



# Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

**SUNDAY Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 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

Rev. Mr. Rachid Murad, Permanent Deacon  
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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

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,

Today we gather as a parish community to celebrate Black History Month. Throughout the month of February, we as a nation celebrate the accomplishments men and women of color have achieved and the impact they have had in our society. Every February we remember those who shed their blood fighting for peace, justice and equality. We continue to follow in their footsteps, fighting that we will be able to live together in harmony. Each year here at St. Martin de Porres, we gather as a parish community to pray that God will continue to give us the strength and courage that is needed to celebrate but to never forget that the struggle is still here and that it is a reality. I take this opportunity to thank our parish Black History Month committee who have worked tirelessly to make today's celebration beautiful. Immediately following the Mass, there will be a reception in McGuinness Hall with light refreshments. All are welcomed to join us as we continue this celebration of Black History Month.

### **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**

For those of you who are football fans, the most important game of the year, the Superbowl, will take place next 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. It will take place in Msgr. Rogers Hall at St. Peter Claver Church beginning at 5:00PM. A \$20 suggested donation is asked for in covering the cost for the evening. For more information, please see one of the Holy Name society members, Holy Name society members or call the parish office.

### **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.

### **Old Palms**

We will begin the season of Lent in two weeks with Ash Wednesday on February 22. It is the tradition that blessed palm from the previous Palm Sunday be burnt to make the ashes for distribution on Ash Wednesday. You are invited to bring your palm branches to church to have them burnt. You may leave them with any of the ushers at Mass.

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

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday: Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver Vigil Mass:**  
For the Souls in Purgatory

**7:30am – Our Lady of Victory Church**  
In thanksgiving for grace and blessings received for Christine Dorville

**10:00am - Our Lady of Victory Church**  
Kyron Rogers – birthday blessing  
*req. by Lynette Lewis-Rogers*

Monica Sasis – grace and healing  
*req. by Garbanzos*



I have walked for miles and miles now  
I keep walking ahead of the obstacles  
I have left behind  
I just want to keep walking  
Till I can't walk no more  
The journey is long but I am going to get there  
I could run to get there faster  
But I choose to walk  
I don't know who I am going to find there  
But I keep walking  
I keep walking to an uninterrupted dream  
I keep walking to find a place called home  
I keep walking to the chilliness of the morning  
I keep walking  
I keep walking and I keep walking!

**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](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.



**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

### SMDPP Women's Day Celebration/Raffle

St. Martin de Porres Parish Annual Women's Day Celebration will take place on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 Black History Month Celebration

Today Sunday 10:00am, in Our Lady of Victory Church.

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

### 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 catechesis classes resumes on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 & Confirmation**. Contact Ms. Michelle Joseph [DRE101260@diobrook.org](mailto:DRE101260@diobrook.org).

### 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 Sports Night

**The Holy Name Society** will host their annual Sports Night on Sunday, **February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023** in **St. Peter Claver Church, Msgr. Rodgers Hall** (29 Claver Place Brooklyn, NY 11238). The event 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.



*Scan to support our Parish*

**Weekday Readings**

**Sun.** Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Cor 2:1-5  
Mt 5:13-16

**Mon.** Gn. 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 & 12, 24 & 35c Mk 6:53-56

**Tue.** Gn. 1:20—2:4a Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 7:1-13

**Wed.** Gn. 2:4b-9, 15-17Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30  
Mk 7:14-23

**Thurs.** Gn. 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Mk 7:24-30

**Fri.** Gn. 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 7:31-37

**Sat.** Gn. 3:9-24 Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 Mk 8:1-10

**Kujenga Leadership Conference**

The Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens Kujenga Leadership Conference Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 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 [ybccujengaleadership@gmail.com](mailto:ybccujengaleadership@gmail.com)

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*“Faith is taking the first step even when you can’t see the whole staircase.” **Martin Luther King***



St. Martin de Porres Parish annual **Fish Fry Fundraiser** on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

*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**

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**The St. Lucia American Progressive League**

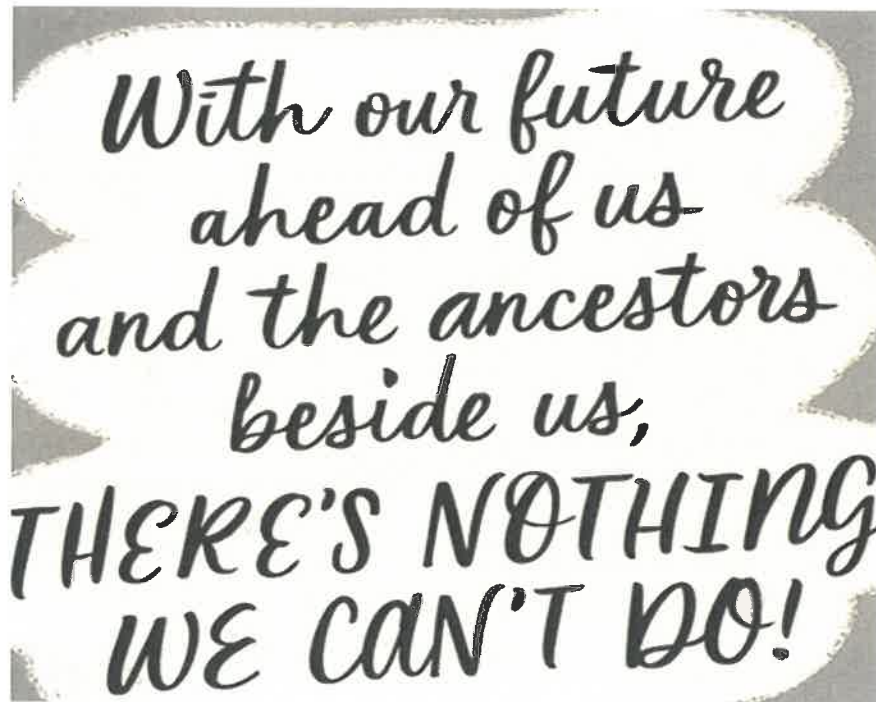
Independence Day Mass commemoration of St. Lucia’s 44<sup>th</sup> independence anniversary will take place on Sunday, **February 19<sup>th</sup>**, at the 10:15am Mass in **Our Lady of Victory Church**. A reception will be held immediately after the Mass in the McGuinness Hall.

**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

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celebrate  
**BLACK**  
history **MONTH**

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*With our future  
ahead of us  
and the ancestors  
beside us,  
THERE'S NOTHING  
WE CAN'T DO!*

Dear visitors, help us to know who you are by becoming a registered member at St. Martin de Porres  
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