



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY Jan 7th, 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

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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 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.

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 Feast of the Epiphany. We all know the story of the three wise men who come bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for baby Jesus. Traditionally, it is on this feast day that gifts are exchanged amongst family. The ultimate gift Jesus wants from us is our very selves. The Lord is calling us to give ourselves totally over to him. Our hearts must be rooted in Christ, who ultimately gives of himself for our salvation. With the way the calendar falls this year, tomorrow, January 8th is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Next week we will enter the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year. As we conclude this Christmas season, we pray that the light of the newborn King will shine brightly for all the world to see. May Christ, born in a stable in Bethlehem, continue to reign in our hearts, as we strive to bring the Good News to all our brothers and sisters. May the gifts we bring before the Lord be for the building up of the Kingdom of God here in Bedford Stuyvesant.

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 on 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.

Thank You

On behalf of Father Franklin and Father Smith, we thank all of you for your kindness and generosity this Christmas. The rectory was filled with so many treats, goodies and spirits! From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for thinking of us this Christmas. We are truly blessed to be your shepherds here at St. Martin de Porres. In your kindness, we ask that you continue to pray for us. As you may know, we have a small Blessed Sacrament chapel on the top floor of the rectory, where we as priests can privately pray. Please know that we pray for each of you daily.

One of my favorite feast days is the Baptism of the Lord. Unfortunately, this feast will not be celebrated on a Sunday. Each year, on this feast day, the Holy Father has the custom of baptizing infants in the Sistine Chapel. Allow me to end with His Holiness Pope Francis homily last year for the feast of the Baptism of the Lord:

"Your children are now all silent, and that is good. But perhaps someone will "give the cue", begin. And since babies are symphonic, they will all follow suit. Let them shout, let them cry. Perhaps some will cry out of hunger: nurse them. With all freedom. The important thing is that today this celebration may be a feast day, the feast of the beginning of a beautiful Christian journey, in which you will help your children to go forward. Perhaps some are overdressed and hot; let them be comfortable; may all be comfortable. We celebrate this beginning of the journey with them. And it is up to you to help them move forward".

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





Mass Intentions for the week



**Saturday: Jan 6th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver
Vigil Mass:**

Ricardo Agcauli – grace and healing

**Sunday: Jan. 7th, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver
Larissa & Stella Assogba – grace & blessing**

Req. by Gisele Sedjro

**7:30am – Our Lady of Victory
Winston Kennedy – in memoriam**
Req. by Rojas & Kennedy family

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

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church
Fr. Jerome Nadine – in memoriam**

**Mon Jan 8st, 2024, 8am OLV Church
Iretha Phillip & children - deliverance & blessing**
Req. by Patricia Lashley

*The Feast of the Epiphany reassures us
that all are called and all are welcome in
the presence of the Lord.*



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, 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.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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 January 7th, 2024. **GOOD LUCK!!**

**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.

**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.



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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.

**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.

**SMDPP Faith Formation Registration**

St. Martin de Porres School of Faith Formation catechesis classes resumes 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.

**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.

*"Everybody can be great..You only need a Heart full of Grace."
Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Weekday Readings

Sun. Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Mon. Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 Mk 1:7-11

Tue. 1Sm 1:9-20 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28

Wed. 1Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps,40:2& 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39

Thurs. 1Sm 4:1-11 Ps. 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45

Fri. 1Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps, 89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12

Sat. 1Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps. 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13-17



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.



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.

BEHOLD



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: _____

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Bible Study

This week's Gospel Reading tells the story of the Magi following a star to Jesus. St Matthew calls attention to their learning but also to its limitation. They could reach Jerusalem but not make the final journey to Bethlehem without the "chief Priests and scribes" consulting the Scriptures. This is eternally true. We too must go through the Scriptures to know Jesus, not just know about him. As has been well said "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ". (St Jerome)

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. If you are interested, please see me after Mass or call me at 917-373-3876. (Details will follow.)

Community Organizing:

- 1) **EBC:** Active organizing for affordable housing at the Kingsbrook Psychiatric site will begin in February. Watch this space.
- 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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