



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY Jan 28th, 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.

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.

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.

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's second reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians is one of my absolute favorite Pauline epistles. St. Paul mentions one of the most common human traits ever known, anxiety. I think it might be safe to say that each of us have experienced some sort of anxiety at one point or another in our lives. Some of us, myself included, might experience bouts of anxiety on a regular basis. Even during the time of Paul's preaching and letters, he witnessed the anxiety people had. He reminds us today to not allow anxiety or worry to get the best of us. We tend to be anxious about so much, especially when it comes to work or family. We tend to worry about so much, which leads to anxiety. St. Paul reminds us that with the Lord by our side, we need not to worry or be anxious. In just about 2 weeks we will begin the solemn season of Lent. We pray that our hearts will continue to be filled with God's abundant love and mercy, keeping ourselves fixated on Christ the Lord. May Christ continue to teach us, his children, with authority, allowing his presence to be with us.

Parish Census Update

We are asking all parishioners to help update their contact information in our database. All parishioners are asked to fill out the contact forms that are located at the doors of each of the three churches. You may drop the forms in the collection basket or bring them to the parish office.

Parish Women's Day Celebration Raffle

During the month of March, we celebrate Women's History Month. As has been the custom here at St. Martin de Porres, we will have a special celebration for Women's History Month on Sunday, March 17. In preparing for this celebration, raffle tickets are now on sale. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased from any of the women's day committee members.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

This Friday, February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This beautiful Feast recalls the moment Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the Temple. Traditionally candles have been blessed at this Mass. Since it is the first Friday of the month, Masses will be celebrated at 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. A first Friday Mass will be celebrated at 12:00Noon at St. Peter Claver Church. At the beginning of both Masses, you may bring candles to be blessed.

Ash Wednesday Palm Branches

Ash Wednesday is quickly approaching. As has been the custom, parishioners are invited to bring their blessed palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday to be burned for ashes to be distributed on Ash Wednesday. There will be boxes placed at the doors of each of the three churches to have your palms placed.

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





Mass Intentions for the week



**Saturday: Jan 27th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver
Vigil Mass:**

For the people of the Parish

Sunday: Jan.28th, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver
The living members of St. Martin de Porres Parish

7:30am – Our Lady of Victory

For the Souls in Purgatory

Req. by Julienne and Linely Roberts

10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church

Encarnacion Del Rosario – in memoriam

Req. by Garbanzos family

Alana Oscar – in memoriam

Requested by Beatrice Oscar

Vinola Hinds – in memoriam

Req. by Patricia Brown

9:00am – Holy Rosary Church

For the repose of the Soul of Patricia Brennan

Friday Feb. 2nd, 8am OLV Chapel

In honor of the Sacred Heart for Saint Germain family

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.



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.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

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.



What is on your reading list for February & March?

For Black History Month AND Women's History Month, Parishioners are invited to be part of a reading initiative and later discussions. Mrs. Sarah Keyes Evans was a shero and historical figure from our own Parish. These two books tell her amazing story:

- Take a seat - Make a Stand*
- The Untold Story of Sarah Keyes Evans: Civil Rights Soldier*



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.



Tax Contribution Letter

Dear Parishioners: If you would like to receive your 2023 church envelope contribution, you may call the Parish Office between the hours of 9am and 4pm Mon. thru Fri. **PLEASE NOTE:**

Tax Statements will be processed upon your request only. Parishioners on Give Central can retrieve their year-end tax letter by login into your Give Central account with your user name and password, on your profile page download your tax letter. Any questions please call the Parish Office.

He who hates does not know God, but he who "loves has the key that unlocks the door to the meaning of ultimate reality."
Martin Luther King. Jr.

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 Holy Name Society will host their annual Sports Night on Sunday, **February 11th, 2024** in Brooklyn Waldorf School (11 Jefferson Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11238). The event is a watch-party for the Super Bowl. Tickets are \$20. Food and Drinks will be provided. For more information, please contact the Rectory at 718-574-5772. Come out and enjoy.



Faith Formation Movie Night

Faith Formation is hosting a youth and young adult movie night Friday Feb. 2nd at 7:30pm in Our Lady Victory McGunnies Hall. The movie being shown is **"The Color Purple"** (new version). Refreshments will be on sale. All are welcome.



Save the Date

Saturday May 4th, 2024



Adults: 250.00 - Children \$220.00

Down payment of \$50.00 due on or by February 1st. \$100.00 due March 1st - Balance Due April 1st, 2024. For more information, please see Dr. Marina Brown or call the Rectory 718-574-5772.

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Weekday Readings

Sun. Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 1 Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1:21-28

Mon. 2Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 PS 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Mk 5:1-20

Tue. 2 Sm18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 PS 86:1-2,
3-4, 5-6 Mk 5:21-43

Wed. 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 PS 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7
MK 6:1-6

Thurs. 1Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chronicles 29:10,
11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd Mk 6:7-13

Fri. Mal 3:1-4 PS 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Heb 2:14-18

Sat. 1 Kgs 3:4-13 PS 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13,
14Mk 6:30-34



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.



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.

VICARIATE OF BLACK CATHOLIC CONCERNS:

Mass of Thanksgiving,
The Immaculate Conception Church
86-45 Edgerton Blvd Jamaica, NY 11432
Sunday, February 25th, 2024. Time: 4:00pm.

Dress in your Cultural Attire.

Celebrant:

The Most Reverend Bishop Robert Brennan.

Homilist: Rev. Robert Seay.

Limited Transportation will be available at \$10.00 per person. For more information, please call the Parish Office. 718-574-5772.



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. GOOD LUCK!**



Second Collection Church In Need

Today's 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.



Welcome to our Church

We're so glad you've come to worship with us this morning. Help us get to know you by filling out a welcome card and dropping it in the collection plate. We hope you've been blessed today.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Bible Study:

The Winter/Lent session of the Brooklyn Bible Explorers begins today, Sunday, Jan 28th at 5:00PM on Zoom. If you have previously registered the outline for today's discussion of St Mark's Gospel has been sent to you. You are welcome with or without registration. It will be easy to follow along. Also, obtaining materials for our next topic "**Angels in the Bible**" will be discussed at this meeting. If you cannot attend this week and would like to participate in the future please see me after Mass, email me (wigs@smith141.com) or call me (917-373-3876)

Log in information: stcharlesbklyn.org/zoom, meeting ID 84908021688, the password is 1584. You will most likely be prompted to allow Zoom to use your phone's camera and microphone, Please note: some people want to participate without a camera or microphone, that is your choice. We want you to feel comfortable. Once connected, choose the "Call via Internet Audio" option at the bottom of the screen. Please contact me with any questions.

EBC:

I would like to thank everyone who joined me at the EBC action last Sunday. Those who did attended 2 Liturgies that day. The first, of course, at "St Martin de Porres", the second at our host parish "First Baptist Church of Crown Heights". Liturgy means a civil or religious public ritual. An EBC action is a bit of both. We begin with music, then an opening prayer followed by the introduction of the represented groups. We then have our "readings". Leaders, both clerical and lay, remind us of what we want and when we want it. It is always focused. This time we wanted truly affordable housing at the site of the former Kingsboro Psychiatric hospital, and we want the shovels in the ground by the end of this calendar year.

The key act however is a "Call to Action". This is in two parts. We first ask political or civic officials to respond to several questions they have been given in advance. There were many politicians present including Senator Chuck Schumer, an old ally, but the most important person on Sunday was Commissioner RuthAnne Visnaukas of the New York State Division of Homes and Community Renewal. She promised that the work at Kingsboro would begin this year and that she would meet with us once a quarter. An EBC member then responds that we will commit to making this work any way we can. We were represented on Sunday by a woman who although she makes a good salary cannot afford to pay rent in our community. There is then a final prayer and all leave. This, I might add, in exactly one hour. We will keep you informed as to our progress. Further information can be found at [Public Land for Public Good \(publiclandpublicgood.com\)](http://PublicLandforPublicGood(publiclandpublicgood.com))

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.

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