



# Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

**SUNDAY April 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 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*

Dear Parishioners,

Today is Palm Sunday, which officially concludes the season of Lent. This week, we enter into the most sacred of days on the Christian calendar, Holy Week. Today we recall our Lord's triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem. We recall that the people welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem by waving and throwing palm branches at him. Today, we are given palm branches as a sign of the Lord's entrance into the city that will ultimately lead him to Calvary. As we begin Holy Week, we are invited to immerse ourselves into the sacredness of these days. Let us devote time in prayer this week, most especially during the days of the Triduum. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to touch our hearts to celebrate with joy the mysteries of our salvation.

### **Palm Crosses**

There will be beautifully braided palm crosses available for purchase this weekend for \$20 each. The proceeds will go to help offset the cost for Easter flowers. The palm crosses will be blessed at the beginning of all the Palm Sunday Masses this weekend.

### **Holy Week Schedule & Easter Sunday Schedule**

Please be sure to see the bulletin for the schedule of Masses and liturgical services for Holy Week. There are banners located at the front gates of the three churches with the schedule of Holy Week. Please note that there will not be a 5:00PM Vigil Mass at St. Peter Claver Church. The Solemn Easter Vigil will take place at 8:00PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. We will have a regular Sunday schedule for Easter Sunday.

### **Reconciliation Monday**

This Monday, April 3 is Reconciliation Monday. There will be a priest available in every Catholic Church in New York City for the celebration of the sacrament of Confession. Here at St. Martin de Porres, both Father Franklin and I will be available for Confession at Our Lady of Victory beginning at 2:00PM to 4:00PM and 6:00PM to 9:00PM.

### **Tenebrae Service**

Our Tenebrae Prayer Service will take place this Wednesday, April 5 beginning at 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. Tenebrae is a beautiful prayer service of psalms and hymns that prepare us for the coming celebration of Holy Week. Please be sure to join us.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

As is the custom at Our Lady of Victory Church, there will be an Easter egg hunt on the lawn immediately following the 10:15AM Easter Sunday Mass next week. All families are invited to join us for this wonderful event.

We adore you O Christ and we praise you, for by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world,  
Father Alonzo Q. Cox

*P.S. In your kindness I ask that you remember and pray for all the priests of the Diocese of Brooklyn who will gather for the Chrism Mass this Tuesday evening with Bishop Brennan.*

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday: Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver Vigil Mass:**

Ricardo Agcauli – healing and Financing

**Sunday: Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver Msgr. Paul Jervis-** in thanksgiving to God

**7:30am – Our Lady of Victory**

Jason Gillman- in memoriam

*req. by Gillman family*

**10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church**

Melona Barber- in thanksgiving to God

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church**

Willie Saurez – in loving memory

*Req. by Kevin and Cathy Saurez*

**Wednesday, Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> OLV Church 8am**

Kim Parks – continuous blessing

*req. by Doreen Parks*

# Hosanna!

BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD! —MATTHEW 21:9



## ALTAR BREAD:

Virginia Cox- grace and healing

## ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

## SANTUARY CANDLE:

Willie Saurez – in loving memory

*req. by Cathy & Kevin Saurez*

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Ria Walker – grace and blessings

### *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, Ida Lashley, Paul Martin, Yvonne Merrimon, Jacques Maurice, Leslie McFarlane, Aretha Phillips, Noreen Simonette, Marilyn Sylvester, Beverley Thompson, Vera Walker, Rosemarie Wilkie, Marie Williams.



### **Holy Father's Prayer Intention (Apr. 2023)**

**For a culture of peace and non- violence**

We pray for the spread of peace and non- violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



*+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

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# 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.





Easter is just a few weeks away, when we will be renewed in our Baptismal Life in Christ Jesus. Why not celebrate our renewed life with flowers! I am making an additional appeal for help in purchasing Easter Flowers. The average Easter plant is **\$25.00**. **May we ask you to donate an Easter Flower on the Fifth Sunday of Lent (MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>)** during the second collection. *Thank you.*

**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.

**\*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 tithe 50% of the Lenten Quarters collections towards this cause. I hope you will prayerfully support this Lenten act of almsgiving.

**Good Friday Collection**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.



**St. Peter Claver Church**, will hold a Paint & Sip Event on **Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm in the Msgr. Rodgers Hall. Aleatha Sapp, a professional instructor will be on hand, along with canvas, paints, snacks and wine to facilitate the creative process. Cost for this event will \$45. To register, please contact Meredith Chandler, or call the rectory office at 718-574-5772.

**We are inviting 12 parishioners** to have their feet washed for the **Mass of Holy Thursday**. For those interested, please submit your name and telephone number to the Rectory 718-547-5772.



**My God, My God why have you abandon me.**

**Weekday Readings**

**Sun.** Mt 21:1-11, Is 50:4-7 Ps. 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24, Phil 2:6-11, Mt 26:14—27:66

**Mon.** Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

**Tue.** Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15& 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wed.** Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31& 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

**Thurs.** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14. Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18. 1 Cor 11:23-26. Jn 13:1-15

**Fri.** Is 52:13—53:12 Ps. 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

**Sat.** Gn 1:1—2:2 Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 Mt 28:1-10



**7:00 pm Reconciliation Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – OLV**

**Holy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30pm – Our Lady of Victory Church

**Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00am** - St. Peter Claver Church -Seven Last Words

**1:00pm** – Confession, Our Lady of Victory Church  
**3:00pm** - Liturgy of The Lord’s Passion

Followed by Station of the Cross to Holy Rosary

**Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00pm** Solemn Easter Vigil -Our Lady of Victory

**Easter Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:30am**- Our Lady of Victory Church  
**9:00am** - Holy Rosary Church  
**10:15am** - Our Lady of Victory Church  
**11:30am** - St. Peter Claver Church

**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).

**SAVE THE DATE**

Saint Martin De Porres Parish  
Bus Trip To Sight And Sound



**Date: Saturday May 27, 2023**

Children 18 and under: \$190.00-Adults: \$215.00.  
Final payment due on April 24<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please see Dr. Marina Brown or call the Rectory 718-574-5772.

**Bike Path Train To  
Be A Bicycle Mechanic**

Once again, we are asking people to sign up to learn the skills to pursue a career as a **well-paid, union Citi Bike mechanic**. Please also consider sharing the news with others who are in touch with people who might be interested. Applicants must be **18+ years old and job ready** – Training starts April 4 and new sessions will follow every 5 weeks. Here’s where to apply on-line. [www.onecommunitynyc.org/bit.ly/bikepathapp23](http://www.onecommunitynyc.org/bit.ly/bikepathapp23). Printable Bike Path Application forms are also available.

**Rosary Altar Society  
Palm Sunday Grab & Go Social**

Today, Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, immediately following the 10:15am Mass. Cost per dinner, \$30.00 fish dinners, 245<sup>th</sup> Chicken dinner with a variety of items.



**MR. LESLIE MCFARLANE**

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](mailto:info@smdpp.org) /visit us at [www.smdpp.org](http://www.smdpp.org) or simply fill out this form, and drop it in the collection basket.

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