



# Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

**SUNDAY Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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

583 Throop Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11216  
Tele: (718-574-5772) Fax: (718)-919-2265  
Website: [www.stmartindepordesparish.org](http://www.stmartindepordesparish.org)  
Email: [info@smdpp.org](mailto:info@smdpp.org)

## 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 Ezeroah 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,

We have now entered the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year. All the Christmas poinsettia plants, trees and wreaths have been taken down. Even though we are no longer singing Christmas carols, we continue to sing God's glory here at St. Martin de Porres. How blessed we are to gather as a community to thank the Lord for all the many graces he has bestowed upon us and that he will bestow upon us in the future. In my homily last week, I made reference to the fact that Jesus is a gift that is meant to be cherished and shared with one another. Jesus is truly the center of our joy. Our gospel today shows John the Baptist having yet another encounter with the Lord. Upon seeing Jesus walk towards him, John proclaims a beautiful acclamation of faith, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." We hear those words every Sunday at Mass proclaimed by the priest before we receive the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus is the lamb who takes away all sins. He is the lamb who was sacrificed, the lamb who was slain for our salvation. In just a few weeks, we will begin the season of Lent. We pray that as we prepare to enter these most solemn of days that the presence of Christ will continue to radiate through us to others.

### **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Service**

Our annual Diocesan prayer service commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will take place tomorrow, Monday January 16 at St. Kevin Parish in Flushing, Queens. We will begin with a continental breakfast followed by a panel presentation and dialogue discussing the reality of racism in the Catholic Church and keeping the spirit of Dr. King alive. The day will begin at 10:00AM and conclude with Midday Prayer led by Bishop Brennan. The guest homilist will be Father Ajani Gibson, a priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. There will be a bus leaving from St. Matthew parish at 9:00AM for those who would need transportation. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information, please call the Vicariate for Black Catholic Concerns Office at 718-924-2549.

### **RCIA Classes and Bible Study**

Those adults who need to receive the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, classes will continue this Tuesday evening at Our Lady of Victory. Following RCIA, parish Bible study classes will follow. For more information about RCIA and Bible study, please call the parish office.

### **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**

Tomorrow, January 16, we as a nation will commemorate the birthday of slain civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It is a national holiday; the parish office will be closed. Only one Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory Church. There will not be a 12:00Noon Mass at St. Peter Claver Church.

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

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday: Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver Vigil Mass:**  
Nadyne Gerard – in thanksgiving

**Sun: Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am-St. Peter Claver Vere Richard Graham -in memoriam**  
*req. Jean Redmon*

**7:30am – Our Lady of Victory Church**  
The people of the Parish

**10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church**  
Marlene Romero -in memoriam  
*req. by Jeff Goett*

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church**  
Conception Garbanzos -birthday remembrance  
*req. by Garbanzos family*

**Wed. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 12noon St. Peter Claver Church**  
Rita Ashby – in memoriam  
*req. by Pamela Ashby*

**2ND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
RESOURCES FOR YEAR A  
BEHOLD**



## ALTAR BREAD:

Ricardo Agcauli – healing & fiances

## 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, Rebecca Keng-Abam, Gwendolyn Knight, Henry Latham, Paul Martin, Carol Murray, Ida Lashley, Jacques Maurice, Leslie McFarlane, Iretha Phillips, Noreen Simonette, Marilyn Sylvester, Patricia Sylvester, Beverley Thompson, Vera Walker, Rosemarie Wilkie, Marie Williams.



### **Holy Father's Prayer Intention Jan. 2023) For educators**

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



*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 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.



**Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

**CHURCH ENVELOPES**

Church envelopes are **mailed quarterly** to all registered parishioners who use the weekly envelopes. If you are not receive your mailing please contact the Parish Office. **If you are NOT receiving envelopes**, we encourage you to formally register in the parish as active parishioners and help support the parish throughout the year. Lastly, we kindly ask you to mark your offering amount on the front of the envelope each week. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity to St. Martin de Porres Parish.

**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., please call the Parish Office (718-574-5772).

**Second Collection - Church in Need**

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>** second collection for the Church in Need in support of pastoral programs for the Churches in Latin America and the Caribbean, Central & Eastern Europe, and Africa. Projects in Latin America and the Caribbean include the work of evangelization, formation of Laity, religious and seminarians as well as youth ministry and catechesis

**AUTO DONATION.**

**Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn** Vehicle Donation Program Vincentian Charities will accept donations of used vehicles in any condition. They will tow the vehicle away. You will get a tax receipt and the parish will get a donation from Vincentian Charities. To donate, call Vincentian Charities at 718-491-2525 or [avcb@gmail.com](mailto:avcb@gmail.com)

**SMDPP**

**Faith Formation Registration**

St. Martin de Porres School of Faith Formation catechesis classes resumes on Saturday, January 7th, at 9:30am. Classes will be held every Saturday at Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall. For more information on preparation for **First Communion, Continued formation and Confirmation.** Contact Ms. Michelle Joseph at [DRE101260@diobrook.org](mailto:DRE101260@diobrook.org)



**St. Martin de Porres Parish  
Black History Month Celebration**

Holy Rosary Church will host the Parish Black History Month Mass/Celebration on Sunday **February 5<sup>th</sup>**, in Our Lady of Victory Church. More information will follow.



The 2023 Mass Book is open. You may choose to honor a death anniversary, wedding anniversary, birthday celebration, bread & wine, sanctuary candles & altar flowers. There is only one intention per Mass, except at the 10:15AM Mass on Sundays where multiple intentions can be offered. **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

**Weekday Readings**

**Sun. Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 101 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34**

**Mon. Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mk 2:18-22 Mk 2:18-22**

**Tue. Heb 6:10-20 Ps111:1-2, 4-5, 9& 10c Mk 2:23-28**

**Wed. Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mk 3:1-6**

**Thurs. Heb 7:25—8:6 Ps.40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Mk 3:7-12**

**Fri. Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8 & 10, 11-12, 13-14 Mk 3:13-19**

**Sat. Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9. Mk 3:20-21**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

“On Monday January 16<sup>th</sup>, there will **not** be a 12Noon Mass at St. Peter Claver Church. There will be one Mass celebrated at 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory Church. **The Rectory office will be closed on Monday in observance of his birthday.**



**Annual Appeal Goal: \$63,586**

We thank you for your continued support and participation in the Diocese of Brooklyn 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal.

No pledge is too small.

**Donors: 146**

**Amount Pledged: \$52,542**

**Amount Received: \$45,298**

*The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**The Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns**

Prayer Service in honor of the Birthday of: **“Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.”**

Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 12noon.

**St. Kevin Parish, 14-21 194 St, Queens NY.**

Homilist will be **Fr. Ajani Gibson**

A priest from the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Celebrant: **The Most Reverend**

**Bishop Robert Brennan.**

Bishop of Brooklyn.

**Transportation to MLK Prayer Service**

For those who are interested in attending the 2023 Diocesan MLK Day Prayer Service in St. Kevin Parish Queens, NY, bus transportation will be available for \$10. The bus will leave **St. Matthews Church in Crown Heights at 9am.** To reserve a seat call 718-924-2549.

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.



**Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

# John the Baptist: Was He the Messiah?



Everybody thought that John the Baptist was a great preacher and prophet. Some people thought that he might even be the Messiah who would save their people. But John knew that was not his job. When Jesus came to him at the river to be baptized, John pointed at Him and told the people, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" He told the people that he was not the great one; Jesus was.

Saint John the Baptist is an example to all of us. If we are really good then our lives will show other people the way to Jesus.



John the Baptist taught the people by telling them to repent of their sins and be baptized. God wants some people to teach about Him by teaching and preaching to the people. But for most of us, the best way to teach others about God is by living a good life and loving God. If you really do your best to love God then your life will be like St. John the Baptist's and point the way to Jesus.



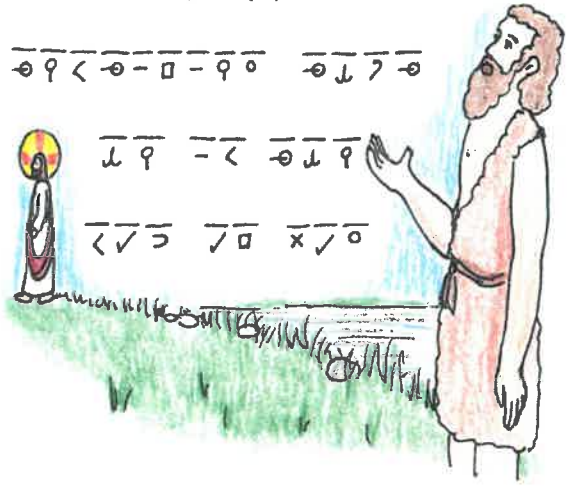
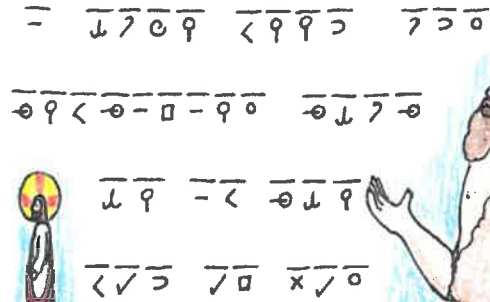
What is something that you can do today to lead someone to Jesus?

Answer to puzzle on front: I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God. Answer to Psalm 40 Word-Find: O Lord I come to do Your will.

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

# The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 15th, 2023



What did Saint John the Baptist say about Jesus?  
Use the code to figure it out!

7 0 9 0 x 1 - 3 1 < 0 e  
A D E F G H I N O S T V

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](mailto:info@smdpp.org) /visit us at [www.smdpp.org](http://www.smdpp.org) or simply fill out this form, and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

**ROHAN'S GENERAL  
CONSTRUCTION LLC**  
FULLY INSURED/ LIC.#1254456

718-251-2182  
646-491-2357

**SPECIALIZING IN ROOFING & BRICK WORK**

ROOFING: GUTTERS, LEADERS, STEPS  
BRICK WORK, CEMENT WORK, DUCT WORK  
BATHROOM, TILE WORK, CAPING, STUCCO  
SHEETROCK, PAINTING, CHIMNEY CLEANING



**LAWRENCE H. WOODWARD FUNERAL HOME, Inc.**

*SERVICE WITH DISTINCTION, DEPENDABILITY AND DIGNITY*

Melvin D. Thompson (1935-2015)

Lynda M. Thompson, *Managing Director*

Vicki Thompson, *Assistant Manager*

1 Troy Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213

718-493-8120 Fax 718-756-0423



WWW.SEALYCUYLER.COM  
SEALYCUYLER@GMAIL.COM



**MARIA K. SEALY**  
OWNER/MANAGER

**SERVING WITH DIGNITY AND INTEGRITY**  
**SEALY CUYLER**  
**FUNERAL HOME, LLC**

NEW YORK STATE LICENSED FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER

TEL. 718-230-3812 OR 3817  
FAX 718-230-1734

1084 PACIFIC STREET,  
BROOKLYN, NY 11238  
(BET. FRANKLIN & CLASSON AVE.)



Parishioners who would like to rent the halls of our three churches for family events contact Mr. Gabriel Caesar at  
718-771-2305 or e-mail him at [ggc4729@gmail.com](mailto:ggc4729@gmail.com)



**Holy Rosary Lower Church Hall**



**Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall**



**St. Peter Claver Lower Church Hall**

**Rocco**  
**PIZZA III**

**330 HALSEY STREET (corner of Throop Ave)  
BROOKLYN, NY 11216 • WE DELIVER! \$15 Minimum.  
(718) 573-9200**

**OPEN 7 DAYS: Sun-Thru, 11am-11pm. Fri & Sat 11am-Midnight  
ORDER ONLINE: [www.grubhub.com](http://www.grubhub.com) [www.delivery.com](http://www.delivery.com)**



633 OSBORN ST. SUITE 1F BROOKLYN NY, 11212

**ANNE MARIE STANISLAUS**  
NYS LICENSED REAL ESTATE BROKER/OWNER

[ANNEMARIE@RESERVEDREALTYLLC.COM](mailto:ANNEMARIE@RESERVEDREALTYLLC.COM)  
[WWW.RESERVEDREALTYLLC.COM](http://WWW.RESERVEDREALTYLLC.COM)



P: 212.785.1100 / 347.627.9247  
C: 917.887.7468 F: 646.350.1099

**GROW SPIRITUALLY AND  
NEVER MISS ANOTHER  
CHURCH EVENT!**

Sign up now for Mass Schedules,  
Event reminders, Changes, Weekly  
Devotionals and more!!

Text "SUNDAY"  
to 718-550-5830  
or just scan **the** QR Code