



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY Dec. 3, 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.

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

1st 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

1st Fridays: 12noon

Holiday schedule will be announced

From The Pastors Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. Advent is one of the most beautiful and fruitful liturgical seasons within the Catholic Church, although it is brief, only 4 weeks. I invite all of us to use these next four weeks of Advent to spiritually prepare our minds, hearts and souls for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I challenge us, myself included, not to fall into the trap of the commercialization of Christmas. We need this time to prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ, who comes to us as a child. During this beautiful season, our scripture passage focuses on the prophet Isaiah. The prophet proclaims "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight a highway for our God." May this season bring us the joy of welcoming Christ into the homes of our hearts.

Advent Vespers and Eucharistic Adoration

As is the custom here at St. Martin de Porres, we will have Eucharistic Adoration with Vespers each Tuesday during Advent beginning this Tuesday, December 5th. Vespers will take place at Our Lady of Victory Church starting at 7:30PM. The service will be livestreamed, but all are welcomed to join us for prayer.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

This Friday, December 8th is the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at each of the three churches: 9:00AM at Holy Rosary Church, 12:00 Noon at St. Peter Claver Church and 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. Please note that there will not be an 8:00AM Mass at Our Lady of Victory on Friday morning.

Parish Christmas Party

Our parish Christmas party will take place next Sunday, December 10 at Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall beginning at 1:00PM. Tickets are \$20 each and includes food, dancing and a lot of fun. We also have some great prizes to be raffled off throughout the day. Tickets for the party along with raffle tickets can be purchased after all the Masses this weekend and at the parish office.

Youth Ministry

Youth ministry will begin meeting today, Sunday, December 3 at Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall at 12:30PM.

Allow me to end with one of my favorite Advent hymns, which depicts the great beauty of this most sacred season:

O come divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away. Dear Savior haste, come, come to earth. Dispel the night and show your face and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O come divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day, when hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away.

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





Mass Intentions for the week

Saturday: Dec. 2, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver

Vigil Mass:

Murray Lawrence – Guidance & Protection

Req. by Rose Graham

Sunday: Dec. 3, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver

For the people of the Parish

7:30am – Our Lady of Victory

Edna Jordan – in memoriam

Req. by Rachel Sannino

10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church

Charles Shaw, Archie J. Brown – in memoriam

Req. by Dr. Marina Brown

Gerry Paras – birthday blessing

Req. by Garbanzos family

Millie Fields – birthday blessing

Req. by Michelle family

9:00am – Holy Rosary Church

Rodney Pino – in memoriam

Req. by Pino family

Fri. Dec. 8AM – OLV Church

Alice Rosette * Elaine Ge-Oye – in memoriam

Req. by Garbanzos family



ALTAR BREAD & Wine:

ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

SANTUARY CANDLE:

ALTAR FLOWERS

Pray for the

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



Holy Father's Prayer Intention (December 2023)

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

**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 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://stmartindeporesparish.org/faith-formation/>. Classes began Oct. 8th, 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- 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 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.



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.

Organizing Update:

EBC: As I reported previously the co-chairs for Metro IAF organizations, including EBC, met with Stacy Lynch, Chief of Staff for Governor Hochul, on Nov. 17th continuing our efforts to develop state owned lands for truly affordable housing. It was so unsatisfactory that we ended the meeting and gave them until Dec 1st to give us a specific percentage of affordability at the Creedmoor site (Queens) and to bring a list of other sites in NYC that meet the criteria for truly affordable housing.

The meeting reflected the Governor's present understanding of Metro IAF. Most community groups that she and her staff encounter have great passion and just and righteous indignation but have not done their homework. Therefore, they can be easily sidelined with a few statistics and a great deal of jargon. We attend any meeting knowing the situation, including the details of jurisdiction and zoning, as well, and it seems in this case, better than they do. We are immune to the usual techniques of disrespect and dismissal. We hope that they will take this time to check us out and realize that business as usual will not work with us.

One person who has taken the time to understand us is Errol Louis. He has covered Metro IAF for years and recently interviewed Rev. David Brawley, Pastor of St Paul's Community Baptist Church, and co-chair of Metro IAF, for NY1. It is an enlightening 8 min exchange. You can access it by opening www.publiclandpublicgood.com and scrolling down to the "Newsroom: section I also suggest reading the article next to it from the "New York Daily News" by Tim Balk.

Parish and Diocese: Bishop Brennan's letter several weeks ago demonstrated in very stark terms that everyone who wishes the Catholic Church in Brooklyn to thrive must become involved in building it up. I am adding two questions at the end of my individual meetings with Parishioners: what must you know to become a more active and thoughtful parishioner and how do you think it best to communicate within the parish? We are open to any answer which does not increase the work of the priests or present staff of the parish. The ball is in your court.

Please contact me at 917-373-3876 with any questions.

Fr Bill Smith

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.

Name: _____ Cell# _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

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. The stipend for 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.



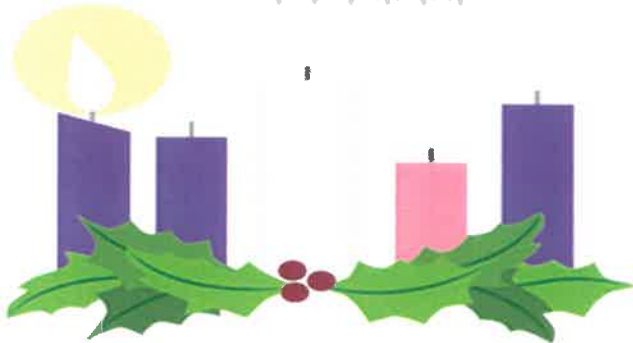
CHRISTMAS PLANTS that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas Season may be donated. You may wish to donate **IN MEMORY OF** or **IN HONOR OF** a loved one. Christmas plant donation envelopes are available in the church today. Please return your offering in the collection or to the Parish Office.



SMDPP Jolly Christmas Raffle Mania, Sunday, December 10th, 2023, 1:30pm-6:00pm, in Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall. Lots to Raffle, Food, Music, and dancing. Donation: \$20.00. Raffle tickets are available for purchase at **\$5 per ticket**. Prizes are, **Apple iPad, 50" TV, and an 11piece Calphalon Cookware set Pots**.



Our custom of Advent vespers will continue this year. All are invited to pray vespers with the community on the Tuesdays of Advent. The first Tuesday vespers will take place on Dec. 5th, at 7:30PM in Our Lady of Victory Church. It will also be livestreamed.



FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

*The first candle of Advent, sometimes called the "Prophet's Candle," symbolizes **hope**. "Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait in hope all day long" (Psalm 25).*

Taste of Christmas



Poinsettia Sale



St. Martin de Porres Parish Annual **Children's Christmas Party** Sunday, December 17th, 2023 12:00 - 3:00pm, in Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall. All are welcomed.

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Weekday Readings

Sun. IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-191
COR 1:3-9 MK 13:33-37

Mon. Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11

Tue. Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

Wed Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37

Thurs. Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1& 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri. Gn 3:9-15, 20 PS 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Sat. Gn 3:9-15, 20 PS 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

50/50

Monthly 50/50 Raffle contribution is \$20.00. proceeds will be used for the ongoing renovation and rebuilding of the parish facilities. Winner takes home half the amount collected for the month. November's drawing will take place on December 4th. **THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK**



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Reconciliation Monday

On Monday, December 18, there will be reconciliation for parishes in the New York Area. We will have confessions from 6:00pm-8:00pm. It's a great way to prepare spiritually for Christmas.



SMDPP Mustard Seed Youth Minister invites all young people of the parish particularly those from seventh to twelfth grades to their Youth Group meeting today, Sunday December 3, 2023. from 1pm to 3pm in Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall. Parents are asked to register kids via this link. <https://forms.gle/9KTCGj5DLsq6a7xL9>. For more info. please contact Tamika Daniel mustardseedyouthgroupsmdpp@gmail.com.



Parish Stewardship Renewal

For those who recently joined our faith community, and attend Mass regularly, please register as a parishioner. This will allow the parish to assist you when you or a family member seek a sacrament, need a letter of good standing, or want to serve as a Godparent. It will also help us communicate with you so that you can be up to date on what is going on and how would you like to be involved at St. Martin de Porres Parish. Thank you.



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.



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