



# Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

**SUNDAY Oct 29<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 Ezeroah 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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Ms. Paulitiana St. Hilaire, Secretary  
Mrs. Maria Matos, Bookkeeper  
Ms. Michelle Joseph, Dir. of Religious Edu.  
Mr. Joseph Murray, Co-Dir. of Music  
Ms. Tamika Daniel, Youth Minister  
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## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 10:00am. - 5:00pm.  
Tuesday to Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Evenings & Weekends: By appointment.

## Mass Times

### Holy Rosary Church

139 Chauncey Street / Brooklyn, NY 11233  
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  
*(In St. Anthony's Chapel)*



### 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,

Here we are at the end of October! This Tuesday is Halloween. As I'm sure many of you know, the origin of Halloween is very much Christian. The actual day is known as All Hollow's Eve, as it falls on the day before All Saint's Day. Traditionally, Christians would dress up as saints and martyrs to celebrate the day. Over the years, it has become so commercialized, where costumes have become overelaborate and, in some cases, demonic and evil. As a kid growing up, I enjoyed Halloween, even to this day as an adult I enjoy the original spirit of the day. A very safe Halloween for those families who will be out in the neighborhood this Tuesday evening.

### **All Saints Day & All Souls Day**

This Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saint's Day. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at each of the three churches: 9:00AM at Holy Rosary Church, 12:00Noon at St. Peter Claver Church and 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. Please note there will not be an 8:00AM Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church on Wednesday morning. The next day, Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> is All Souls Day. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. Please note there will not be an 8:00AM Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church on Thursday morning. During the month of November, we will remember in a special way those who have died. All Souls Day envelopes are located at the doors of the churches. You may place your offering in the envelope and place it in the collection baskets or bring it to the parish office. The names of the deceased will be placed on the altars of each of the churches throughout the month of November.

### **Parish Feast Day Mass**

Next Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate as a parish community the Feast of St. Martin de Porres, our patron. As has been the custom, each of our three church communities will come together for Mass at 10:15AM at Our Lady of Victory Church. There will not be a 9:00AM Mass at Holy Rosary Church and there will not be an 11:30AM Mass at St. Peter Claver Church. We will have a 5:00PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, November 4 at St. Peter Claver and a 7:30AM Mass at Our Lady of Victory on Sunday morning. Following the 10:15AM Mass there will be a reception in McGuinness Hall. As has been announced, our former pastoral year seminarian, Tobe, will be ordained a transitional deacon on Saturday, November 4 at St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers. He will serve as deacon and preach for the first time as deacon on Sunday at the Feast Day Mass. We congratulate him as he makes this last step before ordination to the priesthood in June.

### **First Friday Devotions**

This Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the first Friday of the month. First Friday devotions will take place at Our Lady of Victory following the 8:00AM Mass. There will be a 12:00Noon Mass at St. Peter Claver Church.

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





# Mass Intentions for the week



**Saturday: Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver  
Vigil Mass:**

Judy Mathurine-George - birthday blessing & thanksgiving

**Sunday: Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver**  
For the people of the Parish

**7:30am – Our Lady of Victory**

In thanksgiving for The Sacred Heart for Mary Carasco

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

Edna Jordan - in memoriam

*Req. by Rachele Sannino*

**Judith Charles – birthday blessing, deliverance and protection**

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

Rodney Pino – in memoriam

*Req. by Pino family*

**Tuesday – Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 8am OLV**

Roselyn Harte – in memoriam

*Req. by Garbanzos family*

## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



You shall love the Lord, your God,  
with all your heart, with all your soul,  
and with all your mind.  
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

MATTHEW 22

### ALTAR BREAD & Wine:

### ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

### SANTUARY CANDLE:

### 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.**

# Religious Education

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.



**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 2024 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.



**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.



2024 Mass Book

The 2024 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.



Taste of Christmas



Please support our multi-faceted fundraiser on Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, **A Taste of Christmas and Poinsettias sale.** A Taste of Christmas is a sweet and savory delightfully holiday themed food and beverages box. It will include, chicken or vegetarian pastelles, slices of fruit cake, pound cake, a rock bun, a choice of sorrel or ginger beer and coconut ice cream. Boxes are \$20.00 each. Please call the Rectory to place orders



SMDPP Food Drive



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.



SMDPP Souvenir Shirts

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



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 5th 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 4th 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 MASS.** This Thursday, November 2nd at 7:30 PM in OLV the church, we will pray for our deceased family members and for the souls of those who were buried from our church in the last year. **The names will be placed on the altar** where the deceased will be remembered at all Masses during November's remembrance of the dead.



Annual Catholic  
Appeal 2023  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

We would like to thank all those generous individuals who have made a pledge to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal in our parish. We are asking each family to consider making a tax-deductible gift today if you have not already done so. It is our hope for this appeal to receive a prayerful gift no matter the amount from every family so that we can reach our goal!

**Parish Goal: \$63,586**

**Pledged - \$57,658**

**Received: \$47,957**

**Weekday Readings**

**Sun.** Ex 22:20-26 Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 1 Thes 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40

**Mon.** Rom 8:12-17 Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 Lk 13:10-17

**Tue.** Lk 13:10-17 Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Lk 13:18-21

**Wed.** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

**Thurs.** Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Rom 6:3-9 Jn 6:37-40

**Fr.** Rom 9:1-5 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Lk 14:1-6

**Sat.** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 Lk 14:1, 7-11

**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

**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.



**SMDPP Annual Christmas Party** Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 1:00pm-6:00pm, in Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall. More information will follow.



**ALL SAINTS DAY**



Wednesday, November 1st is All Saint's Day. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass schedule is as follows: *HRC. 9am, SPC 12noon & OLV 7:30 pm.*



**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 our effort 917-957-8648.



Don't forget daylight savings time is next Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>! Set your clocks 1 hour BACK Saturday.

Welcome to our Church

# A Taste of Christmas Box & Poinsettia Sale



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**Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, after all Masses.**

*A Taste of Christmas is a sweet and savory delightfully holiday themed box. It will include, chicken or vegetarian pastelles, slices of fruit cake, pound cake, a rock bun, a choice of sorrel or ginger beer and coconut ice cream. (Poinsettia not included)*

**Please support our fund raiser**



**Pre-Order your Tast of Christmas Box by calling the  
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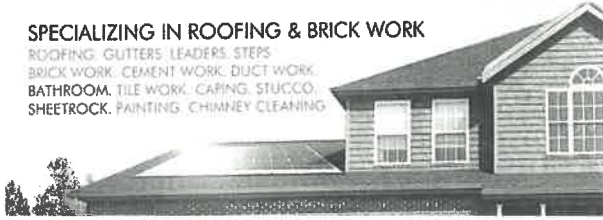


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