



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY July 2nd, 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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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,

God rewards all generous people (givers). According to one spiritual author, John Rose, "Human generosity will always be rewarded with the divine superabundance." That notwithstanding, God loves more a selfless giver than someone who is charitable with the intent to receive a reward from God. In today's first reading from the Second Book of Kings, the influential woman helping Elisha was not looking to receive anything from Elisha; she was only helping a man of God (cf. 2 Kings 4:8-16). Interestingly, every act of generosity is just like sowing a seed. When someone plants a seed, it grows and yields abundant fruits. It may take time, but if one has the patience, one will undoubtedly reap abundant blessings. An act of generosity will never go unrewarded.

Again, giving is equivalent to sacrifice because, in generosity, one relinquishes what is essential for the good of another; no one has ever performed a sacrifice without getting its reward. Speaking of sacrifice, carrying our crosses in life is an act of sacrifice. Jesus said, "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10: 38). There is always this transaction of give and take in generosity. St Francis of Assisi summed it up in the following words: "It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. It is in giving that we do receive, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life." To this extent, true discipleship has its costs and gains.

Finally, giving facilitates the answering of our prayers. Even when we have not prayed but are charitable, God finds a way of rewarding us with something we need. Today's first reading gives us the mindset of the prophet of God, and today's gospel provides us with the mindset of God. While the woman was charitable to Elisha, she was expecting nothing. However, Elisha was receiving favor from the woman and was looking for something to do for her. The Lord blesses us in the same way whenever we have done something for Him. Besides, we do something for God when we do something for our fellow human beings. After all, Christ was emphatic when he said, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren, you do it for me" (Matthew 25:40). Jesus also said in today's gospel, "Whoever receives you, receives me. And whoever receives me receives the one who sent me" (Matthew 10: 38). May God continue to bless us as we strive to be charitable and generous toward one another. Have a generous week!

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

I take this opportunity to thank all of you who have contributed to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. As you know, the appeal supports the pastoral workings of the Diocese of Brooklyn. Each parish is assigned a financial goal for the year. Our goal at St. Martin de Porres is \$63,586. To date we have pledged \$39,041. I thank all of you for your support and generosity. The key to having a successful appeal is participation.

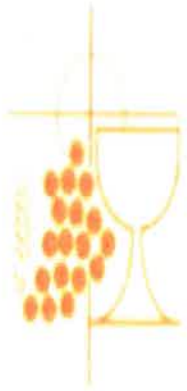
Welcome Msgr. Tony and Father Bonsu

This week we will welcome back Msgr. Tony and Father Bonsu from Ghana. Msgr. Tony will spend the month of July with us and Father Bonsu will spend July, August and September with us. Please be sure to welcome back our summer priests.

Wishing you a joyful and blessed week,
Father Franklin Ezeorah



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Mass Intentions for the week



**Saturday: July 1st, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver
Vigil Mass:**

For deceased members of the Parish

**Sunday: July 2nd, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver
Donavon Simonette – birthday blessing**

**7:30am – Our Lady of Victory
Virginia Cox – grace and healing**

**10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church
Glen & Millicent Mitchell – Wedding Anniversary**

**10:15am- Dr. Marina Brown & Chelien Brown –
birthday blessing**

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church
Christina and Brian Randall - grace and healing**

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UNKNOWING, ARE DOING THE
IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE
UNGRATEFUL.
WE HAVE DONE SO MUCH,
WITH SO LITTLE, FOR SO
LONG, WE ARE NOW
QUALIFIED TO DO ANYTHING
WITH NOTHING.**

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

ALTAR BREAD:

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, Gwendolyn Knight,
Ida Lashley, Paul Martin, Yvonne
Merrimon, Jacques Maurice, Leslie
McFarlane, Aretha Phillips Christina
Randall, Noreen Simonette, Marilyn
Sylvester, Beverley Thompson, Rosemarie
Wilkie, Marie Williams.



Holy Father's Prayer Intention (July.2023)

For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the
celebration of the Eucharist at the
heart of their lives, transforming
human relationships in a very deep
way and opening to the encounter with
God and all their brothers and sisters.



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.



Church Envelopes

Church envelopes are mailed regularly to all registered parishioners who use the weekly envelopes. If you did not receive the mailing please contact the Parish Office. If you do not receive envelopes we encourage you to formally register in the parish as active parishioners and help support the parish throughout the year. Lastly, we kindly ask you to mark your offering on the front of the envelope each week. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity to St. Martin de Porres Parish.



St. Martin de Porres Parish Fund Raising Team will be sponsoring their first curry que on Saturday, September, 16th, from 2pm o 6pm. Mark your calendar, more details to follow.



The 1st Friday Midday Mass at **St. Peter Claver Church** and 11:00am Tuesday Mass at **Holy Rosary Church** will be suspended during July and August. Schedule will resume in September 5th.



The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference, Scranton, PA. August 4th thru 6th. Prices include: Registration, 6 meals, and housing for the entire weekend. Adults over 18 years and over-\$190.-\$200-\$210.00, Preteens & Young Adults-12-17 years- \$145.00, children 5-11 years- \$114. Bus leaves Our Lady of Victory on Friday August 4th, at 11:00 AM sharp. For registration forms and further info please contact Bernice Brown, 347-240-6306, or call the Rectory office, 718-574-5772.



Fr. Franklin’s Anniversary Celebration

Please join us on Friday, July 7th 2023 at 12noon as we as we celebrate Fr. Franklin’s 16th Anniversary of Priestly Ministry in **Our Lady of Victory Church**. Fr. Franklin will be joined with some of his priest friends from Europe who were ordained with him. We praise and thank God for the many years of service, and the blessings that accompanied their priestly journey. Refreshments will be served after Mass including African delicacies, in OLV courtyard.



Fund Rasier

July 15th & 16th, immediately after all Masses. All kinds of cakes will be on sale. All proceeds from this **Bake Sale** will be donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal. For more info, please contact **Dr. Marina Brown, Darlene Collins-Wellington, Lynette Lewis-Rogers,** or call the Rectory, 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.



During the months of July and August until Labor Day, the Rectory office **FRIDAY** hours will be from 8:30am to 12:00noon.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday & Tuesday, July 3rd & 4th in observance of Independence Day. However, all emergency calls will be answered promptly.

The 8:00am Mass at OLV Church will be as schedule.

The Parish staff wishes you a Happy, Blessed and Safe Independence Day!

Weekday Readings

Sun2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a.Ps89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42

Mon. Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 20:24-29

Tue. Gn 19:15-29 Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 Mt 8:23-27

Wed. Gn 21:5, 8-20a Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 8:28-34

Thurs. Gn 22:1b-19 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Mt 9:1-8

Fri. Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 Mt 9:9-13

Sat. Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:14-17

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.



Parish Pilgrimage to **National Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, Manorville, NY. July 15th, 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.



Thank You!

Thank you for your contribution to last weekend's Peter Pence Vatican collection. Funds from this collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world.



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 help support the social outreach of the parish.

2023 Annual Catholic 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 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,
so that all may come to know you.

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



Are you new to the neighborhood? Have you been away from the church for a long time? Come in and join us. **You are welcome here! This is your home, and we are your family.**

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

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Parish Goal: **\$63,586** - Pledged - **\$39,041**

Received - **\$26,762**

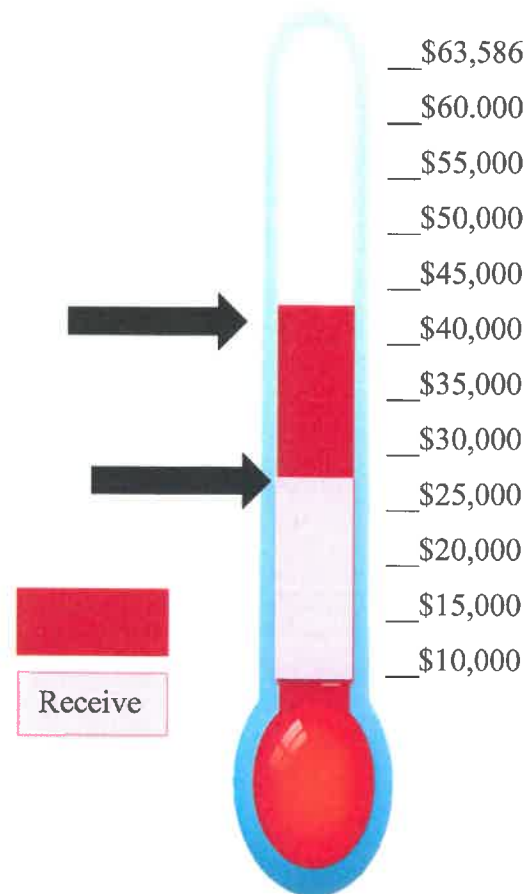
Did you know that there are ways to support our parish and the mission of the Church that can also provide you with tax benefits...and potentially even a source of income?

If you have an asset such as appreciated stocks, a retirement plan, art, real estate, or other assets, a planned gift could be a smarter way to give than cash alone.

With a planned gift like those mentioned above, you can sustain our beloved parish while also making smart financial decisions to benefit your family. If you are interested in learning more, contact our parish office or call the Catholic Foundation at 718-965-7375.



Please visit. www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org



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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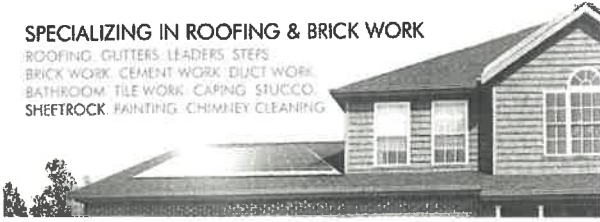
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