



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY Mar 19th, 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.

Parish Staff

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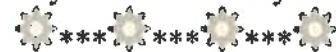
Monday: 10:00am. - 5:00pm.
Tuesday to Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Evenings & Weekends: By appointment.

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,

Today is the fourth Sunday in Lent. It is also known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word which means rejoice. We have come to the midpoint of our Lenten journey. You will notice that the priests and deacons will wear rose colored vestments. The color rose comes from a mixture of the Lenten purple and the Easter white. It is a clear example that Easter is coming soon (although the weather has not reflected that this past week). Our gospel today speaks to us about the light of faith. Jesus restores sight to the man born blind. Although the Lord restores his physical sense of sight, Jesus restores the gift of faith in this man. After his sight is restored, he proclaims boldly and courageously proclaims, "I believe". We gather as a community of believers, proclaiming and professing that Jesus is Savior and King. We approach the Lord with eyes of faith, knowing that from the darkness of the cross comes the light of the resurrection. As we come to the middle of our Lenten journey, let us pray that Jesus will continue to allow us to see the light of his glory, as we sing the praises of God.

Stations of the Cross & Lenten Vespers

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. 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.

Easter Flower Envelopes

Easter flower envelopes are located at the doors of each of our three churches. Each Easter flower is \$25. You may place the donation in the envelope and return it in the collection basket on Sunday or bring it to the parish office.

Women's Day Celebration

I take this opportunity to thank all of you who came out for last week's Women's Day Mass and celebration at St. Peter Claver. It was a tremendous success! I thank the Women's Day committee for all their work in making the day as wonderful as it was.

Good Friday Seven Last Words Prayer Service

As is the custom here at St. Martin de Porres, we will have our annual Seven Last words prayer service on Good Friday, April 7 at 10:00AM at St. Peter Claver Church. Parishioners are invited to give a reflection on one of our Lord's seven last words. The reflection should be 6 to 8 in length. If you would like to give a reflection, please contact Stanley Davis or Estella McDuffey from St. Peter Claver Church.

Solemnity of St. Joseph

The solemnity of St. Joseph is March 19. Because it falls on a Sunday, the liturgical celebration is transferred to Monday, March 20.

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

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



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

Joseph Delcine Gerard – in memoriam
req. by Nadyne Gerard & family

Sunday: Mar. 19th, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver Msgr. Paul Jervis – grace and blessing

req. by Brignol family

7:30am – Our Lady of Victory Church for the Souls in Purgatory

10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church Georgie & Epiphane Altifois – in memoriam
req. by Agatha Altifois

Veronica Noriega – in memoriam
req. by Gwendolyn Keller & family

Monica Sasis – grace and healing
req. by Garbanzos family

Fr. Alonzo Cox - birthday blessing

9:00am – Holy Rosary Church
The people of the Parish

Tuesday, Mar. 21st Holy Rosary Church 11am
Judy Thurston-McNeil – in memoriam



ALTAR BREAD:

Alonzo Cox – birthday blessing

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



Holy Father's Prayer Intention Mar. 2023)

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



+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 my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The League of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Parish of St. Martin de Porres invites you to attend **A Lenten Retreat Day** at St. Peter Claver Church, on Saturday March 18th, beginning at 10am. The Presider will be Br. Christopher Cato. Come and be sacredly nourished during this holy Lenten season. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

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.



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 26TH)** during the second collection. *Thank you.*



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

Stations of the Cross will only be held at Our Lady of Victory Church.

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.

Seven Parishioners are needed to participate in the Good Friday "Seven Last Words of Christ" service on April 7, 2023 at 10am in St. Peter Claver. A 6- to 10-minute reflection/talk is usually expected from each person. Please contact Stanley Davis 718-857-1442 or Estella McDuffey 718-622-1222 for details.



St. Peter Claver Church, will hold a Paint & Sip Event on **Saturday, April 15th**, 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.

Rosary Altar Society Palm Sunday Grab & Go Social



Sunday, April 2nd 2023, immediately following the 10:15am Mass. Cost, \$30.00 fish dinner, \$25.00 Chicken dinner with a variety of other items. Come join us in fellowship.



Weekday Readings

Sun. 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

Mon. 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Tue. Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wed Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thurs. Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47

Fri -Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21&23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Lk 1:26-28

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:**

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Brooklyn Job Fair

Reform Alliance in partnership with BSE Global is hosting a Job Fair on Monday, March 20th, from 10am to 4pm at the Barclay Center.

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).



• **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.

• **ABSTINENCE** – All of the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on the Fridays of Lent.

• **RECONCILIATION** – After having reached the age of discretion, members of the faithful are bound to confess once a year, grave sins which have not already been absolved. **Reconciliation Monday on April 2, 2023** (in Our Lady of Victory Church at 7pm) will give parishioners an opportunity to receive God's forgiveness by going to confession.

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.

During the Lenten season, we the people of God are called to commemorate and reflect on the Lord's passion through spiritual preparation, conversion and penance.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.



The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of our parish and the daily work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

*Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative, Catholic Charities;
Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office;
Catholic Migration Services; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence
for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation*

All donations made to the ACA above our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements.



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.

Name: _____ Cell# _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

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Sip & Paint

Saturday, April 15th

*1 to 4 pm - \$45 pp
(supplies provided)*

St. Peter Claver Church Hall

For reservations & info contact

church office: 718-574-5772

Or Meredith Chandler



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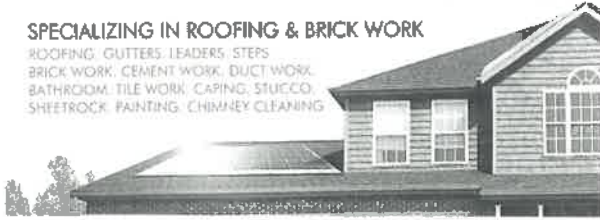


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718-771-2305 or e-mail him at ggc4729@gmail.com



Holy Rosary Lower Church Hall



Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall



St. Peter Claver Lower Church Hall