



# Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

**SUNDAY Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 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

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,

Each of our three scripture readings for Mass today speak to us of the Kingdom of God. I love the image of the Kingdom of God as a feast. All are invited to the feast, where we will dine sumptuously. The feast prepared for us will be unlike any other feast we have ever taken part of. In that Kingdom, we will gaze upon God's infinite goodness and love, breaking bread with all of our brothers and sisters. The Lord reminds us in today's gospel that all are invited, but some choose to ignore the invitation. Some believe that there are other feasts that they would rather partake of, rather than the feast prepared for us by our Heavenly Father. The question that I would like for all of us to reflect upon is, "are we ready and prepared to accept the invitation given to us by God"? There is so much in this world that is thrown at us, that we forget about the invitation given by God. We must continue to spread the Good News of Jesus here on this earth, extending to our brothers and sisters the invitation to come to the banquet prepared for us by God. We know how important invitations are! Let us pray that we will have the courage to bring Christ to all of our brothers and sisters.

### **2023 Annual Catholic Appeal**

I thank all of you who have generously contributed to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. As you know our goal for the appeal is \$63,586. We have pledged over \$50,000 thus far! Thank you for your prayers, support and generosity.

### **School of Faith Formation Registration**

New registration and re-registration for our parish school of faith formation has begun. Children who need receiving the Sacraments of Initiation must register their children for faith formation classes. Registration fee is \$55 per child. You may register online via our parish website or pick up a registration form at the parish office. Classes have begun.

Allow me to end this letter by invoking Our Lady Queen of Peace to bring God's peace to our world, most especially in the Middle East:

*Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.*

*Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.*

Wishing you a joyful and peaceful week,

Father Alonzo Q. Cox





# Mass Intentions for the week



**Saturday: Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver**

**Vigil Mass:**

Andrina Wilkinson – God’s grace & good health

**Sunday: Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver**

Larissa Assogba – birthday blessing

*req. by Giesle & Stella*

**7:30am – Our Lady of Victory**

For the Souls in Purgatory

*req. by Linley and Julianne Roberts*

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

for the people of the parish

**9:00am- Holy Rosary Church**

for all living members of St. Martin de Porres Parish

**Monday: Oct 16<sup>h</sup>, 12– SPC**

Christie and Tori Paul- birthday blessing

*req. by Paul family*

**Tuesday: Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 8am OLV Church**

Angel Fitzgerald – in thanksgiving

*req. by Island Jean*

***28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

I have asked one thing from  
the LORD. This I will seek:  
to remain in the LORD’s  
house all the days of my life  
in order to gaze at the  
LORD’s beauty and to search  
for an answer in his temple.

**PSALM 27:4**

**ALTAR BREAD & Wine:**

**Andrina Wilkinson – thanksgiving**

**ALTAR CANDLES:**

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard  
Quinn

**SANTUARY CANDLE:**

Virginia Cox – grace & healing

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

***Pray for the  
Sick***

Marie Alfred, Ricardo Agcauli 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  
(October 2023)**

**For the Synod**

We pray for the Church, that she may  
adopt listening and dialogue as a  
lifestyle at every level, and allow herself  
to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards  
the peripheries of the world.



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.



### School of Faith Formation

**I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life .**

We are currently accepting registration for new and continuing religious education students. To register, visit us at <https://stmartindeporresparish.org/faith-formation/>. Classes began Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, and continues every **Sundays from 8:45am-10am** in Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall. For more information, contact Ms. Michelle Joseph at [DRE101260@diobrook.org](mailto:DRE101260@diobrook.org). We look forward to another year of helping our children grow in faith.



**World Mission Sunday- Oct 22nd**

**World Mission Sunday**, organized by the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies, is the only canonically mandated collection in the Church. This year, the spirit of Pope Francis's theme, "**Hearts on fire, feet on the move,**" resonates with us as we are reminded of the energetic and unwavering faith that fuels our shared mission. Please keep the Pope's mission in your prayers and be generous with the collection of the Propagation of the Faith



**2023 Mass Book**

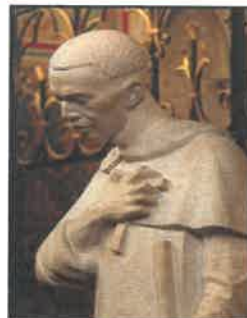
The 2023 Parish Mass Book is open for Mass intentions. You can memorialize or honor someone in a special way. Please note that only one intention per Mass, except for the Sunday 10:15 Mass, which is a multiple intention Mass. An intention is \$15.00. Also available are Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Altar Candles and Altar Flowers. Please come to the Parish Office to make special Mass offerings for your loved ones.



We will begin collecting dry goods (*pasta, Rice & more*) and canned foods for our annual Thanksgiving food distribution. Please place all items in the box provided at each Church site

beginning Sunday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> thru Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please call the Parish office, at 718-574-5772.

*Love makes us similar, it creates equality, it breaks down walls and eliminates distances. God did this with us.*  
Pope Francis



**St. Martin De Porres  
Feast Day Mass**

In celebration of the feast day of St. Martin de Porres there will be **ONE** Parish Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am. Deacon Tobychukwu "Tobe" Offiah will be the homilist at this

Mass. The three churches will **not** have their usual Sunday Masses. There will be a 5:00PM Mass on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter Claver Church, and a 7:30am Mass at our Lady of Victory Church. Immediately following the Mass, there will be a reception in the McGuinness Hall. We are asking all parishioners to contribute towards the reception. There are signup sheets at the front of the Church for your contribution, or you may call the rectory.



**All Souls Day Remembrance  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30pm OLV**



For **All Souls Day**, on which we pray for the souls of the departed friends and family, envelopes are available in the entrance of the church. Add your deceased families name on the envelopes with your enclosed offering. **The names will be placed on the altar** where the deceased will be remembered at all Masses during November's remembrance of the dead.



If you have not pledged, please consider making your contribution to the **ACA**. There will be a renewed drive in the coming weeks to get more of our parishioners to pledge to the appeal. Your financial contribution will help us meet our goal to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal. Pledge forms are available in the church.

**I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life .**

**Weekday Readings**

**Sun.** Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14

**Mon.** Rom 1:1-7 Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Lk 11:29-32

**Tue.** Rom 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Lk 11:37-41

**Wed.** 2 Tm 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Lk 10:1-9

**Thurs.** Rom 3:21-30 Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab Lk 11:47-54

**Fr.** Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11 Lk 12:1-7

**Sat.** Rom 4:13, 16-18 PS 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43Lk 12:8-12

**SMDPP Souvenir Shirts**

St. Martin de Porres shirts are available for purchase. Sizes are Small, Medium, Large, X-Large & XXXLarge. To place an order, please call the rectory office 718-574-5772.



**All Saints and All Souls Mass Schedule**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saints Day. It is Holy Day of Obligation. Mass schedule for that day is as follows: 9am - HRC, 12Noon - SPC, and 7:30pm - OLV.



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**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.



**Auto Donation**

The Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn will take any car, truck or van, running or not, and donate \$75 to \$200 per vehicle to St. Martin de Porres. Any old or neglected vehicle sitting in your driveway or family member, friend or neighbor's driveway can be disposed of by calling (718) 491-2525. Free towing, any condition. IRS tax deduction.



**Long Island chapter Columbiettes**

The Long Island chapter Columbiettes is having their annual Educational Grant Luncheon on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at St. Peter Church Hall from 12 noon to 4pm. the cost is \$40 per person. We have many prizes to raffle to help aid in the many grants we give to children attending Catholic school from K to 12th grade. Please contact Jennifer Parkinson-Gilbert if you are interested in supporting out effort 917-957-8648.



**Annual Catholic Appeal 2023**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

**ACA Campaign Summary**

**Parish Goal: \$63,586 - Pledged - \$52,933**

**Received - \$42,913**

**If you have already made your pledge**

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

**Your generosity and kindness are greatly**

**appreciated**



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# ACA 2023 Fall Plan

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In Brooklyn and Queens



*“As each one has received a gift,  
use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”  
(1 Peter 4:10)*

With so much uncertainty in the world, the resolve of our priests and religious, ministers and teachers, and all people of faith has only grown stronger in Brooklyn and Queens, but so have the needs.

More than ever, we need your help to spread the light of Christ to our city and neighbors by giving to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your participation joins you in faith with others in the Church to do good works during challenging times in new innovative ways:

- Connecting our young people to the Church
- Feeding the hungry
- Visiting the sick and imprisoned
- Giving shelter to the homeless
- Welcoming the stranger
- Caring for the elderly
- Sharing our faith
- Educating the young
- Forming deacons and priests

The work you support with a donation to the Appeal goes beyond the abilities of any one parish while benefiting the faithful in all parishes including **St. Martini de Porres Parish**

As a committed parishioner, friend, and Catholic, we need your support to uphold our mission. We are grateful to the # donors who have already made a generous commitment to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal.

**Parish Goal: &63,586      Amount Pledged by Parishioners as of 10/09: \$52,933**

During Masses across our diocese and at our parish on **October 29<sup>th</sup>**, we will conduct a commitment weekend asking for the support of all who are able.

You may also make your gift online now at [annualcatholicappeal.org](http://annualcatholicappeal.org) or text **DONATE** to 917-336-1255 or call 718-965-7375 and have a pledge card mailed to your home.

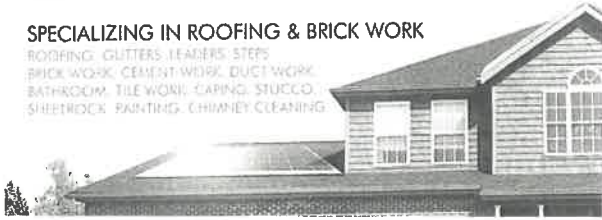


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