



## Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

**SUNDAY July 16<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  
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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 must be honest with all of you, as much as I love the summer, the brutal heat these last few days have been treacherous! Many of you know that I am a huge fan of the beach, but not in hazy, hot and humid weather. Please be sure to hydrate with water, and if you don't need to spend a lot of time outdoors, rest and enjoy your home air-conditioning. Our scripture readings speak to us of sowing seeds of growth. Today's gospel reminds us that we must sow seeds that will produce a harvest that is bountiful and full. That harvest is the Church, particularly the Church here in Bedford-Stuyvesant. How blessed we are to be sowing the seeds of evangelization, encouraging a relationship with the Lord Jesus. We are reminded in today's second reading from St. Paul that the fruits of the Spirit continue to make its dwelling among us. As we continue to bask in the beauty of God's creation during these summer months, let us pray for an increase in charity, allowing Christ to use us as his instruments in sowing the seeds of faith here at St. Martin de Porres.

### **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.

### **Parish Bake Sale**

Our parish Annual Catholic Appeal team will be holding a bake sale today, July 16 after all the masses. Please be sure to stop by to purchase a delicious piece of cake or pastry to help support our parish Annual Catholic Appeal goal. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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



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# Mass Intentions for the week



**0Saturday: July 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver  
Vigil Mass:**

Vera Walker – in memoriam  
*req. by Theresa Walter-Greer*

**Sunday: July 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver  
Msgr. James Hunte – birthday remembrance**

**7:30am – Our Lady of Victory**  
Lawrence & Eucheria Mathurin - Happy 30<sup>th</sup>  
wedding anniv.

**10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church**  
Marie Paul & Dr. Fabiola Paul-Brown – birthday  
blessing  
*req. by Dr. Marina Brown*

Fire Men & Police Officers – blessings &  
protection  
*req. by Dolores Welch*

Dolores Welch (Ms. Dolores)- birthday blessing

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church**  
Ana & Pedro Tablante – in memoriam  
*req. by Garbanzos family*

**Friday, July. 21<sup>st</sup>, OLV 8am Mass**  
Roger Rojas – birthday blessing  
*req. by Rojas family*

Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

## 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, Gleno Holder, Denise Hughes, Msgr. Paul Jervis, 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



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
Who have never been baptized? Who have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Communion? Who has been baptized in another faith tradition, and desires to become

Catholic? Who have 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 2023-2024 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.



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St. Martin de Porres Parish Fund Raising Team will be sponsoring their first **Curry Q** on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, from 2pm to 6pm. Mark your calendar, more details to follow.



**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.



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 on September 5<sup>th</sup>.



**Sunday Mass Obligation**

While summer is a time for fun and relaxation, please remember that we still have an obligation to attend daily and weekly Mass. Please invite your family who has been away from the church to attend Mass with you.



**ST. MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH SPONSORS ITS 6TH ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE**

All are invited to donate different school supplies.  
More information will follow.

**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 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.



**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, vbc cjujungaleadership@gmail.com.



A 50/50 Raffle contribution envelope will be added to your monthly packet. the proceeds will be used for the ongoing renovation and rebuilding of the parish facilities. Winner takes home half the amount collected for the given month. and will be published in the bulletin of that week.



**Office of Court Administration Open-Competitive Examination**

Minimum qualifications to compete: To be eligible to compete in this examination, applicants must have a high school diploma or the equivalent and two (2) years of clerical experience\*; or four (4) years of clerical experience\*. Thirty (30) college level credits may be substituted for each year of work experience. <https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/OC/Application?0>. Filing period starts now July 11th and end on August 10th. All examination appointments must be self-scheduled at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled examination time.

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**Weekday Readings**

**Sun.** Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23

**Mon.** Ex 1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tue.** Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 11:20-24

**Wed.** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 Mt 11:25-27

**Thurs.** Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1 & 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 Mt 11:28-30

**Fri.** Ex 11:10—12:14 Ps 116:12-13, 15& 16bc, 17-18 Mt 12:1-8

**Sat.** Sgs 3:1-4b Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**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.



**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.



**Parish Membership**

All new families are welcome to the Parish and encouraged to become actively involved in parish societies and activities. New parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible. Parishioners are asked to use the weekly envelopes in making their contributions.

**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

**Live Stream Schedule**

Join us every Saturday 5pm, St. Peter Claver Church, Sunday at 9:00am Holy Rosary Church and 10:15am Our Lady of Victory Church for live streaming of Masses on our facebook page socialmedia@smdpp. on our website @stmartindeporresparish.org or directly from the links below  
<https://boxcast.tv/view/500pm-vigil-mass---st-peter-claver-church->  
<https://boxcast.tv/view/1015-am-mass--our-lady-of-victory-church>  
<https://boxcast.tv/view/900am-mass---holy-rosary-church>



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.**

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**Annual Catholic Appeal 2023**  
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### ACA Campaign Summary

Parish Goal: \$63,586 - Pledged - \$39,141  
Received - \$26,762

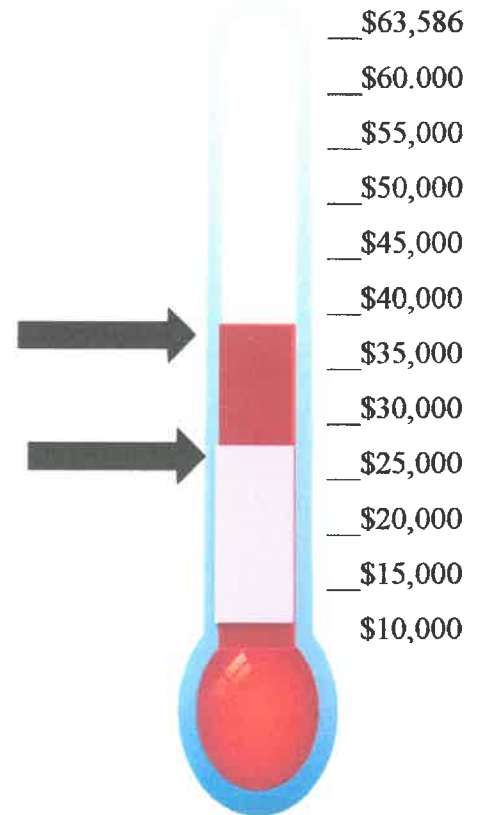
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With a planned gift like those mentioned above, you can sustain our beloved parish while also making smart financial decisions to benefit your family.

If you are interested in learning more, contact our parish office or call the Catholic Foundation at 718-965-7375.



**TEXT ACA to 917-336-1255 or Scan this QR code and you will Be guided through the Donation Process!**



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