



# Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

**SUNDAY Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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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.

## Parish Staff

Rev. Mr. Rachid Murad, Permanent Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Leroy Branch, Permanent Deacon  
Ms. Paulitiana St. Hilaire, Secretary  
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.

## 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

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,

Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent our gospel passage depicts the temptation of Jesus by Satan. We see how Jesus begins his journey in the desert for 40 days and Satan is there to tempt him. We are asked to reflect on the ways Satan tempts us. We are very much aware of how Satan tempts us in such clever ways. We must defeat Satan and all his works and empty promises. As we begin this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we continue to keep Christ as the center of our lives. May this season of Lent be a moment of renewal, allowing our relationship with the Lord to be strengthened.

### **Stations of the Cross**

As is the custom here at St. Martin de Porres, stations of the cross will be prayed every Friday night during the season of Lent at each of our three churches beginning at 7:00PM. All are welcomed to join us as we walk and pray the stations of the cross.

### **Lenten Eucharistic Adoration and Vespers**

As is the custom here at St. Martin de Porres, we will have Eucharistic Adoration and vespers each Tuesday evening during the season of Lent. It will take place at Our Lady of Victory Church beginning at 7:30PM. All are welcomed to join us as we spend time before the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, pray the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary and pray solemn vespers.

### **Parish Black History Month Celebration**

Our parish Black History Month celebration will take place next Sunday, February 25 at St. Peter Claver Church beginning at 11:30AM. This year's celebrant and homilist for Mass will be Father Claude Williams from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. There will be a reception to follow in Msgr. Rodgers Hall. Please be sure to join us. Please note that next Sunday there will not be a 9:00AM Mass at Holy Rosary and a 10:15AM Mass at Our Lady of Victory. There will be a 7:30AM Mass at Our Lady of Victory.

### **Diocese of Brooklyn Black History Month Mass of Thanksgiving**

The Diocese of Brooklyn Vicariate for Black Catholic Concerns will sponsor the Diocesan Black History Month Mass of Thanksgiving which will take place next Sunday, February 25 at Immaculate Conception Monastery Parish in Jamaica, Queens beginning at 4:30PM. The homilist for the Mass will be Father Robert Seay, OFM, former pastor of Our Lady of Charity parish in Crown Heights. There will be a reception to follow in the lower hall. All are welcomed to join us.

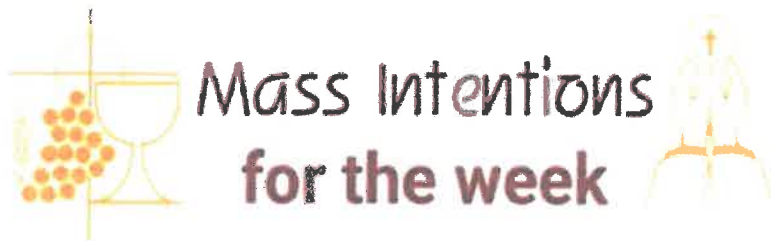
### **50/50 Envelopes**

Just a reminder that all parishioners are invited to participate in the monthly 50/50 fundraiser. There are extra yellow 50/50 envelopes located at the doors of each of the three churches. It is \$20 to participate in the fundraiser. The winning envelope is drawn at the end of each month.

*We adore you O Christ and we praise you, for by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.*

Father Alonzo Q. Cox





# Mass Intentions for the week

**Saturday: 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver  
Vigil Mass:**

Jean Herbert & Elone Confident – in memoriam  
*Req. by Emmanuella Confident*

**Sunday: Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver**  
Pauline Michaud - in memoriam

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

**10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church**  
Josh Dufont – birthday blessing  
*Req. Dufont family*

Glenn Mitchell – birthday blessing  
*Req. by Mitchell family*

Joyce and Rudolph Harrison – in memoriam  
*Req. by Roberts family*

Ernesto Gonzalez – in memoriam  
*Req. by Jeff. Goett*

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church**  
Virginia Cox – grace and healing

**Monday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 8am OLV**  
Joyce and Rudolph Harrison – in memoriam

**Wednesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> 8am OLV**  
Theresa Armstrong – birthday blessing



## LENT

*“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.” –*

*Harriet Tubman*

### ALTAR BREAD & WINE:

### ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonization of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

### SANTUARY CANDLE:

Gabrielle Roberts – in thanksgiving  
*Req. by Linley & Julienne Roberts*

### 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, Kim Parks, 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 (Feb. 2024)**

**For the terminally ill**

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



**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 –

**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.**

**School of Faith Formation**

New registration and re-registration Faith Formation forms for the year 2024 school year are available online. To register, visit us at <https://stmartindeporresparish.org/faith-formation/>. Classes continue every *Sundays from 8:45am-10am* in Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall. For more information, please 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, and much more.** We urge active parishioners, **Find one! Join one! Start 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.



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

St. Martin de Porres Parish Black History Mass of Thanksgiving will take place on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in St. Peter Claver Church. Our guest homilist: Fr. Claude Williams. O. Praem from the Diocese of California.

**Please note:** The Mass schedule for the weekend: Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass in SPC, Sunday 7:30am Mass in OLV. We will **NOT** have the scheduled, 9am, and 10:15am Masses that day.

Following the Mass, light refreshments will be served in the Msgr. Rodgers Hall. Donations of beverages {sodas, water, juices} & cookies or cakes would be appreciated.



**Msgr. Bernard Quinn Memorial Mass** will be celebrated on **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Bridgid's Church in Westbury**. Bus will be leaving from **St. Peter Claver Church at 8AM**. Tickets are, adults **\$30.00** children **\$20.00**. Please contact the rectory to reserve a seat.

**VICARIATE OF BLACK CATHOLIC CONCERNS INVITES YOU TO**

Mass of Thanksgiving,  
The Immaculate Conception Church  
86-45 Edgerton Blvd Jamaica, NY 11432  
**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Time: 4:30pm.**  
**Dress in your Cultural Attire.**

**Celebrant:**

**The Most Reverend Bishop Robert Brennan.**

**Homilist: Rev. Robert Seay. OFM**

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

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

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St. Martin de Porres Parish Annual Women's Day Celebration will take place on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

*Share The Wealth* 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.

**Angels and Demons for Lent.**

**Scripture Study:** The Brooklyn Bible Explorers is continuing its Lenten series "*Angels in the Bible*" If you would like to participate you can do so without registering by using the log in information below. It will conclude at exactly 6PM.

**Book-Club:** The "Brownstone Brooklyn and Beyond Book Club" started C.S. Lewis' "*The Screwtape Letters*" last week.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Screwtape\\_Letters](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Screwtape_Letters). You are welcome to attend on line every Thursday night at 7:00PM. Log in information can be found below.

**Log in information:** [stcharlesbklyn.org/zoom](https://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, [wigs@smith141.com](mailto:wigs@smith141.com) or 917-373-3876.

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



**Adults: 250.00 - Children \$220.00**

Payment of \$150.00 is due on or by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Final payment due on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. For more information, please see Dr. Marina Brown or call the Rectory 718-574-5772.

**Weekday Readings**

**Sun. Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. 1 Pt 3:18-22  
Mk 1:12-15**

**Mon. Lv19:1-2, 11-18 Ps. 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46**

**Tue. Is 55:10-11 PS 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19  
Mt 6:7-15**

**Wed. Jon 3:1-10 PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32**

**Thurs. 1 Pt 5:1-4 PS 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:13-19**

**Fri. Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt  
5:20-26**

**Sat. Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48**



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**Stations of the Cross**

Fridays at 7:00PM at all three Churches in our Parish.



This week begins the **2024 Annual Catholic Appeal**. Your contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal make a significant impact, aiding individuals in Brooklyn and Queens in ways beyond the capacity of any single parish. Let us pray for the success of the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, envisioning a triumph that not only empowers us to extend love to those in need but also enables our hearts to respond to Jesus, who calls us to be in Communion, Participation and Mission. We invite you to stand with St. Martin de Parish in supporting the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. visit [www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org) or text DONATE to 917-336-1255.

**Rosary Altar Society**

**Palm Sunday**



Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 2024 immediately following the 10:15am Mass. Cost, \$30.00 fish and Chicken dinner with a variety of other items Come join us in fellowship.

**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 March 4th, 2024. February's winner of \$420,000 is:

**Mr. Deloray Walker  
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**Your ways O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

## Walking with Jesus Lent 2024

Walk with Jesus Through Lent 2024  
Jesus walked through deserts, waters, mountains, and cities to do his work. What work did he do? Walk with Jesus to Easter and find out!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>18 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Jesus went to the desert to pray. Jesus liked to pray. "Abba!" which means "Father!" What did you pray?</p>						
<p>19 In the desert, Jesus fasted for 40 days and 40 nights. Fasting means going without something Jesus went without food.</p>						
<p>20 When we fast in Lent, we give up something we like. The things we like are good. But when we go without them, we "taste" another good thing: freedom.</p>						
<p>21 In the desert, Jesus was hungry. But he wanted to taste freedom. Instead of time spent on getting food, Jesus had free time to wander and to think. Free time to listen to God.</p>						
<p>22 Lent is like a desert. For a while, we do without some things. For a while, we want more free time to do and to think, to love and to listen to God.</p>						
<p>23 "Ask and it will be given to you," Jesus says. God wants to give us freedom. Write down ways you want to be free and put them with your sand.</p>						
<p>24 Now think of ways Jesus was free. Free to forgive. Free to teach. Free to love. Write down the ones you like best and put it in your sand pile.</p>						
<p>25 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Jesus and his friends go to a mountain. Find a rock that reminds you of a mountain and add it to your sand.</p>						
<p>26 Imagine being on the mountain. Now you hear a voice: "This is my beloved child. Listen to him!" What's the best thing Jesus could say to you?</p>						
<p>27 On a mountain you look and see the world a new way. Here's another way. Cut a frame with a 2 x 2 window. Take it outside. What do you see?</p>						
<p>28 On the mountain the disciples saw something new: too Jesus shining like the sun. When you get up tomorrow look for something new.</p>						
<p>29 A rock is hard. Climbing a mountain is hard. Why did Jesus do it?</p>						
<p>1 Jesus didn't stay on the mountain. He came back down and kept walking—and talking! Ask a parent to read to you his story: Matthew 17:1-13.</p>						
<p>2 Close your eyes for a moment. What do you hear? Now try to listen deeper. What might God be saying to you?</p>						
<p>3 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> On a long walk, you need water! Add a bowl of water along side your sand.</p>						
<p>4 Jesus was thirsty, so he stopped in a strange town and asked a woman for water. Who could use a drink in your house right now?</p>						
<p>5 Jesus asked for water, but he also told the woman, "You'll never be thirsty again!" Ask each family member to finish this sentence: "I wish I could never again be ___!"</p>						
<p>6 Jesus said, "The water I shall give will overflow into eternal life." What gifts of God are so good they should go on forever and ever?</p>						
<p>7 The woman put down her bucket of water and ran to her friends. "Is this the Messiah, the chosen one of God?" What do you think about Jesus? What name would you give him?</p>						
<p>8 God's gift of water reminds us of God's gift of baptism. Ask your parent: When were you baptized? Who was there? What happened?</p>						
<p>9 Read a verse or two from the Bible and then draw a picture about what you read. Try Psalm 29!</p>						

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**Participation & Mission**

*I would like to thank all those generous individuals who have made a pledge to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal at our Parish.*

*If you are still considering your donation, please complete a donation envelope at the entrance of the church under the appeal posters and hand it in by June 1<sup>st</sup> or Text DONATE to 917-336-1255 today.*

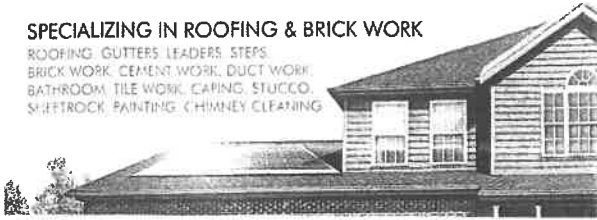
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