



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY Jan 8th, 2023

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

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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 we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. We hear in today's gospel the story of the three Magi. They were sent to bring gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the baby Jesus. There are many cultural customs throughout the world that considers today to be "Little Christmas", in which gifts are exchanged amongst each other. On this Epiphany Sunday, the Lord asks us to bring only one gift, and that is ourselves! The Lord wants an undivided heart from us, allowing him to be at the center of our lives. We pray that the Holy Spirit will give us the strength and courage to give ourselves completely and totally to Jesus. One of the most beautiful images of today's feast is light. The Magi were led by the light of a star to Jesus. We are called to be the light of Christ in this world to radiate his love and mercy. With the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, we officially conclude the Christmas season, and we move to the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year. I hope and pray that these days of Christmas have been a time of deep spiritual renewal, as we continue to grow closer to Christ our Savior and King.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Service

Our annual Diocesan prayer service commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will take place on 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 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.

Thank You Special Friends of Claver

I take this opportunity to thank the Special Friends of Claver group at St. Peter Claver Church for their generous financial gift to the parish. Please be assured of my deep and profound gratitude and appreciation for their work in promoting the spiritual needs of St. Peter Claver Church.

Wishing you a blessed a peaceful week,
Father Alonzo Cox

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday: Jan. 7th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver

Vigil Mass:

Raul Ayala – healing & financing

req. by Ricardo Agcauli

Sun: Jan. 8th, 11:30am-St. Peter Claver

Virginia Cox – grace & healing

7:30am – Our Lady of Victory Church

Timothy Lubin – birthday blessing

req. by Lubin family

10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church

Agatha Altifios – birthday blessing

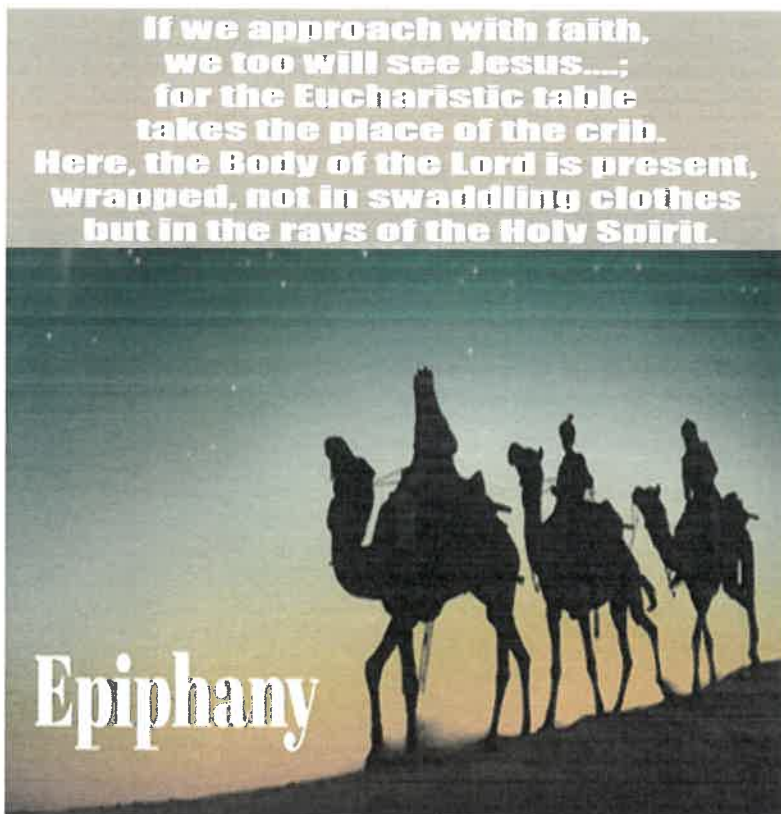
Nasir Simpson – God's grace & mercy

Jean Davis-Butler – in memoriam

9:00am – Holy Rosary Church

Rodney Pino – in memoriam

req. by Pino family



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, Edward
Newsum, 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.

**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 that day at 9am. To reserve a seat call 718-924-2549.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

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 - Diocese Mission

Today's second collection is for the Diocesan Mission in support of various needy Ministries and Parishes at home and abroad. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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

The Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns

Prayer Service in honor of the Birthday of:
"Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."
Monday, January 16th, 2023 12noon.
St. Kevin Parish, 14-21 194 Street, Queens NY. Celebrant: **The Most Reverend Bishop Robert Brennan.**
Bishop of Brooklyn.

Request a
Mass Intention

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:

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Weekday Readings

Sun. Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Mon. Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 Mt 3:13-17

Tue. Heb 2:5-12 Ps. 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:21-28

Wed. Heb 2:14-18 Ps,105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:29-39

Thurs. Heb 3:7-14 Ps. 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 Mk 1:40-45

Fri. 1 Jn 2:18-25 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mt 5:13-19

Sat. Heb 4:12-16 Ps. 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mk 2:13-17

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

SMDPP Youth Group

Mustard Seed Youth Group will have a meeting in OLV McGuinness Hall at 7pm on 1/6/23. Flyers with calendar dates will be located in the back of all three parishes.

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.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2022
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

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: \$51,732

Amount Received: \$44,438

BEHOLD



THE LAMB OF GOD



... HAPPY EPIPHANY ...

THE EPIPHANY AND BAPTISM OF JESUS

This week we celebrate both the Epiphany of our Lord and His baptism in the Jordan river. Today (Sunday) is the Epiphany, which is the day that we remember the wise men from far away in the East coming to worship the newborn baby Jesus. God let them know that His Son was coming and gave them a special star in the sky to follow to find Him. When they found Jesus with His mother Mary they knelt down and gave Him their precious treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Tomorrow (Monday) we celebrate the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan river. Jesus went to Saint John the Baptist, who was baptizing people and helping them repent from their sins. John knew that Jesus hadn't sinned but Jesus asked him to baptize Him anyway. This was the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Until this time He had been living a life hidden from the rest of the world.



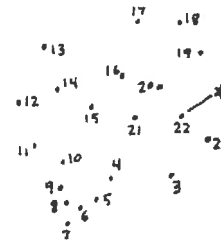
Like the wise men, we can give Jesus our best treasure: ourselves! If we decide to live our lives for Jesus then we will show the love of Jesus by our love for others.

Answers to True or False: 1. false 2. false 3. true 4. true 5. true 6. true 7. false

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The Kids' Bulletin

Epiphany Sunday January 8th, 2023
Baptism of the Lord January 9th, 2023



What did Saint John the Baptist see that showed him that Jesus was the Son of God?
Connect the dots to find out!

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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