



# Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

**SUNDAY June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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**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  
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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*

## *From The Pastors Desk*

Dear Parishioners,

I begin with echoing the psalmist for Mass today, Lord in your great love answer me. There are so many times that we say these words in prayer. It is our hope that the Lord will answer all our prayers and petitions. There are times though, when that does not always happen. It is at those moments when we begin to doubt or to question the great love the Lord has for us. Our gospel passage at Mass today reminds us of the immense love God has for us, his children. The Lord Jesus has some powerful words for us today. He tells us to not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. The Lord knows our wants, needs and desires. It is in his provident time and his immense love that he will grant those to us. In the letter to the Romans, we are told of the great gift Jesus is to us. As we begin these weeks of summer, we pray that the gift of Jesus will continue to be at the core of our daily lives. Jesus is the gift that radiates and transforms the lives of his faithful disciples. May we be the light of Christ that illumines our Church and our community.

### **Congratulations to our Graduates!**

On behalf of the entire parish community, I want to congratulate all our graduates. Whether you “stepped up” from pre-k or kindergarten, graduated from grammar school, high school, college, or graduate school, we congratulate you on your accomplishments. At the end of the masses, there will be a special blessing for all graduates. May the Lord in his abundant mercy continue to bless you in your success.

### **Summer Rectory Hours and Holy Rosary 11:00AM Mass**

Our parish rectory summer hours will begin next week. The parish office will be open Monday to Thursday from 9:00AM to 5:00PM. On Friday’s, the parish office will be open from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. Please note that there will be a priest available in case of an emergency. As is the custom, the 11:00AM Mass at Holy Rosary Church will be suspended for the summer months. The Mass will resume the first Tuesday of September, following Labor Day.

### **Kujenga Retreat**

The Kujenga youth leadership retreat will take place August 4 to August 6 at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY. Started by the late Father Martin Carter, the Kujenga retreat seeks to help educate the youth of our local community in the ways they can better serve their parishes, be a positive influence in their local neighborhoods and be proud of their history. Flyers for the Kujenga retreat can be found at the doors of each of the three churches.

### **Ordination Anniversaries**

In your kindness I ask you to pray for both Father Franklin and I as we prepare to celebrate our priestly ordination anniversaries. I was ordained to the priesthood on June 26. This year I will celebrate 13 years of priesthood. Father Franklin was ordained July 7. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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



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## Mass Intentions for the week



**Saturday: June 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver  
Vigil Mass:**

For the Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday: June 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver**  
The people of the parish

**7:30am – Our Lady of Victory**

John Carasco – in memoriam

*req. by Mary Carasco*

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

Vilma Mitchell – 3<sup>rd</sup> year memoriam anniv.

*req. by Mitchell family*

**10:15am-** Doreen Parks - birthday blessing

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church**

For all living members of St. Martin de Porres  
Parish

**Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup> OLV Church 8am**

Demosthen Brignol Sr. – birthday remembrance

12TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

**LET YOUR  
FAITH  
BE BIGGER  
THAN YOUR  
FEARS**

### 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 (June.2023)**

#### **For the abolition of torture**

We pray that the international  
community may commit in a concrete  
way to ensuring the abolition of torture  
and guarantee support to victims and  
their families.





+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.



**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, in your great love, answer me.

**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.



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.



**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.



**Fr. Franklin's Anniversary Celebration**

Please join us on Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 12noon as we as we celebrate Fr. Franklin's 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



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 5<sup>th</sup>.



**Peter Pence Collection.** Today's second collection is in support of the Holy Father's charitable works. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous.



**THE WORD AMONG US** is a periodical that offers daily reflections on the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass. The July/August issue entitled, "A Very Human Saint" is available today. What a unique way to explore and pray the Scriptures by reading the daily reflection and/or with the family. The listed price is \$5.95 but can be purchased for \$3.00. Please call the Parish Office to purchase your copy.

**SUMMER**

**OFFICE HOURS**

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

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

**Weekday Readings**

**Sun.** Jer 20:10-13 Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33

**Mon.** Gn 12:1-9 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20& 22 Heb 4:12

**Tue.** Gn 13:2, 5-18 Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wed.** Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 7:15-20

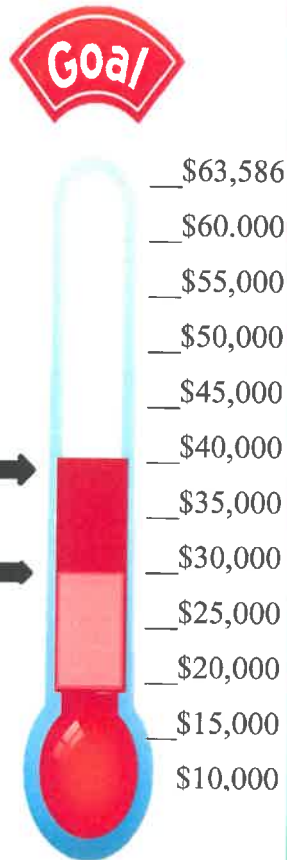
**Thurs.** Acts 12:1-11 Ps.34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 2Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

**Fri.** Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 7:15-20

**Sat.** Acts 12:1-11 Ps.34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 2Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19

**Annual Catholic Appeal**

Here is the latest report as of *June 11, 2023*  
 Parish Goal: **\$63,586**  
 Pledged - **\$38,241**  
 Received - **\$26,186**



*Welcome to our Church*

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!**



We thank all who have contributed and pledged towards the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Together, let us “Answer the call” to assist the Diocese and our Parish. **from our Sight & Sound trip** We raised **\$2,200** which puts us one step closer to our goal of \$63,586. If you have not made a pledge, we encourage you to do so. There are pledge forms at the entrance of the Church. Remember, anything that we make over the goal comes directly back to the Parish.

*No gift is to small*



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**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](mailto:avcb@gmail.com).



**The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference, Scranton, PA.** August 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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Graduate's Name	Graduating School	Upcoming School/Program
Arthur Cambridge	Stony Brook Univ.	
Christopher Davis	City Tech. College	
Minerva Spence	St. Francis College	
Alexander Vage	John Jay College	
Anayah Mattison	Nth, Carolina Univ.	
Courtney Bradley	UNISON	
Mason Rudder	High School	Old Miss Univ.
Samuel Rachid	St. Mary's H.S.	St. Johns Univ.
Dashawn Scott	Gotham Academy	Trade School
James Welcome	UCHS	Aimed State College
Lauren Avila-Simonette	TMLA	St. Johns Univ
Angelina Ua Baslda	UCHS	Seton Hall Univ.
Brianna Brown	Clara Barton	Medgar Evers College
Dorien Bennett	Common School	Tenseness Univ.
Nola Peterson		Howard Univ.
Stephen Deare	Naz. High School	Morgan State
Nadeige LeGrand	M.S. 113	School of Design
Kaylah Scott	Philppa Scyler MS.	School of Performing Arts.
Matthew Cambridge	IS 12	Williamsburg HS.
Samira Jones	Brownstone School	School in Orlando
Brooklyn Chandler	Ambington School	
Maciah Wallace	PS 3	
Cameron Stroud	PS. 3	
Tonee Hamilton	Pre-K	
Vincent Rogers	Pre-K	Kindergarten
Ariel Cassimy	Myer Levin	Abraham Lincoln
King Aaron Midyett	Early Childhood	
Kenneth Velasco-Simonette		

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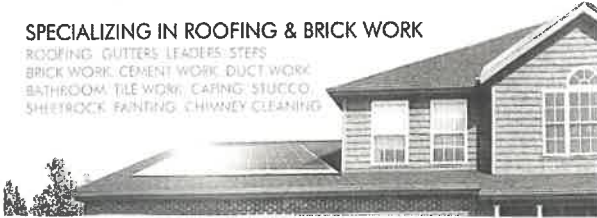
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