



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY Dec. 24, 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 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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Ms. Michelle Joseph, Dir. of Religious Edu.
Mr. Joseph Murray, Co-Dir. of Music
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Mr. Humberto DaCosta, Buildings /Grounds

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, December 24, is Christmas Eve. It also happens to be the 4th and last Sunday of Advent. The way the calendar falls this year we unfortunately do not have 4 full weeks of Advent. This morning's masses will be celebrated for the 4th Sunday of Advent. Our first Christmas mass will be celebrated at 5:00PM at St. Peter Claver Church with our Faith Formation students participating in the pageant. At 11:00PM our parish choir will have lessons and carols which will be followed by the blessing of the parish Nativity crib. Midnight Mass will be celebrated at Midnight. On Christmas Day, December 25, Mass will be celebrated at each of the three churches, 9:00AM at Holy Rosary Church, 10:00AM at Our Lady of Victory Church and 11:30AM at St. Peter Claver Church. As we prepare to enter the celebration of the mystery of the Incarnation, we pray that baby Jesus will continue to transform the hearts of all humankind. On behalf of the entire parish community here at St. Martin de Porres, I wish all of you a blessed and joyful Christmas filled with the Lord's blessings and grace.

New Year's Eve Mass

Next Sunday, December 31 is New Year's Eve. As has been the custom here at St. Martin de Porres, we will have a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration, the recitation of the rosary and Night Prayer. The Holy Hour will begin at 11:00PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. Following the Holy Hour, Mass will be celebrated at Midnight. We are very happy to welcome Bishop Robert Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn as the Main Celebrant and Homilist for that Mass. Because January 1st falls on a Monday, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, therefore one Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Victory at 8:00AM on Monday, January 1st.

Parish Office Closed

This week the parish office will be closed from Monday December 25 to Wednesday December 27. Of course, if there is an emergency where a priest is needed, please be sure to call the parish office at any time.

Allow me to end with one of my favorite Christmas prayers. This prayer was given by Pope St. John XXIII:

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Christmas,
Father Alonzo Q Cox





Mass Intentions for the week

**Saturday: Dec. 23, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver
Vigil Mass:**

Grace and healing for Virginia Cox

**Sunday: Dec. 24, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver
Msgr. Paul Jervis – in memoriam**

7:30am – Our Lady of Victory

In honor of the Sacred Heart for Mary Carasco

10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church

Jean Davis-Butlet – in memoriam

Req. by Maribel Ellis and family

Rev. Martin Carter – in memoriam

Req. by Carolyn Thomas

9:00am – Holy Rosary Church

For the repose of the Soul of Msgr. John Casey

*For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given:*



ALTAR BREAD & WINE:

Ricardo Agcauli - grace & healing

ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonización of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

SANTUARY CANDLE:

Fr. Alonzo Cox - grace & blessing

ALTAR FLOWERS

Fr. Franklin Ezeorah—grace & blessing

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 2024 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 Hall.

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
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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Parish Goal: \$63,586

159 Families Pledged - \$70,118

Received – \$62,008 - Balance - \$8,112

to all those who made a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal! We encourage all those who made a pledge to please fulfill it by December 31, 2023. Remember, all donations received over our goal will come right back to our parish for our use with Ministries. Thanks to all our Parishioners for generosity and kindness.



A Savior has been born for you



A special Christmas collection for the parish is being taken up before Christmas Day. You can use the 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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent



“We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, of deep everlasting joy, and today of presence that speaks of love, as a sign that no matter our circumstance, we know we are not alone.”



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. **GOOD LUCK!!**



Let the Lord enter, he is the king of glory

ORGANIZING UPDATE:

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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.



*On behalf of myself, Fr. Franklin Ezeorah, Deacon Leroy Branch & Deacon Rachid Murad, we wish you and your families a **Very Merry Christmas!** We want to thank you for all the continued support you bring to our parish not just at Christmastime but all year round. Please pray for peace in our world during these troubled times that we live in. Keep also in your prayers all those less fortunate than us. We will remember you and your families in our prayers during this Christmas Season and ask that you also pray for us. May you have a Blessed Christmas with Family & Friends!*

Rev. Alonge O. Cox

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Weekday Readings

Sun. 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

Mon. Is 62:11-12. Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12. Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20

Tue. Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12. Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20

Wed. Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 Mt 10:17-22

Thurs1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12. Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Fri. 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 Mt 2:13-18

Sat. 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6Lk 2:22-35



Parishioner's updates

Pease help us update your information in our database so that you can be reached with any and all updates when necessary. If you would like to change your 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.



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

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.



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.



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 need 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.

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