



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY Nov 3rd, 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
Rev. Mr. Leroy Branch, 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,

As we begin this month of November, I take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy and blessed Feast Day of our parish patron, St. Martin de Porres. As you know, back in 2007, the Diocese of Brooklyn officially merged the parishes of Our Lady of Victory, Holy Rosary and St. Peter Claver. From that official canonical merger was born St. Martin de Porres Parish. Although his actual liturgical memorial date is November 3, we have begun the custom of celebrating as a parish community this feast day on the Sunday closest to the liturgical memorial. How blest we are as a community to come together to celebrate as members of the mystical Body of Christ. Our gospel passage for Mass today speaks to us about humility. We know that everything that is accomplished here at St. Martin de Porres parish is for the building up of the Kingdom of God. We give thanks to God unceasingly, as St. Paul tells us in today's second reading, for allowing the Word of God to grow within our community here. May Christ, the great High Priest, continue to shed his abundant blessings upon all of us here at St. Martin de Porres Parish.

Congratulations Deacon Tobe

Today, we congratulate Deacon Tobechwku Offiah, who yesterday was ordained a transitional deacon for the Diocese of Brooklyn. How beautiful and fitting that Deacon Tobe, who spent his pastoral year of formation here at St. Martin de Porres Parish, preach his first Sunday Mass as a deacon today, commemorating our parish Feast Day. Today we welcome Deacon Tobe's family and friends who are here with him for Mass. We also welcome some of our seminarians who are here to celebrate with Deacon Tobe. I ask that you keep Deacon Tobe and his classmates in your prayers as they prepare for their priesthood ordination this Spring.

Thanksgiving Baskets

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, it has been the custom to distribute Thanksgiving baskets to families who might be in need this year. If you need a Thanksgiving food basket or know of a family that may need one, please call the parish office to have the names placed on the list. Basket distribution will take place the week before Thanksgiving.

Parish Council Members

As you know, each parish must have a parish council that will assist the Pastor in his service as shepherd to the community. This year, new members of the St. Martin de Porres Parish council were selected for service. I have had the opportunity to meet with the council and they are very much excited to hear from you, their fellow parishioners and work for the building up of the community here in Bedford Stuyvesant. The new parish council members will be officially installed at today's feast day Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

All Souls Day Remembrance

During the month of November, we will remember in a special way all those who have died. All Souls envelopes are located at each of the three churches. Names of the deceased will be placed on the altars of each of the churches throughout the month.

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





Mass Intentions for the week



**Saturday: Nov. 2nd, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver
Vigil Mass:**

Martha Jean- Pierre – in memoriam
Req. by Nadyne Gerard

7:30am – Our Lady of Victory
John Carasco - birthday remembrance
Req. by Mary Carasco

10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church
Shirley Thomas – in memoriam
Req. by Mitchell family

Tomas Garbanzos – in memoriam
Req. by Garbanzos family

Wilfred Payne – in memoriam
Req. by Payne family

Daniel Simonette – Birthday blessing
Req. by Simonette family

Tuesday – Nov. 7th 8am OLV
Marie Fortune & Hector Fritz – in memoriam
Req. by Pasty

Wednesday – Nov. 8th 8am
Islande Jean – in thanksgiving
Req. by family

**31st Sunday
in Ordinary
Time**

November 5, 2023

Call no one on earth your
father; you have but one
Father in heaven.
Do not be called 'Master';
you have but one master, the

ALTAR BREAD & Wine:

Rev. Alonzo Cox

ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard
Quinn

SANTUARY CANDLE:

Fr. Franklin Ezeorah

ALTAR FLOWERS

People of the Parish

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, 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 (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.



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. 22nd thru Nov. 12th. For more information, please call the Parish office, at 718-574-5772.



50/50

Congratulations to **Ms. Lausanne Dare** of SPC Church who won \$750.00 from the October drawing! The proceeds will be used for the ongoing renovation and rebuilding of the parish facilities. The November drawing will be held on December 4th 2023. 50/50 envelopes is included in your monthly packet. Extra envelopes are at the Church doors. **YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!** Thank you and good luck.



St. Peter Claver Church invites all our parishioners to join them for a Parish **Thanksgiving Lunch, on Sunday, November 19^h**, in the **Msgr. Rodgers Hall** immediately following the 11:30AM Mass. Please have the names of any homebound parishioner you wish to have dinners delivered to.



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 with More information will follow.



Taste of Christmas



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.



From Fr. Bill Smith

I would like to thank those who have or will meet with me for an individual meeting. This is the basic building block both for developing our parish and for participating in our community. I would especially like to thank the parishioners who braved the rain and joined in the action at Governor Hochel's office on Wednesday. We joined with Leaders from our organizations throughout New York to show our determination to provide affordable housing in every neighborhood in New York. The Governor, a predicted, tried to ignore us completely but eventually her chief of staff met with a delegation of Pastors, and one religious sister, from our strategy team. I hope that you saw the article in the Daily News and the reports in other media. We are not leaving. We belong. We shall not be moved, and we are not alone! Let us keep up this momentum. Please accept my invitation to an individual meeting or, if you wish, call me for one. My cell phone number is 917-373-3876 and email is wigs@smith141.com. With many blessings. Fr Bill.



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.

You O Lord, I have found my peace.

Weekday Readings

Sun. Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 Ps 131:1, 2, 31 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 Mt 23:1-12

Mon. Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 Lk 14:12-14

Tue. Rom 12:5-16ab Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3Lk 14:15-24

Wed. Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 Lk 14:25-33

Thurs. Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

Fr. Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Lk 16:1-8

Sat. Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 Lk 16:9-15



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.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Parish Goal: \$63,586

147 Families Pledged - \$57,658

Received – 47,958.81 - Balance - \$9,700

Your gift to **2023 Annual Catholic Appeal**, will make an impact on the life of a young man considering the priesthood, a lonely senior citizen, a hungry child, a helpless immigrant or a searching college student. **You can still give!**

There are pledge envelopes available for those who have not pledged.



SMDPP Souvenir Shirts

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



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

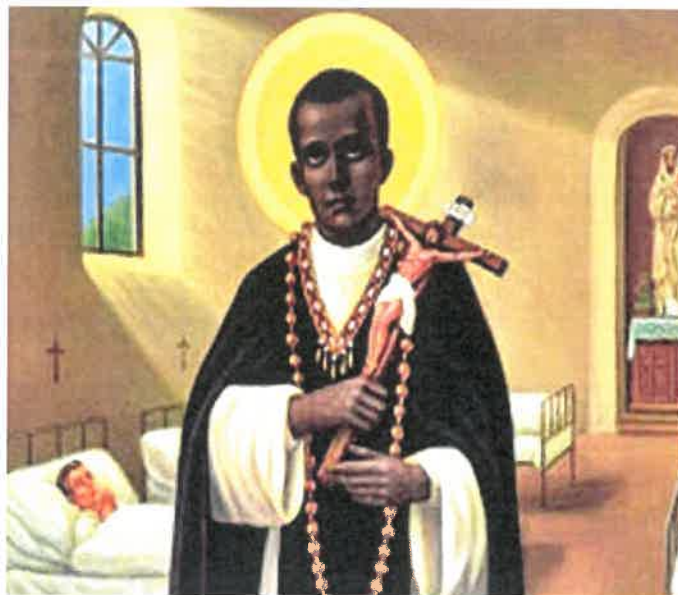
Welcome to our Church

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.



You O Lord, I have found my peace.

HAPPY FEAST DAY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH

Prayer to St. Martin de Porres

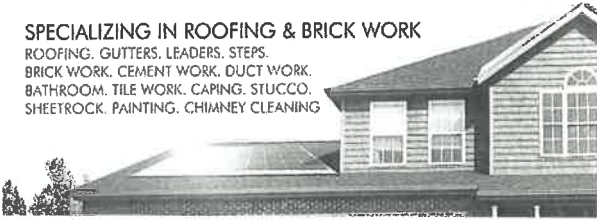
To you Saint Martin de Porres we prayerfully lift up our hearts filled with serene confidence and devotion. Mindful of your unbounded and helpful charity to all levels of society and also of your meekness and humility of heart, we offer our petitions to you. Pour out upon our families the precious gifts of your solicitous and generous intercession; show to the people of every race and every color the paths of unity and of justice; implore from our Father in heaven the coming of his kingdom, so that through mutual benevolence in God men may increase the fruits of grace and merit the rewards of eternal life. Amen.

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