



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY DEC 18TH, 2022

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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

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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,

We have come to the 4th and final Sunday of Advent. What a blessing to have 4 full weeks of Advent this year. Over these last few weeks we have been spiritually preparing for the coming of the Lord this Christmas season. We have been hearing from the prophet Isaiah to prepare the way of the Lord. Now in just a few short days, we will celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our gospel passage for Mass today gives us Joseph's dream. The angel appears to Joseph and tells him not to divorce Mary, but that she would be the mother of the Savior. They will name him Emmanuel, which means, God is with us. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, we pray that our hearts will be filled with gratitude and thanksgiving. I know that this is the season to give gifts to others, but ultimately, the only gift Jesus wants is our complete selves. May Christ continue to radiate his light through us to others.

Reconciliation Monday

Tomorrow, 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.

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 24th 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 25th, 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. 17th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver Vigil Mass:

Mary Elizabeth Williams Hinds -Golden Jubilee
req. by Marie Iumeh

Sunday: Dec. 18th, 11:30am - St. Peter Claver Lewis Charles - in memoriam

req. by Catherine Joseph

Erika & Chris Coto in memoriam

req. by Donovan Simonitte

7:30am – Our Lady of Victory Church

John and Mary Carasco – Wedding Anniversary.

req. by Mary Carasco

10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church

Rev. Martin Carter – 1st. year memoriam

req. by Laviscount family

10:15am Sally-Ann Bathelemy -birthday blessings

req. by Angela Dufont

9:00am – Holy Rosary Church

Rodney Pino – in memoriam

req. by Pino family

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,



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 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. 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.



CHRISTIAN INITIATION



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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).

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 20th**, at 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. It will also be **livestreamed**.

Children Christmas Party



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



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.

*Light a candle Jesus
is coming*



CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY CHURCH.

A special Christmas collection for the parish is being taken up before Christmas Day. You can use the **Christmas Gift To My Church** envelope in the recent mailing of church envelopes to make your contribution. For those who are not receiving envelopes, there are extra collection envelopes in the Church. If you are contributing via Gift Central, under my profile click on Parish Collection then and My Christmas Gift To My Church to make your contribution. The entire Pastoral staff thank you for your contribution.

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.

Please Scan to support our Parish



Thank you for your continued generous support of our parish. Your gift, no matter how small keeps our parish running. Your gift is a sign of sharing God's blessing.

Weekday Readings

Sun. Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6. Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

Mon. JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17

Tue. Is 7:10-14 Ps. 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

Wed. SG 2:8-14 PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 LK 1:39-45

Thurs. 1 Sm 1:24-28 Ps.1Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcdLk 1:46-56

Fri. Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps. 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14Lk 1:57-66

Sat. 2Sm7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps.89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29 Lk 1:67-79



Thank You

Th all who contributed either by purchasing a raffle ticket, Poinsettia plant, cake, or making a donation towards the Parish holiday sale. A special thanks to Ms. Georgiana Brown for donating the black cakes. **Congratulations** to the winners, Ms. BeBe Lewis, SPC. Crystal Venable OLV, & Wilhelmina Whyte-Randall from HRC. Total revenue from all sales **\$2,583.**



Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday- December 24th Christmas Eve
6:30PM -Family Mass~ St Peter Claver Church

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

12:00AM Midnight Mass
Our Lady of Victory Church

Sunday- December 25th - 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 31st 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 1st 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



The Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns
Prayer Service celebration. Commemorating the
Birthday of

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.™

Monday, January 16th, 2023, 12noon.

St. Kevin's RC Church, Flushing Queens.

More information will follow.





Lord, thank You for loving us so much that You gave Your Son for us, even before we loved You. Thank You for inviting us into Your family. For all of us who are brothers and sisters in faith, please help us to love one another in perfect harmony.

Father, please help us to see every person the same way that You see them.

Help us to love them the way that you love them even when they don't love us back.

Please show us how to walk continually in Your love, that perfect love which casts out fear. We love you, Lord. Amen.



2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

Annual Appeal Goal: \$63,586 - Amount Pledged: \$48,289

Amount Received: \$39,557



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The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office;

Catholic Migration Services; Parish Assistance Program;

Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy;

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Let the Lord enter, he is the King of glory

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