



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY Dec. 10, 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

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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 second Sunday of Advent. As you know, the way the calendar falls this year, we don't have four full weeks of Advent. It is even more important and essential that we use these days of Advent as prayerful preparation for the birth of the Lord Jesus. Today we are introduced to St. John the Baptist. John the Baptist foretells the coming of the Lord. We hear in today's gospel how John the Baptist cries out in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight a highway for our God. We look to John as an example of proclaiming the Good News to all of God's holy people. Let us pray that these days of Advent will be moments of prayer and reflection as we embrace the child who will set us free.

Reconciliation Monday

Next Monday, December 18th is Reconciliation Monday. There will be a priest available for the sacrament of confession in every Catholic church in the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Archdiocese of New York. Here at St. Martin de Porres, there will be a priest available for confession after each of the masses on Monday. In addition, confessions will be heard at Our Lady of Victory Church beginning at 7:00PM. What a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas as we celebrate the sacrament of confession.

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 continuing this Tuesday, December 12th. 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.

Christmas Flowers

In just a few short weeks, we will begin to decorate our three beautiful churches with Christmas poinsettia plants. We invite parishioners to have a plant donated in memory or in honor of a loved one. Christmas flowers are \$20 each. There are Christmas flower envelopes located at the doors of each of the three churches.

Annual Catholic Appeal

I take this opportunity to thank all of you who generously contributed to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. It is with great joy that I announce that we have made our goal in pledges. As you know, our parish goal is \$63,586. As of this week, we have in pledges, \$68,448. We have received almost \$60,000 thus far. Words cannot begin to express how truly grateful I am for your commitment and generosity. I thank our ACA team who worked so hard over these last few months in making sure that we get to our goal. Please be assured of my prayers for you as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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





Mass Intentions for the week

**Saturday: Dec. 9, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver
Vigil Mass:**

People of the parish

**Sunday: Dec. 10, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver
Virginia Cox - grace and healing**

**7:30am – Our Lady of Victory
Leone Henderson – birthday remembrance**

**10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church
Aretha Phillips – grace & blessing**

Edouard & Sandro Flessel – in memoriam
Requested by Pascale

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church
Monica Sasis – grace & healing
Req. by Garbanzos family**



Heavenly Father, Lord of All, come and fill this world with your peace. May there be an end to hatred and division among your people. Cease all the fighting and war in this world. Heal the bitterness and hurt in my own heart. In this season of Advent, prepare my heart for the coming of Jesus, our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Fill my heart with your peace which passes all understanding. For of the greatness of his government and peace, there shall be no end. Amen.

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.
Mgr. 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.

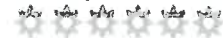
Religious Education

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.

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

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** or **IN HONOR OF** a loved one. Christmas plant donation envelopes are available in the church today. Please return your offering in the collection basket or to the Parish Office.



Join us at our **Jolly Christmas Raffle Mania**, today, from 1:30pm-6:00pm, in Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall. Donation: \$20.00. Raffle tickets are available for purchase today

at **\$5 per ticket**. Prizes are, **Apple iPad, 50" TV, and an 11piece Calphalon Cookware set Pots**. Come have some food, fellowship, and fun.

Second Sunday in Advent - PEACE



SECOND SUNDAY

Advent



Our custom of Advent vespers will continue this year. All are invited to pray vespers with the community on the Tuesdays of Advent. The second Tuesday vespers will take place on Dec. 12th, at 7:30PM in Our Lady of Victory Church. It will also be livestreamed.



Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who purchased **A Taste of Christmas Box, A Poinsettia plant, and cakes**, towards the Parish Christmas sale. A special **Thank You** to committee members Sharon Palmer, Carolyn Thomas, and Georgiana Brown for their contributions.

Event/Project Date: Dec 3, 2023	
A Taste of Christmas	
REVENUE:	
<i>Taste of Christmas Box</i>	\$1,860
<i>Cakes (donations)</i>	\$250.00
<i>Poinsettias Sale</i>	\$350.00
<i>Donations</i>	\$200.00
EXPENSES:	
<i>Prizes</i>	
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$150.00
<i>Net Revenue: (Total Revenue - Total Expenses) = Profit/(Loss)</i>	\$2,560



MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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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ORGANIZING UPDATE:

EBC: The Governor's chief of staff, Stacy Lynch, was unable to gather the data we requested for the proposed Dec 1st meeting. This is not surprising. Metro IAF has planned a press conference for next Tuesday, Dec 12th to raise to public awareness once more the need for actions not just words on truly affordable housing.

Also, the Empire State Development Corporation and Queens Borough President Donovan Richards scheduled the release of a "Community Master Plan" for Creedmoor for last Wednesday evening (Dec 5). This was after the bulletin is sent to the printer, but we will report any developments to you. We are not hopeful for an acceptably detailed proposal.

Please check the web site: www.publiclandpublicgood.com and scroll down to the "Newsroom" section for further information.

Parish and Diocese: The individual meetings with parishioners will proceed during the Advent Season. The basic format is still that I tell you my story and you tell me yours. I have added two questions at the end: what must you know to become a more active and thoughtful parishioner and how do you think it best to communicate within the parish? There have been many interesting answers. They reveal however that we will need some specialized assistance. If you are a design or communications professional, please either call me or see me after Mass.

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 _____

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Weekday Readings

Sun. IS 40:1-5, 9-11 PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-142
PT 3:8-14 MK 1:1-8

Mon. Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab &10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 5:17-26

Tue. ZEC 2:14-17 JUDITH 13:18BCDE, 19 LK 1:26-38

Wed. Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8& 10 Mt 11:28-30

Thurs. Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13ab
Mt 11:11-15

Fri. Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Mt 11:16-19

Sat. Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac &3b, 15-16, 18-19
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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. December's drawing will take place on Januray 7th. November's winner of \$600.00 is *Ms. Natalie Deare*

Of Our Lady of Victory Church



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.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated! You have helped us reach our goal in pledges! We encourage all donors to fulfill your pledge!

Pledged - \$68,448 - Received – 59,268



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Christmas Mass Schedule



(regular Sunday Mass schedule still stands)

Sunday- December 24th Christmas Eve

5:00PM -Family Mass with Children's Pageant ~
St Peter Claver Church

11:00PM - Carolsing,
Our Lady of Victory Church

12:00AM Midnight Mass
Our Lady of Victory Church

Monday- December 25th - Christmas Day

9:00AM -Holy Rosary Church
10:00AM - Our Lady of Victory Church
11:30AM – St. Peter Claver Church

(regular Sunday Mass schedule still stands)

Sunday - December 31st New Year's Eve

10:00PM -Confession~ Our Lady of Victory Church

11:00PM- Service of Compline & Benediction

12:00AM-Midnight Mass~ Our Lady of Victory Church

Monday- January 1st New Year's Day

8:00AM -Our Lady of Victory Church
12:00 Noon– St. Peter Claver Church



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