



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY May 7th, 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.

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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 5th Sunday of Easter. These weeks of Easter seem to be flying right by! The risen Lord continues to reveal himself to us, as our eyes remain fixated on him. Our scripture passages for Mass over these next few days will prepare us for the upcoming solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord. Jesus speaks to us of his relationship with the Father. Our gospel passage at Mass today depicts our Father's house. The Lord has gone to prepare a place for us where we will spend all eternity. Jesus tells us that, I am the way, the truth and the life. As Jesus prepares to ascend to the Father, he prepares us to wait in joyful anticipation for his second coming. May we continue to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ here in Bedford Stuyvesant.

Annual Catholic Appeal

I thank all of you for your generous contribution to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. As you know, this appeal supports the works of the Diocese of Brooklyn such as Catholic Charities, Migration Services, Vocations, the aid of our Senior Priests and much more. Each parish is assigned a goal to raise within the year. Our goal here at St. Martin de Porres is \$63,586. The key to a successful campaign is full participation. If every parishioner participates in this year's appeal, we will most definitely make our goal and maybe go above it. Any monies raised beyond the goal comes directly back to the parish. If you have not made a pledge to this year's appeal, I ask that you consider making one. I thank all of you for the gift of your time, talent and treasure.

Diocese of Brooklyn Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns Gala Dinner Dance

This year the Diocese of Brooklyn Vicariate for Black Catholic Concerns will sponsor a fundraiser Gala Dinner dance. It will take place on Saturday May 20th at Gargiulo's restaurant in Coney Island. We will honor Msgr. Paul Jervis, current pastor of St. Francis of Assisi-St. Blaise Parish commemorating his 40th Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination. Tickets are \$175 per person. For more information, please call the Vicariate Office.

Mother's Day Remembrance

During the month of May, we will remember in a special way all Mother's both living and deceased. Mother's Day remembrance envelopes are located at the doors of each of the three churches. You are invited to place the names of the mothers you wish to have remembered along with the offering in the envelopes. These names will be placed on the altars of each of the three churches during the month of May.

League of the Sacred heart Tea/Brunch Party

I take this opportunity to thank the members of the St. Peter Claver League of the Sacred Heart for their hard work in making last week's tea/brunch party a great success. We as a parish community are grateful for the work they do most especially in promoting the devotion of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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



Scan to support our Parish



Saturday: May, 6th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver Vigil Mass:

For the people of St. Martin de Porres Parish

Sunday: May, 7th, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver Gisele Sedjro – birthday blessing

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

10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church
Jose, Eloisa & Montserrat Yulo – in memoriam
req. by Garbanzos family

Ozel Fussell & William Stanley – in memoriam
req. by Bridgt Togans

9:00am – Holy Rosary Church
Pamela Degannes – in memoriam
req. by family members



During Easter time we celebrate the gift of the Lord's life that we received at Baptism. We need to be determined to strengthen this life within us.

ALTAR BREAD:

Jose & Teresita Paras – Wedding Anniversary
req by. Garbanzos family

ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

SANTUARY CANDLE:

ALTAR FLOWERS

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, Rosemarie Wilkie, Marie Williams.



**Holy Father's Prayer Intention
(May.2023)**

For church movements and groups
Let us pray that ecclesial movements and groups may daily rediscover their evangelizing mission, placing their own charisms at the service of the world's needs.



+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 info., contact Ms. Michelle Joseph 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, Couples Ministries, and much more.** We urge active parishioners, **Find one! Join 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.



Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE Mass will take place on Sunday, May 14h at all Masses. This is a beautiful way of remembering our mothers, living or deceased, with a special Mass intention. Offering envelopes are available in the church today and you may return your offering in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. These intentions will remain on the Altar from Mother's Day until the end of the month.



Liturgical Ministers Workshop

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion,
Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality/Ushers.
Saturday, May 13, 2023, Time: 9am -3pm, at
St. Edmund Prep HS, 2474 Ocean Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11229-3998.**

Please call the rectory office for more information.



Annual Plant & Cake Sale. Saturday May, 27th, and Sunday, May 28th, support our Stewardship Appeal by purchasing a potted plant and cakes after Mass at your church location. The proceeds will help support the social outreach of the parish.



School of Faith Formation BAKE SALE.

Sunday, May 14th, immediately after both Masses at Our Lady of Victory Church. **Types of cake:** Chocolate cake, coconut cake, yellow cake with chocolate frosting, pineapple cake, red velvet, bread pudding and cookies.

COIN CARDS FOR ST. JUDE'S CHILDREN HOSPITAL

REMINDER: If you have not done so, please turn in your Lenten coin cards as soon as possible to facilitate us making our donation to *St. Jude Children Hospital*. Please remember the other 50% is used towards our Lenten devotional materials. Thank you.



Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn Vehicle Donation Program Vincentian Charities will accept donations of used vehicles in any condition. They will tow the vehicle away. You will get a tax receipt and the parish will get a donation from Vincentian Charities. To donate, call Vincentian Charities at 718-491-2525 or avcb@gmail.com.

Couples Group

St. Martin de Porres Parish couples' ongoing fellowship and spiritual formation among the married and non-married couples in our parish continues every second Thursday, at 7pm in OLV McGuinness Hall. For more information, please contact the Parish Office, 718-574-5772.



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, vbcckujengaleadership@gmail.com.



The weekend of May, 25th, & May, 26th, representatives from a nonprofit organization called Land of Peace will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the Holy Land. Please browse and buy some articles.

Weekday Readings

Sun. Acts 6:1-7, Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, 1 Pt 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12

Mon. Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn
14:21-26

Tue. Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn
14:27-31a

Wed. Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn
15:1-8

Thurs. Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-
11

Fri. Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-9, 10& 12, Jn 15:12-17



I would like to thank all those generous individuals who have made a pledge to the **2023 Annual Catholic Appeal** at the Parish.

If you are still considering your donation, please complete a donation envelope at the entrance of the church under the appeal posters and hand it in by June 1st.

**TEXT 917-336-1255
to DONATE today!**



*Open your camera on your phone hover over the **QR Code** click the pop-up notification to be taken to the website to begin your online donation.*

Penny Drive

Support the church and put your loose Pennies to good use. Drop your pennies into the penny jar located at the front of the church. Your donation will support the social outreach of the parish.



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2023**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Parish Goal: \$63,586

Pledged - \$14,518 - Received - \$7,389

We would like to thank all those individuals who have made a pledge to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal in our parish. We ask every parish family to consider making a tax-deductible gift today if you have not already do so. It is our hope for this appeal to receive a prayerful gift no matter the amount from every family so that we can reach our goal!

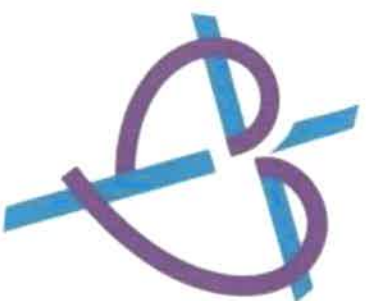


Ascension Thursday



Ascension Thursday; is a holy day of obligation. We recall when, in full sight of the disciples, the Lord Jesus returned to Heaven to sit at His Father's right hand. We celebrate this glorious mystery with the celebration of Mass at 9:00AM at Holy Rosary Church, 12 noon at St. Peter Claver Church, and 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. All are invited to pray with us that day

May 18th. Feast of the Ascension



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The 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal helps support the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:



\$1,200,000 - 15%
Retired
Priests



\$1,800,000 - 22%
Catholic School Tuition Assistance
Faith Formation & Evangelization
& Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative



\$1,100,000 - 14%
Chaplaincies in Schools,
Prisons & Hospitals



\$1,400,000 - 18%
Catholic Charities &
Migration Assistance



\$2,500,000 - 31%
Vocations

**Please consider making your donation
by completing a donation envelope
at Mass on May 6th and 7th.**

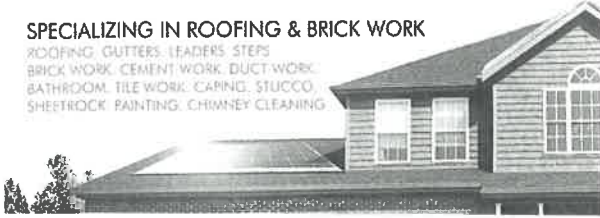


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