



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY DEC 4TH, 2022

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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

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 10:00am. - 5:00pm.
Tuesday to Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Evenings & Weekends: By appointment.

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.

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,

Our Advent journey continues today as we see the lighting of the second candle of our Advent wreath. As I mentioned in my homily last week at Mass, these days of Advent are important in order to celebrate with great joy the birth of Christ our Savior. Our gospel passage for Mass today introduces us to John the Baptist. John the Baptist tells us that the Messiah is coming and that we must be ready to welcome him. John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah, "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight a highway for our God". He is a clear reminder that all of us must be heralds of the good news of Jesus. We must have the courage and the strength to go out and tell the world about Jesus. As we continue our Advent journey, let us pray that through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, we will proclaim to the world, prepare the way, Jesus is coming!

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This Thursday, December 8, is the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at each of our three churches: 9:00AM at Holy Rosary Church, 12:00Noon at St. Peter Claver Church and 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. Please note that there will not be an 8:00AM Mass at Our Lady of Victory on Thursday morning.

Christmas Poinsettia Sale

Next Sunday, December 11, we will be selling Christmas poinsettia plants as a parish fundraiser. There will be a representative at each of the three churches to sell poinsettia plants. All proceeds will help support parish ministries. Thank you for your support.

Advent Vespers and Eucharistic Adoration

As is the custom here at St. Martin de Porres, we will have Eucharistic Adoration with Vespers each Tuesday during Advent continuing this Tuesday, December 6th. Vespers will take place at Our Lady of Victory Church starting at 7:30PM. The service will be livestreamed, but all are welcomed to join us for prayer. This Tuesday we will welcome Deacon Thomas Murphy from Blessed Trinity Parish in Breezy Point as the homilist.

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

We'd love to stay connected through our prayers!

[Prayer Form](#)

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday: Dec. 3rd, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver Vigil Mass:
for the people of the parish

Sunday: Dec. 4th, 11:30am - St. Peter Claver 11:30am – St. Peter Claver Church
Larissa & Stella Assogba – grace & blessing
Gisele Sedjro

7:30am – Our Lady of Victory Church
Virginia Cox- grace and healing

10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church
Archie Brown & Charles Shaw – in memoriam
req. by Dr. Marina Brown

10:15am Millicent Fields-Mitchell – birthday blessing
req. by Glenn Mitchell

9:00am – Holy Rosary Church
Dulcie Merrifield – birthday remembrance

Tue. Dec. 5th. 8am Our Lady of Victory
Delores Dabe – in memoriam
req. by Garbanzos family

Wed. Dec. 7th. 8am Our Lady of Victory
Florestine Henderson – birthday remembrance

Thurs. Dec. 8th. 8am Our Lady of Victory
Alice Rosette & Elaine Go-Oye – in memoriam
req. by Garbanzos family

Fri. Dec. 9th. 8am Our Lady of Victory
Leone Henderson – in memoriam



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

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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.

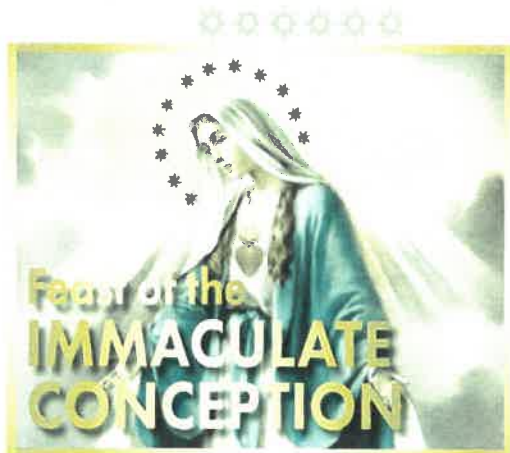


St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy. Registration is now open for the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy 2023 Academic Year. In addition to students from Pre-K to 8th Grade, the Academy is also offering a 3-K program for children turning three this year. For more information, please contact the main office, (718) 778-3700 or visit us www.sfabrooklyn.org 400 Lincoln Rd, Brooklyn, NY 11225.



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. The presider at this Vespers will be our very own Rev. Alonzo Cox. The first Tuesday vespers will take place on **November 29th** at 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. It will also be **livestreamed**.



Thursday, December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be celebrated at all three Churches. **Holy Rosary Church -9:00am, St. Peter Claver Church - 12:00Noon and Our Lady of Victory Church 7:30pm.**

A SERVICE OF
**LESSONS
CAROLS**

St. Martin de Porres Parish **Annual Service of Lessons and Carols** on Friday, December 16th, 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.

*Light a candle Jesus
is coming*



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).



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.



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.

Weekday Readings

Sun. Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

Mon Is 35:1-10 Ps.85:9ab &10, 11-12, 13-14
Lk 5:17-26

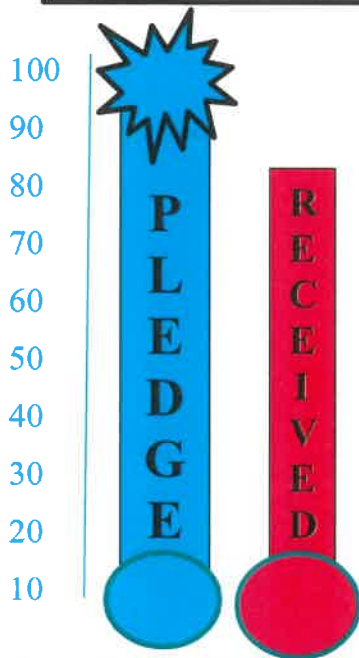
Tue. Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-2, 3&10ac, 11-12, 13
Mt 18:12-14

Wed. Is 40:25-31 Ps.103:1-2, 3-4, 8 &10 Mt 11:28-30

Thurs. Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps.98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Fri. IS 48:17-19 PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 MT 11:16-19

Sat. Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps. 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13



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, **1st prize \$100, 2nd prize \$75 Gift Card, 3rd prize a Basket of Cheers**. Drawing will take place on Sunday, December 18th 2022. To purchase tickets, please see members of the League of the Sacred Heart. Please support this fundraiser.

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.

St. Martin de Porres Parish Black Cake Raffle & Poinsettia Sale.



Our annual Christmas Black Cake raffle and Poinsettia plant sale will take place on Sunday December 11th, immediately after the 10:15am Mass at OLV Church. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or call the rectory office at 718-574-5772.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

AT OUR CHRISTMAS SALE



Annual Appeal Goal: \$63,586

Amount Pledged: \$48,289

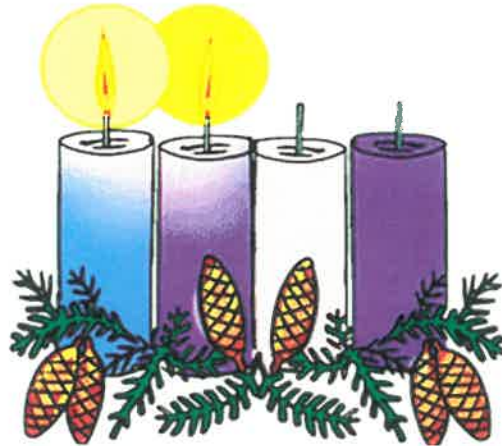
Amount Received: \$39,557



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

ADVENT WREATH:*Second Sunday of Advent*

We light the second candle Of the Advent wreath today.
We pray for the grace to stay close to God as we
Prepare for Christmas and the start of a New Year.



The **second candle** represents **faith** and is called “Bethlehem’s Candle.” Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David.

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his
paths.*

*Every valley shall be filled and
Every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
And the rough ways made smooth,
And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

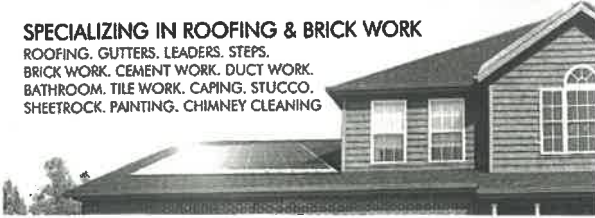
The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

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Holy Rosary Lower Church Hall



Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall



St. Peter Claver Lower Church Hall