



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY Dec. 17, 2023

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Rev. Franklin Ezeorah, Parochial Vicar

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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,

Today we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Advent, which this year happens to be the last full calendar week of the Advent season. As you might have noticed on our Advent wreath in the sanctuary, today we light the rose-colored candle. Traditionally, the 3rd Sunday of Advent is known as "Gaudete" Sunday. The word Gaudete is Latin meaning rejoice. We rejoice that in just a few short days, the Savior of the world will be born. We rejoice that the king of kings will make his dwelling among us. Our scripture readings for Mass talk to us about the spirit of the Lord. We hear from the prophet Isaiah that the spirit of the Lord is upon us and that he has anointed us. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, we pray the words of the Magnificat, my soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

Christmas Mass Schedule

You have noticed that there are banners outside each of the three churches highlighting the Mass schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Next Sunday, December 24, we will have a regular Sunday Mass schedule for the 4th Sunday of Advent. Our Christmas Eve Masses will begin at 5:00PM with a Family Mass at St. Peter Claver Church, which will include the Christmas pageant with our parish youth children. At 11:00PM Christmas Carols will be sung by our parish choir which will take place at Our Lady of Victory Church to be followed by Solemn Midnight Mass at 12:00AM. On Christmas Day, Masses will be celebrated at each of the three churches, 9:00AM at Holy Rosary, 10:00AM at Our Lady of Victory and 11:30AM at St. Peter Claver. On Sunday, December 31st we will have Eucharistic Adoration with the recitation of Night Prayer to begin at 11:00PM at Our Lady of Victory. Following Holy Hour, Mass will be celebrated at Midnight. We are happy this year to welcome the Bishop of Brooklyn, His Excellency Bishop Robert Brennan as the Main Celebrant and Homilist. All are welcomed to join us in prayer over these next few days.

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 19th. 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.

Reconciliation Monday

Tomorrow, 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.

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





Mass Intentions for the week



**Saturday: Dec. 16, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver
Vigil Mass:**
For the Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday: Dec. 17, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver
Anesita & Christina Meighan & Anthony Usher
in memoriam**
req. by Sadia Collins & family

7:30am – Our Lady of Victory
Wedding Anniversary for Mary Carasco

10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church
Jose Paras – birthday remembrance
Req. by Garbanzos family

9:00am – Holy Rosary Church
Joseph Pino – in memoriam
Req. by Pino family

THIRD SUNDAY OF Advent



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, 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, Marie St. Ange, Marilyn 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://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.

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.



Our custom of Advent vespers will continue this year. All are invited to pray vespers with the community on the Tuesdays of Advent. The third Tuesday vespers will take place on Dec. 19th, at 7:30PM in Our Lady of Victory Church. It will also be livestreamed.



On behalf of the parish clergy and staff, we express a heartfelt thank you to all who participated and made a contribution towards the Christmas Party. We especially thank those who donated the raffle items.

**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.

**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 - Caroling,
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

ORGANIZING UPDATE:**ORGANIZING UPDATE:**

EBC: In a surprise but welcomed move, Governor Hochul announced the first steps to build more than 2,800 units of housing “heavily targeted” to households making up to 100% of the Area Median Income. Full details can be found on the opening screen of: www.publiclandpublicgood.com. For Press coverage scroll down to the “Newsroom” section. I particularly suggest the “Inside City Hall” video with Errol Louis from Nov. 22, 2023, and the Daily News Editorial from Dec. 8th, 2023. I also encourage you to fill out the “join our movement” box.

This is just the beginning. Our next site is Kingsboro Psychiatric Hospital in East Flatbush. The strategy will be unveiled in January, and we will keep you fully informed.

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. These meetings have shown that will need some specialized assistance to grow the Parish. If you are a design or communications professional or if you have an interest in these areas, 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 _____

Email: _____

*Light a candle Jesus
is coming*

Weekday Readings

Sun. Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Mon. Jer 23:5-8 Ps72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

Tue. Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25

Wed. Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

Thurs. Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

Fri. 1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-56

Sat. Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14 Lk 1:57-66

Billie Holiday Theatre & The Brooklyn Youth Chorus,

On December 15th at 7:30pm and December 16th at 2:00pm and 7:30pm

, A collaboration between Billie Holiday Theatre & The Brooklyn Youth Chorus, will be performing at the Co-Cathedral of St Joseph. Admission is free. However, you must to register <https://ci.ovationtix.com/34593/production/1181841?promo=PARTHH>.

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. The next winner will be picked on January 7th, 2024. November's winner of \$600,000 is:

Ms. Natalie Deare
Of Our Lady of Victory Church

Third Sunday in Advent - JOY

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.



Parishioners update

Pease help us update your information in our database so that you can be reached with any and all update when necessary, if you would like to change your data personal data, for instance your cell phone number or email address. Please fill out the form which is located at the back of the church. You could also email us at info@smdpp.org.



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.



A special Christmas collection for the parish is being taken up before Christmas Day. You can use the **Christmas Gift to My Church** envelope in the recent mailing of church envelopes to make your contribution. For those who are not receiving envelopes, there are extra collection envelopes in the Church. If you are contributing via Gift Central, under my profile click on **Parish Collection then and My Christmas Gift to My Church** to make your contribution. The entire Pastoral staff thank you for your contribution.



Rejoice Sunday

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Holy Rosary Lower Church Hall



Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall



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