



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY Feb. 26th, 2023

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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.

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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,

This past Wednesday we began the season of Lent. During these weeks of Lent, we focus on the three important pillars of the season: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is an opportunity for us look at how we can grow closer to the heart of Christ. We focus so much on what we are "giving up" for Lent, when the question should be what we are to gain during these weeks. Every first Sunday of Lent, we hear the account of Jesus being tempted by Satan in the desert. The devil offers Jesus all of these incentives that would relieve him of him being in the desert. The devil attempts to lure Jesus with power, gluttony and idolatry. We must ask ourselves the question, "how often does Satan tempt us with these things"? We must not allow ourselves to be lured by the evil one. As we begin this Lenten season, let us pray for the grace to take up our cross and to follow Jesus.

Diocese of Brooklyn Lenten Pilgrimage

As is the custom in the city of Rome, there are designated "station churches" where pilgrims from the city can go and pray during the season of Lent. Here in the Diocese of Brooklyn everyday (excluding Sunday's) a different parish will host Eucharistic Adoration for all the faithful to visit and pray. It is with great joy that our parish has been chosen as a station church. Our assigned day to host is Monday, March 6, 2023, at Our Lady of Victory Church. The schedule of the day will be as follows: Mass at 8:00AM (in the Main Church), recitation of the rosary, silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Noon Angelus, silent adoration, 3:00PM recitation of the chaplet of Divine Mercy, silent adoration, 6:00PM Angelus, 7:30PM Vespers followed by Benediction. We need volunteers who would be able to serve as adorers, since the Blessed Sacrament exposed must never be left alone. There will be sign up sheets with time slots for those who would be able to be with the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

Tuesday Evening Lenten Vespers

As is the custom here at St. Martin de Porres, each Tuesday evening during the season of Lent we will have Eucharistic Adoration and pray Vespers. It will take place at Our Lady of Victory Church beginning at 7:30PM.

Fridays of Lent Eucharistic Adoration

In the spirit of the National Eucharistic Revival and in the solemn season of Lent, I would like to have more of an opportunity for the community to spend time with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. With that in mind, we will have all day Eucharistic Adoration on the Friday's of Lent beginning this Friday, which is the First Friday of the month. We will begin with Mass at 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory Church followed by the recitation of the rosary with benediction at 6:00PM.

Wishing you a blessed and prayerful Lent,
Father Alonzo Q. Cox

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday: Feb. 25th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver
Vigil Mass:**

For the Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday: Feb. 26th, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver
Dorene Allman – birthday blessing**

7:30am – Our Lady of Victory Church

**10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church
Glenn Mitchell – belated birthday blessing
*req. by Mitchell family***

Thomas Concepcion – in memoriam
req. by Garbanzos family

Stella Peterson – in memoriam
req. by Gavan family

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church
Sylvia Pascall & family – in thanksgiving
*req. by Allison Pascall***



One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

ALTAR BREAD:

ALTAR WINE:

ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

SANTUARY CANDLE:

*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.



Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

**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.

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).

SMDPP

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.

***COIN CARDS FOR ST. JUDE'S
CHILDREN HOSPITAL***

Lent is a time of reflection and renewal in faith. One way of renewal is a more serious devotion. Again, St. Martin de Porres Parish would like to support St. Jude's Hospital for Children. We will tith 50% of the Lenten Quarters collections towards this cause. I hope you will prayerfully support this Lenten act of almsgiving.

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent by Catholics 14 years of age and older. **Fasting** is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all those between the ages of 18 to 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal, with two smaller meals permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted.



Tuesdays throughout Lent. Join us for Holy Hours with Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays during. Holy Hour will be celebrated on Tuesday February 28th, at 7:30pm, in Our Lady of Victory Church.

Easter Mass Remembrance

During the Easter season we will pray for your loved ones with Easter remembrance envelopes. Envelopes are located at the front of the church. Kindly drop off your envelope, in the collection basket or at the rectory, with the name of person(s) who is/are to be remembered in the Masses

*"History has shown us that courage can be contagious, and hope can take on a life of its own."
Michelle Obama,*



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Weekday Readings

Sun. Gn. 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11

Mon. Lv.19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

Tue. Is 55:10-11 PS 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15

Wed. Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

Thurs. Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

Fri. Ez 18:21-28 Ps. 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8Mt 5:20-26

Sat. Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

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 vbccjujungaleadership@gmail.com

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.



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
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- **PRAYER** –Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.
- **ALMSGIVING** - During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462).

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at all three Churches in our Parish on Fridays at 7:00PM.

Please note: Friday – March 31st, there will be one Parish celebration of Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Victory Church at 7:00PM.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

What Happens in Lent?

In today's Gospel story, Jesus goes out into the desert to fast and pray for forty days. In the forty days of Lent, the Church asks us to fast, give alms, and pray.



In Lent we don't eat meat on Fridays. Many people give up things like candy or dessert for all of Lent. When we give up food that we like, it reminds us that food isn't the only thing we need- we need God too!



Giving alms means giving money or things to the poor or the Church. God lets there be people who need our help so that we can become better by helping them!

The third thing that we should do in Lent is praying. You could say an extra prayer every day- maybe an "Our Father" or a "Hail Mary" when you wake up or before you go to bed. Another good idea is reading a bit from the Bible, because when we read the Bible we let God speak to us.

What are some little things you could do for Lent? Try to do things that will help you think a bit more about God every day.



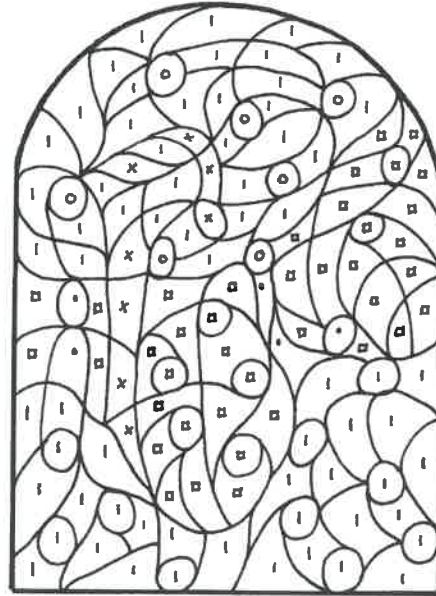
Answers to picture puzzle inside: top: 4, 6, middle: 5, 1, bottom: 2, 3.

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The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent
February 26th, 2023

Today's first reading tells us about sin. Use the code at the bottom to colour in the spaces and find out what the story was.



■ blue | green x brown
○ red • skin colour

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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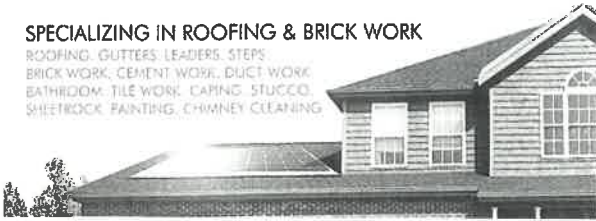
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