



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY Jan 22nd, 2023

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 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.

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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,

Today is the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our scripture readings for Mass highlight the building up of the Kingdom of God. St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Corinthians that we are baptized into the mystical Body of Christ to preach the Good News. We must all be united in Christ! We live in a society where there is so much division, strife and war. St. Paul urges the people of Corinth and he urges us to not allow division to get in the way of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our gospel today shows Jesus going out preaching and proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. All throughout the Lord's public ministry, we see how he continues to proclaim the truth that we must build up the Kingdom of God here and now. As we spiritually prepare to enter the solemn season of Lent in just a few short weeks, we are invited to look into the depths of our hearts to answer the call Christ gave James and his brother John. May we have the courage to leave behind all that weighs us down to and wholeheartedly follow Jesus.

St. Martin de Porres Parish Black History Month Mass & Celebration

As we prepare to enter the month of February, we as a community will celebrate Black History Month. Each year we as a parish celebrate a special Mass highlighting the history and accomplishments that people of color have had on our society and in our Church. Our parish Black History Month Mass of Thanksgiving will take place on Sunday, February 5 at Our Lady of Victory Church beginning at 10:00AM. Please note that there will not be a 9:00AM Mass at Holy Rosary and an 11:30AM Mass at St. Peter Claver. There will be a 5:00PM Vigil Mass on Saturday February 4 at St. Peter Claver in addition to the 7:30AM Mass on Sunday at Our Lady of Victory. Following the Mass of Thanksgiving, there will be a light reception in McGuinness Hall.

Diocese of Brooklyn Black History Month Mass of Thanksgiving

The Diocese of Brooklyn, in collaboration with the Diocese of Rockville Centre will hold the annual Black History Month Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, February 11 at the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre beginning at 2:00PM. There will be a bus leaving from St. Matthew Church in Crown Heights at 12:30PM for a \$20 donation. If you plan on taking the bus, you must call to reserve your seat. You may call the Vicariate for Black Catholic Concerns Office at 718-924-2549.

Parish Superbowl Sunday Party Save the Date

For those of you who are football fans, the most important game of the year, the Superbowl, will take place on Sunday, February 12. As has been the custom, the men of the Holy Name Society and the Knights of St. Peter Claver will sponsor a Superbowl party this year. More details will be coming forward within the next week. Please save the date!

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

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday: Jan. 21st, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver

Vigil Mass:

Joseph Rojas – birthday blessing

Req. by Rojas family

Sun: Jan. 22nd, 11:30am-St. Peter Claver

Virginia Cox – grace and healing

7:30am – Our Lady of Victory Church

For the souls in Purgatory

10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church

John Eley – birthday blessing

Anastacio Paras – in memoriam

Req. by Garbanzos family

9:00am – Holy Rosary Church

Narcissus Frett-Moses – in memoriam

Req. by Bernadette Frett-James & family

Mon. Jan. 23rd, 8am-Our Lady of Victory

Septura John – in thanksgiving to Mother Cabrini

Tue. Jan. 24th, 8am-Our Lady of Victory

Christine Dorville & family – Grace & blessings

Wed. Jan. 25th, 8am-Our Lady of Victory

Christine Dorville & family – Grace & blessings

Wed. Jan. 25th, 12noon-St. Peter Claver

Rita Ashby – in memoriam

req. by Pamela Ashby

**3RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
RESOURCES FOR YEAR A

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

**Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in
darkness has seen a great light; on those who
dwell in the land and shadow of death a light
has dawned.'**

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, 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 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. 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.



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).

VICARIATE OF BLACK CATHOLIC CONCERNS INVITES YOU TO The Black History Month Mass of Thanksgiving

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, 29 Quealy Place, Rockville Center, NY.11570
Saturday, February 11, 2018. Time: 4:00pm
 Dress in your Cultural Attire.

Celebrants: The Most Reverend Bishop Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn & The Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Center

Homilist: Reverend Anthony M. Bozeman
 Academic Dean of St. Joseph's Seminary,
 Josephite Seminary Washington, DC.

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



St. Martin de Porres Parish Black History Month Celebration

Our Lady of Victory Church will host the Parish Black History Month Mass/Celebration on Sunday **February 5th, at 10:00am**. Please note the Mass schedule for that weekend, **5pm Saturday Mass at SPC, 7: 30am Mass at OLV, 10am Mass at OLV**. We will **NOT** have the scheduled 9am, or 11: 30am Masses that day.

Homilist: Our very own Rev. Dcn. Rachid Murad. Parishioners are encouraged to dress in cultural attire. Light refreshments will follow in McGuinness Hall.



SMDPP Sports Night

The Holy Name Society will host their annual Sports Night on Sunday, **February 12th, 2023** in **St. Peter Claver Church, Msgr. Rodgers Hall** (29 Claver Place Brooklyn, NY 11238). The 9event is a watch-party for the Super Bowl. Tickets are \$20. Food and Drinks will be provided. For more information, please contact the Rectory at 718-574-5772. Come out and enjoy.

Do not be afraid to take a chance on peace, to teach peace, to live peace...Peace will be the last word of history.

Weekday Readings

Sun. Is 8:23-9:3 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Mon. Heb 9:15, 24-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Mk 3:22-30

Tue. Heb 10:1-10 Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11 Mk 3:31-35

Wed. Acts 22:3-16 Ps.117:1bc, 2 Mk 16:15-18

Thurs. 2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps.96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 Mk 4:21-25

Fri. Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 Mk 4:26-34

Sat. Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 Mk 4:35-41

Kujenga Leadership Conference

The Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens Kujenga Leadership Conference Aug. 4th - 6th 2023, at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY. There are flyers available at each of the three churches. For more information, you can contact the Vicariate Office vbccjujengaleadership@gmail.com



Annual Appeal Goal: \$63,586
Amount Pledged: \$56,442
Amount Received: \$49,988
Numbers of Donors: 159



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St. Martin de Porres Parish annual **Fish Fry Fundraiser** on Friday, February 24th, 2023.

(Pre-Orders) **Fish dinners** (Fry Fish, *Potato Salad, Cole Slaw & a green Salad*) will be available for ****pick-up from 1:00pm to 5:45 pm. Cost per dinner is \$20.00.** **Pre Orders should be placed no later than 11am on Feb. 22nd, 2023.

Second Collection Church In Need

Today's second collection for **Church in Need** is for the 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.



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:**

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Jesus Tells us to Repent

Today we hear about Jesus beginning His mission of preaching and healing the sick. The very first thing He tells the people is that they should repent from their sins.

Why do we need to repent of our sins? Why don't we just stop thinking about the bad things we did and start trying to be good?

Well, pretend your soul is like a garden. When you sin, it's like making a big hole in the ground. You can't grow flowers in a hole, and someone might trip on it and make the hole bigger. That's what can happen with sins too- little sins can cause bigger ones.

When you are sorry for your sins and go to confession it's like filling in the holes and planting flowers where they used to be. Keep your soul like a good garden and make sure you don't have any holes in it!



Answer to Unscramble puzzle: darkness, light, joy, harvest, yoke, smashed.
Answer to puzzle on front: the Kingdom of Heaven

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The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22nd, 2023



What did Jesus say as He began to preach by the sea?
Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks.

Repent, for..

... is at hand.



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 or simply fill out this form, and drop it in the collection basket.

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