



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY Jan 14th, 2024

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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

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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 Ordinary Time of the new liturgical year, our scripture readings lead us to fulfilling the will of God in our lives. Today's first reading from the book of Samuel is one of my favorite passages from the Old Testament. We hear Samuel say, "speak, for your servant is listening". I think those are words that each of us can live by! We know that the Lord speaks to us every day, the key is allowing ourselves to truly listen to the voice of the Lord in our lives. Our responsorial psalm for Mass today is, "here I am Lord, I come to do your will". Our lives are rooted in doing the will of our Father, but there is so much distraction that we would rather choose our own will than the will of God. In just a few short weeks, we will begin the solemn season of Lent. May these days leading up to the penitential season be moments of grace and prayer, for we can proclaim like Samuel, "speak Lord your servant is listening".

Annual Catholic Appeal

A sincere thank you to all who contributed to the 2023 Diocese of Brooklyn Annual Catholic Appeal. As you know each parish was given a financial goal to raise during the year. Our goal here at St. Martin de Porres was \$63,586. I am very happy to announce that we have made our goal and gone above it! All monies that go above the goal are returned to the parish. Words cannot begin to express how grateful I am to all of you who made this a reality for us here at St. Martin de Porres. In just a few weeks, we will begin the process of outlining our 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. May God continue to bless you for your prayers and generosity.

Diocesan Mass Commemorating the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Each year the Vicariate for Black Catholic Concerns sponsors a prayer service commemorating the birthday of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year, a special Mass will be celebrated in honor of Dr. King's birthday. The Mass will take place tomorrow, Monday, January 15 at St. Thomas Aquinas parish in Flatlands Brooklyn beginning at 12:00Noon. The Main Celebrant and Homilist will be Archbishop Nelson Perez, the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Flyers for the Mass are available at the doors of each of the churches.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Tomorrow, January 15, we as a nation commemorate the birthday of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It is a national holiday. The parish office will be closed. In addition, there will not be a 12:00Noon Mass at St. Peter Claver Church. One Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory Church. We continue to pray for racial harmony in the spirit and legacy of Dr. King.

Allow me to end with one of my favorite Dr. King quotes. It comes from his 1963 publication, "Strength to Love":

Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.

Wishing you a joyful and peaceful week,
Father Alonzo Q. Cox





Mass Intentions for the week



**Saturday: Jan 13th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver
Vigil Mass:**

For the Souls in Purgatory

Sunday: Jan.14th, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver
In thanksgiving for the Wilson family

Req. by Vignon Wilson

7:30am – Our Lady of Victory

The people of the Parish

10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church
Agatha Altifoiso - birthday blessing

Concepcion Garbanzos – birthday remembrance

Req. Garbanzos family

9:00am – Holy Rosary Church

Fitzroy Rodney – in memoriam

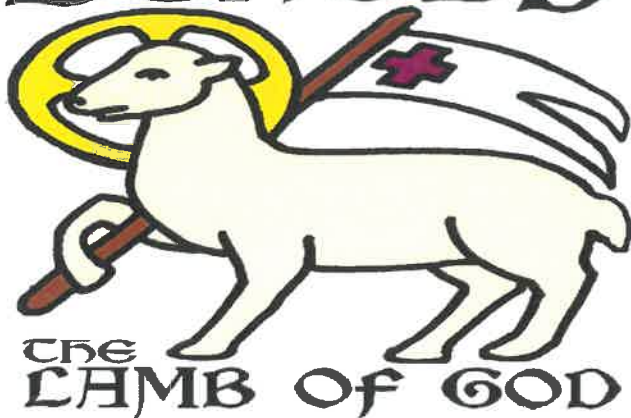
Monday – Jan 15th, 8am HRC Church

Dulcie Merrifield - in memoriam

Wednesday – Jan 17th 12noon SPC

Leonne & Florestine Henderson- in memoriam

BEHOLD



THE LAMB OF GOD

ALTAR BREAD & WINE:

ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonization 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 (January 2024)

**For the Gift of Diversity in the
Church**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help
us to recognize the gift of different
charisms within the Christian
community and to discover the
richness of different traditions and
rituals in the Catholic Church.



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 begins January 7th, 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. 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.



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 **February 5th, 2024**. December's winner of \$640,000 is:

Mrs. Jocelyn Edmund
Of Our Lady of Victory Church



Carpenter Apprentice Program

The New York City District Council of Carpenters Pre-Apprenticeship program training will begin on Monday, February 5, 2024 and end on Friday, March 1st, 2024. Candidates must complete the online form by January 29th, 2024

<https://www.nyccarpenterstrainingcenter.org/buildingworks-application/> any questions, please email buildingworks@nycdcctc.org



2024 High School Winter & Spring Internship

The Brooklyn District Attorney's Office is offering an internship to high school juniors and seniors during the winter and spring. Selected students will receive a weekly stipend of \$150.00 and a metro-card. to apply, visit: <http://apply.brooklynda.org> Application Deadline: January 31, 2024

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**SMDPP Women's Day
Celebration/Raffle**

St. Martin de Porres Parish Annual Women's Day Celebration will take place on Sunday, March 17th, 2024. Raffle tickets are available for purchase at **\$5 per ticket**. Drawing will take place immediately after Mass. To purchase tickets, please see committee members, Maureen Simonette, Wilhelmina Whyte-Randall, Jennifer Parkinson-Gilbert, & Michelle Joseph.



**St. Martin de Porres Parish Black History
Month Celebration**

Mass of Thanksgiving will take place on Sunday, **February 25th, 10am** in St. Peter Claver Church. Our guest homilist: Fr. Claude Williams. O. Praem. From the Diocese of California.

Following the Mass, a light refreshment will be served in the Msgr. Rodgers Hall. Parishioners from Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Victory Church are invited to attend.



SMDPP Faith Formation Registration

St. Martin de Porres School of Faith Formation catechesis classes resumed on Sunday, January 7th, from at 8:45am. Classes are being held every Sunday in Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall. For more information on preparation for **First Communion, Continued formation and Confirmation**. Contact Ms. Michelle Joseph at DRE101260@diobrook.org.



**The Vicariate of Black
Catholic Concerns**

Diocesan celebration "Commemorating the Birthday of **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**" Monday, January 15th, 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.

Weekday Readings

Sun. 1Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

Mon. 1Sm 15:16-23 Ps. 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21&
23 Mk 2:18-22

Tue. 1Sm 16:1-13 Ps. 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 Mk
2:23-28

Wed. 1Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-
10 Mk 3:1-6

Thurs. 1Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps. 56:2-3, 9-10a,
10b-11, 12-13 Mk 3:7-12

Fri. 1Sm 24:3-21 PS 57:2, 3-4, 6& 11 Mk 3:13-
19

Sat. 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 PS 80:2-3, 5-
7 Mk 3:20-21

**Second Collection
Church In Need**

Next week second collection for **Church in Need** is for the support of pastoral programs for the Churches in Latin America and the Caribbean, Central & Eastern Europe, and Africa. Projects in Latin America and the Caribbean including the work of evangelization, formation of Laity, religious and seminarians as well as youth ministry and catechesis.

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.



VICARIATE OF BLACK CATHOLIC CONCERNS:

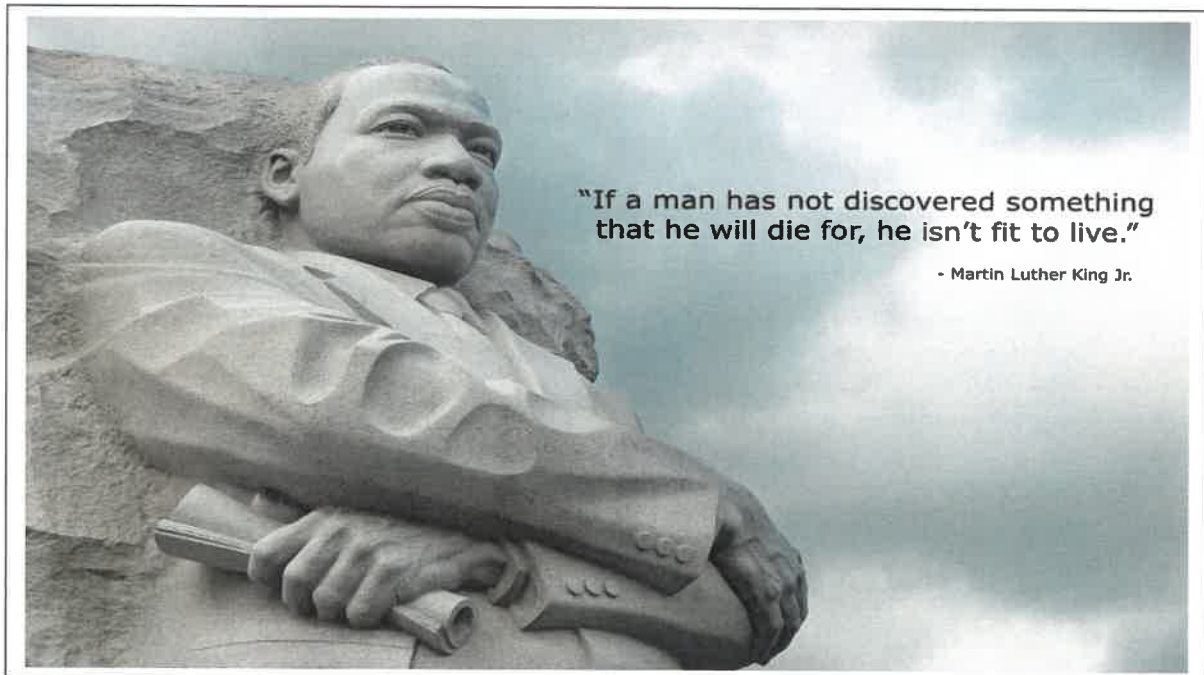
Mass of Thanksgiving at The
**Immaculate Conception Church 86-45 Edgerton
Blvd Jamaica, NY 11432**

Sunday, February 25th, 2024. Time: 4:00pm.
Limited Transportation will be available at \$10.00 per person. For more information, please contact the Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns office 718-924-2549.



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.



"If a man has not discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Bible Study

Our opening reading for Mass this Sunday is from the first letter of Samuel. It is also Martin Luther King weekend. There are many connections which Dr. King would have seen. Can you? Bible study not only allows us to understand Jesus better but will reveal the motivations of many significant people. These include famous political and cultural figures like Dr. King but family members and friends as well. I really understood an uncle only after I read the gospel of Luke more deeply.

To seek to walk with Jesus without his Word guarantees frustration and is a tragic loss of joy. During the Covid Pandemic members of several parishes in Downtown Brooklyn formed an "On-line" Bible study group. It used the "Little Rock Scripture Program, the premier Catholic Bible study course. This group has continued and is open to members of St Martin De Porres Parish. It meets on Zoom, Sundays at 5:00PM for one hour and will resume on Sunday, Jan 28th with an overview of St Mark's Gospel. (This is the Gospel which will be read at Mass most Sundays this year.) We will then examine "Angels in the Bible" until Palm Sunday.

I have been involved with this group since its inception and have found it personally very satisfying and important. It is, however, led by its lay members. There will be sign up sheets in church at all the Masses next week. Details will be sent to you then. If you have any questions, please see me after Mass or call me at 917-373-3876 or email me at wigs@smith141.com One final thing. We would like to have our elders participate. We, of a certain age, have human and divine wisdom but not necessarily digital savvy. If you are a technically proficient person of any age and could help set up a parish elder with Zoom, please contact me at the above number.

Community Organizing:

- 1) EBC: Active organizing for affordable housing at the Kingsbrook Psychiatric site will begin in February but some decisions will be made this week and shared with you in next week's bulletin.
- 2) Parish: I am still holding individual meetings and will get back to those with whom I have had them for the next step by early February

Welcome!

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

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