIZZA PARTY!**  
**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTERWARDS**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION: (718) 574-5772 | [smdpp.org](http://smdpp.org)**

