



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY Mar 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 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,

Today is the fifth and last Sunday in the season of Lent. Next Sunday we will celebrate Palm Sunday, recalling our Lord's entry into the city of Jerusalem. Our scripture readings this week focuses on the Spirit of God. Our second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans tells of how the Spirit of God dwells within us. As disciples of the Lord, we are filled with his Spirit. Our gospel passage today is the account of Lazarus being raised from the dead. It is in this gospel that the Lord gives us this beautiful declaration, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall never die". It is with faith that we proclaim Jesus as the resurrection and the life. Over these next few weeks, we will enter the most sacred of days, that is our Lord's passion, death and resurrection from the dead. May our hearts be filled with God's unconditional and merciful love as we journey with Jesus to Calvary.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week Schedule

With the celebration of Palm Sunday next week, we enter Holy Week. We will have a regular Sunday mass schedule next week for Palm Sunday. Weather permitting, we will have an outdoor procession with the blessing of palm branches at the 9:00AM, 10:15AM and 11:30AM Masses. Please follow the instructions of the ushers if you plan to participate in the outdoor procession. Monday April 3 is Reconciliation Monday. There will be a priest available to hear confessions from 2:00PM to 5:00PM and 7:00PM to 9:00PM at Our Lady of Victory. Thursday April 6 is Holy Thursday which we commemorate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. It will take place at 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. The Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will take place at 3:00PM at Our Lady of Victory. Saturday Solemn Easter Vigil will take place at 8:00PM at Our Lady of Victory. We will have a regular Sunday schedule for Easter Sunday. There are large posters with the Holy Week schedule outside each of our three churches.

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.

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

P.S. I want to thank all of you who through your tremendous kindness thought of me and most especially prayed for me this past week as I celebrated my birthday. Please know of my own prayers for each of you as we continue to build up the Body of Christ here in Bedford Stuyvesant.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday: Mar. 25th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver

Vigil Mass:

Emma Valcin – in thanksgiving
req. by Valcin family

Sunday: Mar. 19th, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver

Danuta Mroz – in memoriam
req. by Jean Redmon

7:30am – Our Lady of Victory Church

Virginia Cox – grace and healing

10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church

Theiiron Brown – birthday blessing
req. by Dr. Marina Brown

Andrina Wilkinson – birthday blessing

Johnpaul Aneke- birthday blessing
req. by Aneke family

9:00am – Holy Rosary Church

Teresita Paras – grace and healing
req. by Garbanzos family

Tuesday, Mar. 28th OLV Church 8am

Aretha Phillips – deliverance and uplifting

Thursday, Mar. 30th OLV Church 8am

Patricia Rojas – birthday blessing
req. by Rojas family



Fifth

SUNDAY

IN

LENT

ALTAR BREAD:

Joseph H. Allman & Joseph E. Allman
In memoriam
req. by Doren Allman

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, 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 –
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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. 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.



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.*

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.



Weekday Readings

Sun. Ez 37:12-14 Ps. 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

Mon. Ez 37:12-14 Ps.130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

Tue. Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 8:1-11

Wed. Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 Jn 8:21-30

Thurs. Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Jn 8:31-42 Jn 8:31-42

Fri. Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 8:51-59

Sat. Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 Jn 10:31-42



● **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.

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).



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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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.
 Printable Bike Path Application forms are also available.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Vigil of Palm Sunday, April 1st

5pm – Vigil Mass, St. Peter Claver Church

Palm Sunday, April 2nd

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

Holy Thursday, April 6th

7:30pm – Our Lady of Victory Church

Good Friday, April 7th

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 7th

8:00pm Solemn Easter Vigil -Our Lady of Victory

Easter Sunday, April 8th

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

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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