



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY Nov 19th, 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

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.

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,

This week we will gather with family and friends to celebrate the great American holiday that is Thanksgiving. It is my hope and prayer that each of you will have a joyful and beautiful Thanksgiving. Whether you are traveling to be with family or staying local, may the spirit of the Lord Jesus be with you, as you celebrate this day of giving thanks to God. I tell the school students that each time we gather for the celebration of Mass, we in a particular way celebrate Thanksgiving. The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. We give thanks to God for all the many gifts and blessings he has bestowed upon us. We give thanks to God for the gift of our faith, which allows us to proclaim and profess Jesus as Savior and King. We give thanks to God for the gift of family and friends who mold us as disciples of the Lord. St. Paul tells us so beautifully in today's second reading that we are children of light! As we celebrate this Thanksgiving holiday, let us share the light of Christ with our brothers and sisters. May the Holy Spirit continue to strengthen us as disciples of Christ our great High Priest.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

This Thursday, November 23, we will have our parish Thanksgiving Day Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church beginning at 8:00AM. As has been the custom, you may bring a dish that you will be serving for your holiday meal to be blessed at Mass.

50/50 Raffle

A 50/50 envelope has been included in your monthly tithe's envelope packet. Extra envelopes are located at the doors of the churches. Contribution is \$20 and the proceeds will be used for the ongoing renovation and rebuilding of parish facilities. The winner takes home half of the amount collected for the given month. Simply drop your entry in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. The winner will be announced.

Lector Workbooks

Next Sunday, the Solemnity of Christ the King, is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. We begin a new liturgical year along with a new cycle of scripture readings proclaimed at Mass. All parish lectors must pick up their new lector workbooks in the sacristy of each of the churches.

Allow me to end with this Thanksgiving prayer:

Good and gracious God, we come before You today united with all who give You thanks and praise. Fill us with gratitude and Your many blessings, both physical and spiritual. We thank You in particular this day for the gifts of good and family. Bless this food, Lord, that it may nourish our bodies. Bless our family, especially those who can't be with us today. Also today, we remember those of our family who have gone to be with You. Grant us Your spiritual blessings and help us pray daily for the grace to serve You in response to Your bountiful gifts to us. Bless all who serve You throughout the world. We pray this in the name of Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who gives all things freely according to our needs. Continue to bless us and give us Your peace. Amen.

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





Mass Intentions for the week



**Saturday: Nov. 18th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver
Vigil Mass:**

Virginia Cox – grace and healing

Sunday: Nov. 19th, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver
For all deceased members of the Parish

7:30am – Our Lady of Victory

In thanksgiving and in honor of the Sacred Heart
For Mary Carasco

10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church

Edna Jordan – in memoriam

Dr. Marina Brown – grace and healing

9:00am – Holy Rosary Church

Armando & Patrocinio Deang – in memoriam

Req. by Garbanzas family

Fri. Nov 24th 8am – OLV Church

Wilmoth Randall – in memoriam

Req. by Randall family



Save the Dates

***Advent Vespers & Benediction
OLV Church***

***Tuesday, December 5th
Tuesday, December 12th
& Tuesday December 19th
at 7:30pm***



Lessons & Carols

***Wednesday, December 15th
7:30pm***

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
(November 2023)**

For The Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as
he fulfills his mission, may he
continue to accompany the flock
entrusted to him, with the help of
the Holy Spirit.



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://stmartindeporresparish.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 from Fr Bill

Parish and Diocese: Last week, Bishop Brennan shared some relevant statistics for the future of our Parish and Diocese. Perhaps the most dramatic is that in 2017 Mass attendance in the Diocese was reported at an average of 205,502 people per weekend. In 2022, the average was reported at 124,031. This is a decrease of nearly 40% in 5 years. I have discovered since my return to Bed Stuy in September that many of the friends I have not seen are still in the community but, for many reasons, no longer attend Mass regularly. There is much that we as a Parish cannot do in response to the diocesan wide decrease in attendance, but we can reach out to those unable to worship here, not only as friends but as Parishioners. This is the kind of ministry at which community organizing excels and I will be raising it at individual meetings. Please accept my invitation to meet or don't wait to be asked and contact me directly. My cell phone number is 917-373-3876 and personal email address is wigs@smith141.com.

Community: The co-chairs of Metro IAF groups from Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn including EBC met with Gov Hochel's chief of staff on Friday. Their purpose was to remind the Governor that she has the authority, on her own, to release land in New York City for affordable housing and to determine what affordable means. If anything was accomplished, it will be announced at Mass. This will be a long process and you will be informed of the progress at every step. We are not leaving. We belong. We shall not be moved, and we are not alone.

Diocesan Second Collection

This week's second collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection

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: _____

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.



St. Peter Claver Church **Thanksgiving Lunch**, today **Sunday, November 19^h**, in the **Msgr. Rodgers Hall** immediately following the 11:30AM Mass. Everyone is invited to join for friendship, fellowship & fun.



Please support our multi-faceted fundraiser on Sunday December 2nd, **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. Proceeds goes toward to the Annual Catholic Appeal.



SMDPP Jolly Christmas Raffle Mania, Sunday, December 10th, 2023, 1:30pm-6:00pm, in Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall. Lots of 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**.



Thursday November 22nd, Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady of Victory Church at 8:00am. You are invited to bring a dish from your Thanksgiving table to be blessed at that Mass. You will also receive a Thanksgiving placemat that you may use at your table.



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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the diocesan appeal this year. As you can see we almost at our assigned goal in pledges. Please remember any monies received over the goal will be returned to the parish which is a great incentive. We ask all parishioners to participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal and to make a donation go to www.catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal. Thank you for your help.



To donate online, text ACA to 917-336-1255
or scan the QR code with your smartphone

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Weekday Readings

Sun. Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
1Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30

Mon. 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 Lk 18:35-43

Tue. 2 Mc 6:18-31 PS 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 19:1-10

Wed. 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b& 15 Lk 19:11-28

Thurs. Sir 50:22-24 Ps.145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 1 Cor 1:3-9 Lk 17:11-19

Fri. 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59, 1Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd Lk 19:45-48

Sat. 1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16& 19 Lk 20:27-40

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 you'd 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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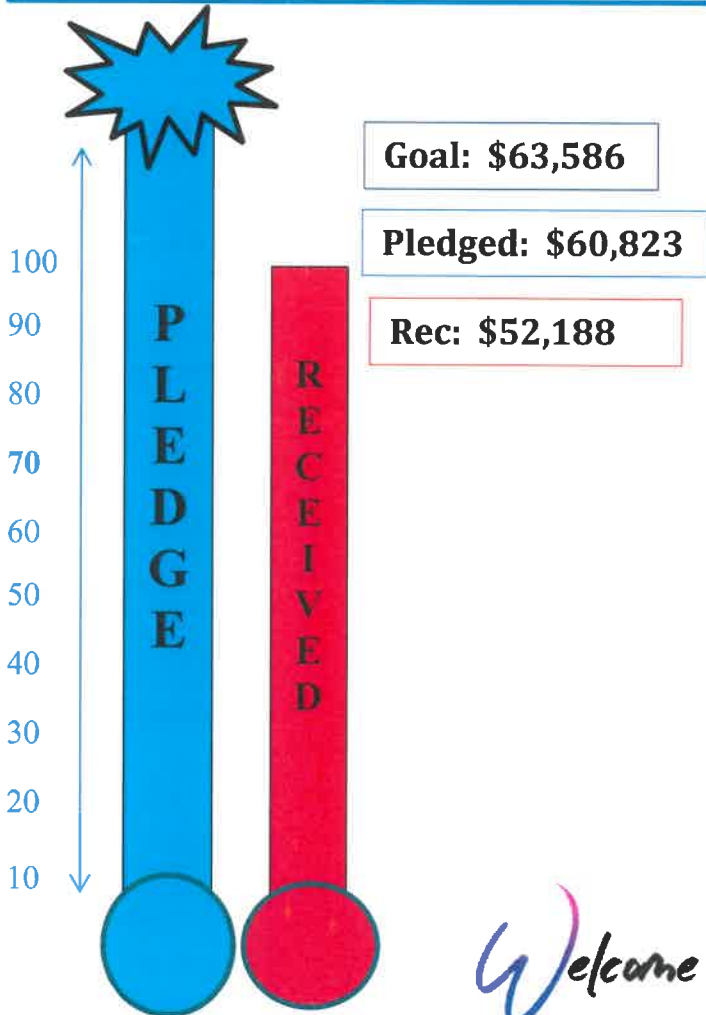
Monthly 50/50 Raffle contribution is \$20.00. proceeds will be used for the ongoing renovation and rebuilding of the parish facilities. Winner takes

home half the amount collected for the month. Remember, you have to be in it to win it. **THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!**



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.



Welcome to our Church

We're so glad you've come to worship with us this morning. Help us get to know you by filling out a welcome card and dropping it in the collection plate. We hope you've been blessed today.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

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