



## Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

**SUNDAY May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Rev. Alonzo Q. Cox, Pastor**  
**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 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

Rev. Mr. Rachid Murad, Permanent Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Leroy Branch, Permanent Deacon  
Ms. Paulitiana St. Hilaire, Secretary  
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Ms. Joan Marie Delahunt, Co-Dir. of Music  
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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***

# OLPI MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday: May, 27<sup>h</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver Vigil Mass:**

Emma Valcin – birthday blessing  
*req. by Valcin family*

**Sunday: May, 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver**

Jasmine Charles- in memoriam  
*req. by Catherine Joseph*

**7:30am – Our Lady of Victory**

In thanksgiving to God for Mary Carasco

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

Florence Thibou & Catherine Semper-Shaw – in memoriam  
*req. by Dr. Marina Brown*

**10:15am – Virginia Cox – grace & healing**

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church**

Jenee & Kaleigh Richardson – birthday blessing

**Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, OLV Church 8am**

Ann Johnson – birthday blessing  
*req. by Faith Johnson*

**Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, OLV Church 8am**

Agnes Lawrence and Felix Joseph – in memoriam  
*req. by Judy Mathurin-George*



## ALTAR BREAD:

Fr, Alonzo Cox – guidance & protection

## ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

## SANTUARY CANDLE:

Fr. Franklin Ezeorah – guidance & protection

## 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, Gwendolyn Knight, Ida Lashley, Paul Martin, Yvonne Merrimon, Jacques Maurice, Leslie McFarlane, Aretha Christina Randall, 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.

## *From The Pastors Desk*

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Solemnity of Pentecost. We gather on this Pentecost Sunday to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. Today officially concludes the Easter season. It is my hope that all of us was able to develop a deeper relationship with the Risen Lord, as we encounter him in both word and sacrament. Today, the Lord gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit, in which we are empowered to “go out” and proclaim the Good News by the example of our lives. We hear in today’s gospel of Jesus bestowing his peace upon the disciples who were gathered. The Lord breathes on them and at that moment invokes the Holy Spirit upon them. Today’s solemnity is also traditionally known as the birthday of the Church. It is on Pentecost that the Lord sends his apostles out to spread the faith, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit. We pray that this Pentecost will be a day filled with the love of the Spirit, allowing us to share the fruits of that same Spirit with all our brothers and sisters.

### **Plant and Cake Sale**

Our annual parish plant and cake sale will take place this weekend, May 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>. You are all invited to purchase a beautiful plant or a delicious piece of cake. Proceeds will help support the social outreach of our parish community.

### **Father’s Day Remembrance**

During the month of June, we will remember in a special way all Father’s both living and deceased. Father’s Day remembrance envelopes are located at the doors of each of the three churches. You are invited to place the names of the fathers 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 June.

### **First Friday Devotions**

This Friday, June 2 is the first Friday of the month. Frist Friday devotions will take place following the 8:00AM Mass at Our Lady of Victory with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the recitation of the rosary and Benediction. There will also be a first Friday Noon Mass at St. Peter Claver Church.

### **Memorial Day Holiday**

This Monday, May 29 is Memorial Day. It is a national holiday. The parish office will be closed. Only one Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory Church. There will **not** be a 12:00 Noon Mass at St. Peter Claver Church. Have a Happy Memorial Day!

**Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful, enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.**

Wishing you a blessed and peaceful week in the Lord Jesus,

Father Alonzo Q. Cox



***Scan to support our Parish***





+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.

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**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 info., contact Ms. Michelle Joseph [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, 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 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.

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

**Father's Day Remembrance**

On Sunday, June 18th, Father's Day, we will remember and honor **ALL** Dads at Mass with a special blessing. This is a beautiful way of remembering our fathers, living or deceased. Father's Day envelopes are available in the church today and you may return your offering in the collection or at the Parish Office. These intentions will remain on the altar from Father's Day until the end of the month.



Parish Pilgrimage to **National Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, Manorville, NY. July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.** Price: \$60.00 per ticket. To purchase tickets, please contact members of the Rosary Altar Society, Millicent Fields, Angela Matamora, Yvonne Samaroo, at OLV, Sadie Hughes at HRC. For more information call the Rectory, 718-574-5772.



**Annual Plant & Cake Sale.** 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.



**Altar Flower Donation**

Flowers beautify the sacred space of our church, and are a gift to God and those who attend our Masses. The cost of flowers for our altar is funded through generous donations, and not allocated in our Parish budget. A contribution to the Flower Fund is a meaningful way to honor someone special or remember a loved one. Please call the parish office to reserve any dates for altar flowers.

**Parish Calendar Meeting**

The parish calendar meeting will be held on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10 AM sharp, at OLV's McGuinness Hall. The heads of all parish societies and committees, or their delegates, are invited to propose liturgical, spiritual, fundraising, and social events for the 2023-2024 calendar. To facilitate this process, committee heads are asked to bring to the meeting event request forms which will be available in the sacristies of OLV, SPC, and HRC. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Estella White-McDuffey, Mr. Gabriel Caesar, or call the rectory office 718-574-5772.



**Adult Confirmation**



Congratulations to those who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10:15 AM Mass today. We ask your prayers for them as they complete their initiation into the Catholic Church.



On June 25th, the parish will honor the class of 2023 with a Special Blessing. **ANYONE** who is graduating from **PreK to PhD**, are asked to provide us with the information about themselves on the sheets provided at the entrance of the church. The names of all the graduates will be published in the bulletin on that Sunday.



**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

**Weekday Readings**

**Sun.** Acts 2:1-11 Ps.104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

**Mon.** Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7. Jn 19:25-34

**Tue.** Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 & 23 Mk 10:28-31

**Wed.** Zep 3:14-18a Is.12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56

**Thurs.** Sir 42:15-25 PS 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 10:46-52

**Fri.** Sir 44:1, 9-13 PS 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b Mk 11:11-26

**Sat.** Sir 51:12 cd-20 PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mk 11:27-33



**Appeal Prayer**

God and Father of all gifts, we praise you, the source of all who we are. Teach us to acknowledge always with generous gratitude the many good things your infinite love has given us, as together we support the work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens.

Open our hearts that we may answer your call to follow the message of the Gospel as disciples in love and service nourished by the Eucharist, so that all may come to know You by the example of our faith and good works.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.  
Amen.

**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 will help support the social outreach of the parish.



**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.



**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, [vbccjujengaleadership@gmail.com](mailto:vbccjujengaleadership@gmail.com).

**The Parish office is closed on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for**



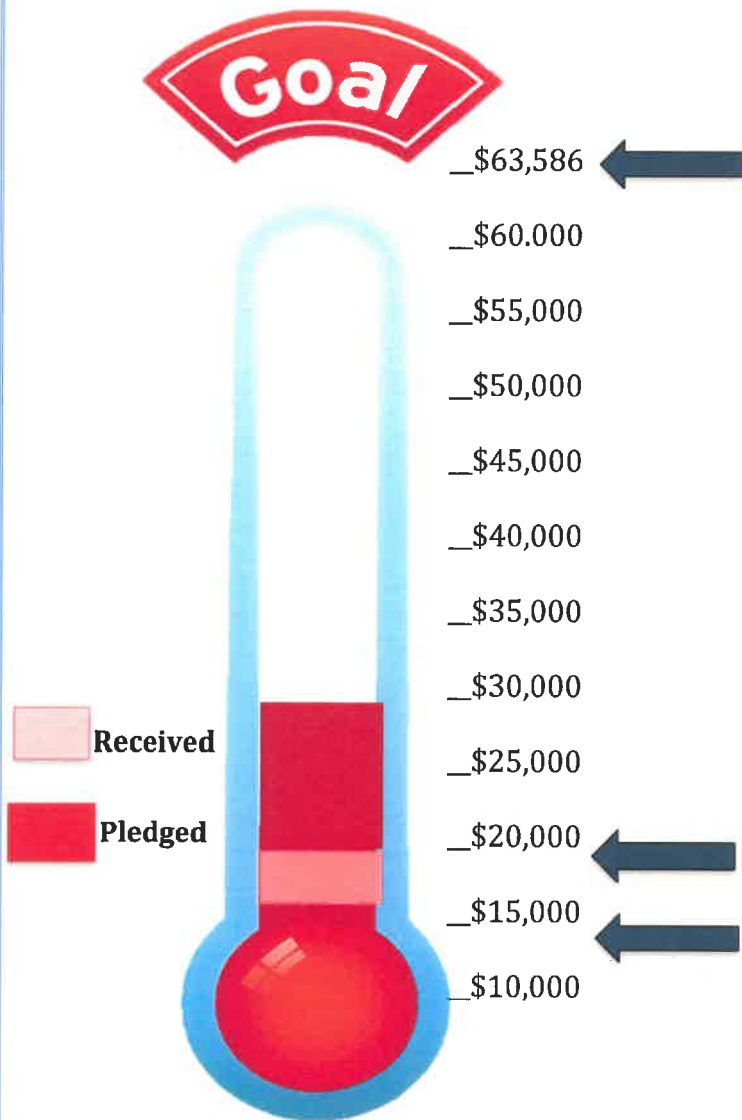
**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY!**

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**



## Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

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### Annual Catholic Appeal

Here is the latest report as of

*May 22, 2023*

Parish Goal: \$63,586

Pledged - \$19,055

Received - \$10,560

Number of Donors: 58



#### WAYS TO DONATE:

- Please scan the above QR
- Complete a Pledge Envelope located at the Church entrance
- Pledge Online at:  
[www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org)

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

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

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**St. Peter Claver Lower Church Hall**