



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY Feb. 19th, 2023

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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

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

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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,

I take this opportunity to thank all of you who came out to our parish Superbowl party. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to the Holy Name Society and the Knights of St. Peter Claver for sponsoring last week's party. Even if the team you were rooting for did not win the big game last week, it was evident that everyone had a great time! I also would like to thank the technology teachers at the Waldorf school for assisting in getting the big screen and sound set up for last week's game. It was a great evening of fellowship!

This week we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. On this 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Lord is challenging us to a greater sense of love. Jesus reminds us that we love not only our neighbor but also our enemies. As a human being, how can we love someone who clearly wants to be my enemy? How can I turn my cheek when someone slaps me? Jesus wants us to imitate him in all we say and do. The challenge of being a follower of Christ is allowing him to use us, in our humanity, to shine his light of love and mercy to our brothers and sisters. As we prepare to enter the season of Lent, let us pray that our hearts will be filled with God's love and mercy.

Ash Wednesday Masses and Prayer Services

This Wednesday, February 22 is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at the following Masses: 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory, 12:00Noon at St. Peter Claver & 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory. In addition, ashes will be distributed at 2 prayer services: 11:00AM at Holy Rosary and 12:00Noon at Our Lady of Victory.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday night during the season of Lent beginning at 7:00PM. Stations of the cross will be held at each of the three churches.

Parish Fish Fry Fundraiser

Our annual parish fish fry fundraiser will take place this Friday, February 24. The meal includes fresh fried fish, potato salad, coleslaw and green salad. The cost per dinner is \$20. Pre orders should be placed no later than 11:00AM this Wednesday, February 22. Please call the parish office to place your orders.

President's Day Holiday

This Monday, February 20th is President's Day. It is a federal holiday. The parish office will be closed. There will not be a 12:00Noon Mass at St. Peter Claver Church. Only one Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory. Enjoy the holiday!

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



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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday: Feb. 18th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver Vigil Mass:

Nasir Simpson- grace and deliverance

Sunday: Feb. 19th, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver Lystra Graves (peace& love) in memoriam

req. by Fr. P. Jervis

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

10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church
Joshua Dufont - birthday blessing

req. by Dufont family

Jeremey & Zakari Brown – birthday blessing
req. by Georgiana Brown

Charles Shaw & Vere Skepple - in memoriam
req. by Dr. Marian Brown

St. Lucia's 44th year of Independence Celebration

9:00am – Holy Rosary Church
Deceased members of St. Martin de Porres Parish

Matthew 5:44

**Love your enemies,
bless them that curse you,
do good to them that hate you,
and pray for them
which despitefully ... persecute you**

ALTAR BREAD:

Fr. Alonzo Cox – grace and blessings

ALTAR WINE:

ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

SANTUARY CANDLE:

Fr. Franklin Ezeorah – grace and Blessing

Pray for the Sick

Marie Alfred, Ricardo Agcauli Dorothy Baily, 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, Yvonne Merrimon, Carol Murray, Ida Lashley, Jacques Maurice, Leslie McFarlane, Noreen Simonette, Marilyn Sylvester, Beverley Thompson, Vera Walker, Rosemarie Wilkie, Marie Williams.



**Holy Father's Prayer Intention
Feb. 2023)**

For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



+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.



The Lord is kind and merciful.

**SMDPP Women's Day
Celebration/Raffle**

St. Martin de Porres Parish Annual Women's Day Celebration will take place on Sunday, March 12th, 2023.

Raffle tickets are available for purchase at **\$5 per ticket**. Drawing will take place immediately after Mass. To purchase tickets, please see committee members, Maureen Simonette, Wilhelmina Whyte-Randall, Jennifer Parkinson-Gilbert, Michelle Joseph & Doreen Allman.



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 5:45pm. Cost per dinner is \$20.00.** **Pre Orders should be placed no later than 11am on Feb. 22nd, 2023. Call the Parish office 718-574-5772 to place your orders.

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).

**Special Collection for Syria and Turkey
Earthquake Disaster**

We have seen the painful images of devastation and continue to hear of the deaths caused by the earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Our hearts and prayers go out to all those affected by this terrible disaster. In an effort to give aid and support, a second collection will be taken the weekend of Feb. 25th & 26th. The monies collected will be sent by our Diocese for distribution and direct assistance to those affected by the earthquake.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT**

Holy Rosary Church - 7:00PM

St. Peter Claver Church – 7:00PM

Our Lady of Victory Church -7:00PM

FRIDAY – March 31st, at 7:00PM
Solemn Stations of the Cross will be held at **Our Lady of Victory Church only.**



Ash Wednesday occurs six and a half weeks before Easter, on February 22 this year. On that day, we receive ashes recalling not only our mortal frailty, but our dependence on God. The schedule of Ash Wednesday services is as follows:

8am Mass OLV

11am Service HRC

12noon Service, OLV

12noon Mass, SPC //-0

7:30pm Mass OLV

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at all three Churches in our Parish on Fridays of Lent except for the Solemn Stations on March 31st.

Weekday Readings

Sun. Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

Mon. Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29

Tue. Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mk 9:30-37

Wed. Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs. Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 Lk 9:22-25 Lk 9:22-25

Fri. Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

Sat. Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 5:27-32

SMDPP Black History Month Celebration

St. Martin de Porres Parish celebrates Black History Month. Join us on Saturday, **February 25th**, 2023 after the 5pm Mass at St. Peter Claver Church, Msgr. Rodgers Hall, (29 Claver Place, Bklyn 11238) for movie **Harriett**. highlighting African-American history

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 vbccjengaleadership@gmail.com

SPECIAL NOTICE

There will not be a 12:00noon Mass at St. Peter Claver Church on Monday in observation of President's Day.

The Parish office is closed on Monday

Prayer is a place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.

St. John Chrysostom

The Lord is kind and merciful.

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Faith Formation Registration

St. Martin de Porres School of Faith Formation classes continues weekly. Classes will be held every Saturday at Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall at 9:30am. For more information on preparation for **First Communion, Continued Formation & Confirmation**. Contact Ms. Michelle Joseph DRE101260@diobrook.org.

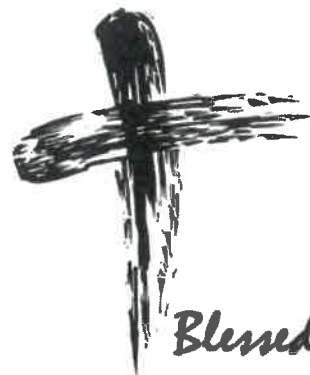


The 2023 Mass Book is open. You may choose to honor a death anniversary, wedding anniversary, birthday celebration, bread & wine, sanctuary candles & altar flowers. There is only one intention per Mass, except at the 10:15AM Mass on Sundays where multiple intentions can be offered. **Weekday Mass Schedule:**

- 8:00 AM Monday – Friday at OLV
- 12:00 PM Monday & Wednesday at SPC
- 11:00 AM Tuesday at HRC
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Let today be the day you give up who you've been for you who can become.

Blessed Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

 This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. Lent is a special time in which we prepare to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



Lent is a time of repentance. We make sacrifices and try to improve our lives to become more like Jesus. Jesus never sinned but He gave up His life to pay for our sins. That is why we make sacrifices—out of love for God and to make up for our sins. We offer our sacrifices to God the Father, just as Jesus on the cross offered up His life to God the Father.

On Ash Wednesday if you go to Mass you can receive ashes on your forehead. The ashes are a sign of repentance. They remind us that without God we are nothing and that someday we will die and be buried. But they can also remind us that if we do have God living in us, after we die we will rise from the dead, just as Jesus did on Easter, after He died on the cross.



Answer to puzzle on front: Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.
 1.true 2.true 3.true 4.false 5.false 6.true 7.true

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The Kids' Bulletin

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 19th, 2023

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What did Jesus tell the people
 in today's Gospel reading?
 Use the code 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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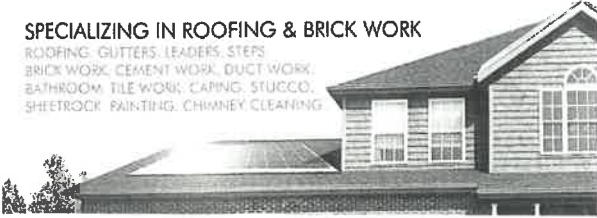
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