



## Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

**SUNDAY Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 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  
Rev. Mr. Leroy Branch, Permanent Deacon  
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Mrs. Maria Matos, Bookkeeper  
Ms. Michelle Joseph, Dir. of Religious Edu.  
Mr. Joseph Murray, Co-Dir. of Music  
Ms. Tamika Daniel, Youth Minister  
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

1<sup>st</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: 12noon

*Holiday schedule will be announced*

## ***From The Pastors Desk***

Dear Parishioners,

Once again I take this opportunity to wish you all of you a blessed and joyful Christmas season. As Catholics, we know that Christmas does not end on December 25<sup>th</sup> but continues to be celebrated until the Epiphany. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Families are a gift. We don't get to choose our families; God does that for us! Families are meant to be a support for one another. Far too often I hear of strife and division among families. There are so many family members who no longer communicate with one another primarily over something small or menial. On this Holy Family Sunday, I invite you to say a special prayer for your family. In a deeper way, I would invite you to pray for that one family member that you have difficulty with or that you have not spoken with in a while. We pray that through the intercession of the Holy Family, we will continue to love and support one another as the family of Christ here at St. Martin de Porres parish.

### **New Year's Eve and Day Masses**

Today also happens to be New Year's Eve. I wish all of you a very Happy New Year, filled with God's abundant love and mercy. We celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God on January 1<sup>st</sup>. This evening we will have a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and Night Prayer beginning at 11:00PM taking place at Our Lady of Victory Church. Following the Holy Hour, we will celebrate Mass at Midnight. We are happy to welcome Bishop Robert Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn as the Main Celebrant and Homilist. On Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, Masses will be celebrated at 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory Church and 12:00Noon at St. Peter Claver Church.

### **First Friday Devotions**

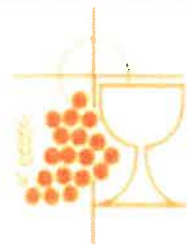
This Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> is the first Friday of the month. First Friday devotions will take place at Our Lady of Victory Church following the 8:00AM Mass with Eucharistic Adoration, the recitation of the rosary and Benediction. There will also be a 12:00Noon Mass at St. Peter Claver Church. Please be sure to join us for prayer this Friday.

### **Servant of God Monsignor Bernard J. Quinn**

I wanted to give you an update on where we are with the canonization process of Servant of God, Msgr. Bernard J. Quinn. As you know, Msgr. Paul Jervis, of happy memory, served as the Postulator of the cause here in Brooklyn. Once the cause was sent officially to Rome, Msgr. Jervis became the Vice-Postulator as a Roman Postulator was appointed. The role of the Roman Postulator is to gather the historical documents together to present to the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints. The role of the Vice-Postulator is to continue to promote the cause here in Brooklyn and beyond. After Msgr. Jervis' death in September, I have been appointed by Rome to serve as the Vice-Postulator. The cause is moving very well! Although there is no definitive timeline to these, I have been informed that the cause for Msgr. Quinn is at a great place. We must continue to pray for his cause of canonization.

Wishing you a blessed a joyful New Year 2024,  
Father Alonzo Q. Cox





# Mass Intentions for the week



**Saturday: Dec. 30, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver  
Vigil Mass:**

For the repose of the Soul of Leslie McFarlane

**Sunday: Dec. 31, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver**  
Maureen Simonette – birthday blessing / Wilfred &  
Verna Payne – 10<sup>th</sup> year memoriam

**7:30am – Our Lady of Victory**  
For the people of the Parish

**10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church**  
Virginia Cox – grace and healing

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church**  
For deceased members of the parish

Mon Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 8am OLV Church  
Murray Lawrence – deliverance  
*Req. Rose Graham*

**Fri Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 8am OLV Church**  
In honor of the Sacred Heart for Saint Germain  
family

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

# 2024

*Wishing you and your  
family a joyful, healthy,  
prosperous and happiest  
year ahead!*

### ALTAR BREAD & WINE:

Ricardo Agcauli - grace & healing

### 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, 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](mailto: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 begins January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup>  
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](http://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.



**The Most Holy Family**



Jesus, Mary and Joseph Holy Family of Nazareth, today we turn our gaze with admiration and confidence; in you we contemplate the beauty of communion in true love; to you we commend our families, so that in them marvels of grace be renewed.



**A New Year Prayer**

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again  
Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us, A mighty flame  
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

**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!!**



**The Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns**

Prayer Service celebration.

“Commemorating the Birthday of **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**”

Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 12:00noon

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish**

1550 Hendrickson Street Brooklyn, NY.

Celebrant and Homilist:

**The Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Perez,**  
from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



**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](mailto:info@smdpp.org).



**Mass Schedule**

*(regular Sunday Mass schedule still stands)*

**Sunday- December 31<sup>st</sup> - 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 1<sup>st</sup> New Year’s Day**

8:00AM -Our Lady of Victory Church

12:00 Noon– St. Peter Claver Church

**Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

**Weekday Readings**

**Sun.** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5. Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Lk 2:22-40

**Mon.** Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

**Tue.** 1 JN 2:22-28 Ps.98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 Jn 1:19-28

**Wed.** 1 JN 2:29-3:6 PS 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34

**Thurs.** 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9Jn 1:35-42

**Fri.** 1 Jn 3:11-21 PS 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Jn 1:43-51

**Sat.** 1 Jn 5:5-13 PS147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mk 1:7-11

**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.



We would like to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts for your kind words and gifts this Christmas. It is truly appreciated. With gratitude, Fr. Alonzo Cox, and Fr. Franklin Ezeorah.



**Second Collection- Diocese Mission**

Next week's second collection is for the Diocesan Mission in support of various needy Ministries and Parishes at home and abroad. Thank you for your generosity and support.



**Happy New Year!**

*Fr. Cox and Fr. Franklin*

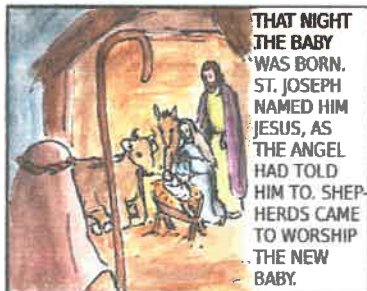
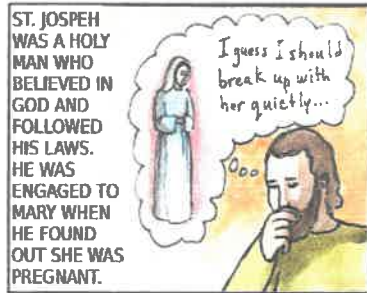
*Wish you a **Happy and Safe New Year** and pray that God will bestow His bounteous blessings upon you in the New Year.*

**Welcome!**

*Our commitment is to help you grow into a relationship with God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

# SAINT JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS

## Who did What?



GOD CHOSE SAINT JOSEPH, A GOOD AND HUMBLE MAN, TO BE THE PROTECTOR OF HIS SON JESUS AND JESUS' MOTHER, MARY. IT WASN'T AN EASY JOB- THEY HAD TO TRAVEL FAR ON FOOT AND STAY IN A STABLE WITH ANIMALS, BUT SAINT JOSEPH WAS HAPPY TO SUFFER FOR LOVE OF GOD. ARE YOU?

thekidsbulletin@gmail.com

Write the number of the person beside what they did in the Christmas Story.

1. Saint Joseph \_Announced the joyful news of the Saviour's birth
2. Our Lady \_Commanded that everyone register in their hometown
3. The Shepherds \_Did not have room for the man and his wife
4. The Angels \_Took his wife to Bethlehem
5. The Innkeeper \_Pondered all these things in her heart
6. Baby Jesus \_Went to find the newborn Saviour
7. The Emperor \_Came to save the people from their sins



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