



## Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

**SUNDAY Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Rev. Alonzo Q. Cox, Pastor**  
**Rev. Franklin Ezeorah, Parochial Vicar**

### 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.

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### Parish Staff

Rev. Mr. Rachid Murad, Permanent Deacon  
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Ms. Michelle Joseph, Dir. of Religious Edu.  
Mr. Joseph Murray, Co-Dir. of Music  
Ms. Tamika Daniel, Youth Minister  
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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

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 second Sunday of Lent. Our gospel passage depicts the Transfiguration of our Lord. Jesus brings his disciples, Peter, James and John up to Mount Tabor. It is upon this mountain that the Lord is transfigured before their very eyes. It is a tremendously life changing moment for these three disciples. Peter makes a tremendous statement of faith by saying to the Lord, "it is good that we are here". The same can be said for us gathered here today. It is good that we are here today in church to lift our voices to the Lord. It is good that we can gather as a community to sing God's abundant praises. It is good that we can receive the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. As Jesus was transfigured before the very eyes of his disciples, a voice from the heavens exclaimed, "this is my beloved son, listen to him". We must continue to allow the voice of Jesus to speak to us. We must not allow the distractions of this world to hinder our relationship with Jesus to truly hear him. May these weeks of Lent be life changing, as we continue to journey with the Lord to Calvary.

### **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.

### **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 today, 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 Cox





# Mass Intentions for the week



**Saturday: 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver  
Vigil Mass:**

Lyndon Kailani Booker – blessings on your baptism  
*Req. by Brignol family*

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

**Sunday: Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver**  
Sarah Keys-Evans (*Black history maker*) – in memoriam  
*Req., by Friends of St. Peter Claver*

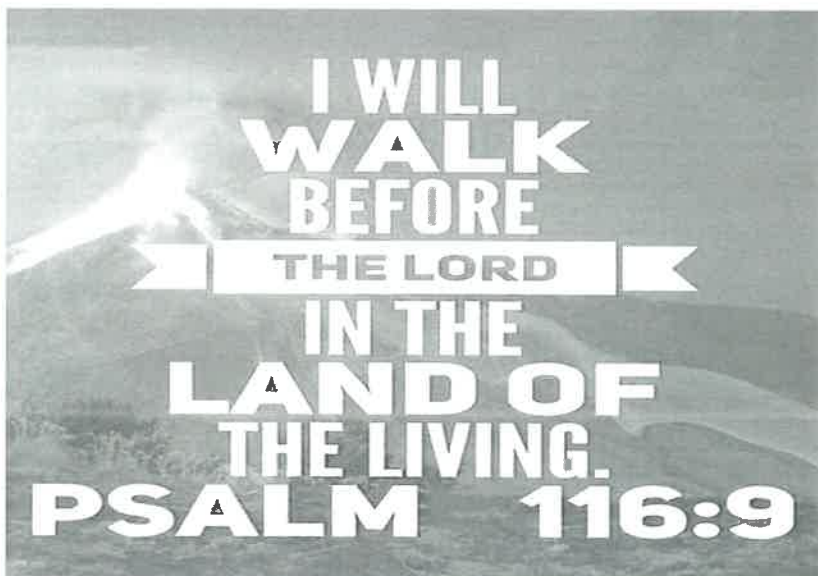
Vere Skepple & Charles Shaw -in memoriam  
*Req. by Dr. Marina Brown*

Tomas A. Concepcion – in memoriam  
*Req. by Garbanzos family*

**Tuesday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 8am OLV**  
Error Blackman & Philip Harrison – in memoriam  
*Req. by Gabriel Roberts*

**Thursday, Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> 8am OLV**  
Sheila Brignol – birthday blessing  
*Req. by Yvette Brignol*

**Friday, Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> 8am OLV**  
Saint Germaine family – grace and deliverance



## 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, 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://stmartindeporesparish.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 Membership**

All new families are welcome to the Parish and encouraged to become actively involved in parish societies and activities. New parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible. Parishioners are asked to use the weekly envelopes in making their contributions.

**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.



**Lenten Eucharistic Adoration and Vespers**

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**S A V E  
D A T E**

**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.

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we begin to observe this season of repentance and reflection, join your fellow parishioners in reading your daily Scripture and devotional reflection from the Word among us **"Return to me with all Your Heart."**

**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.

**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 is every Sunday at 5PM and 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 online every Thursday night at 7:00PM. Log in information can be found below. This week we will read chapters 16 to 22.

**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.

**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.

*History has shown us that courage can be contagious, and hope can take on a life of its own.*  
*Michelle Obama*

**Weekday Readings**

**Sun.** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

**Mon.** Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 & 13 Lk 6:36-38

**Tue.** Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21& 23 Mt 23:1-12

**Wed.** Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28

**Thurs.** Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4& 6 Lk 16:19-31

**Fri.** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Sat.** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



Did you know that there are ways to support our parish and the mission of the Church that can also provide you with tax benefits...and potentially even a source of income? If you have an asset such as appreciated stocks, a retirement plan, art, real estate or other assets, a planned gift could be a smarter way to give than cash alone. With a planned gift, like those mentioned above, you can sustain our beloved parish while also making smart financial decisions to benefit your family.

If you are interested in learning more contact our parish office or call the Catholic Foundation at 718-965-7375.



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

Mass of Thanksgiving today Sunday, **February 25<sup>th</sup>** in St. Peter Claver Church. Guest homilist: **Fr. Claude Williams**. O. Praem from the Diocese of California. Following the Mass, light refreshments will be served in the Msgr. Rodgers Hall. All are invited to attend.

**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.



**Stations of the Cross**

will be prayed every Fridays at 7:00PM at all three Churches our Parish.

**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**  
**Of St. Peter Claver Church**



*"The way we're taught history – what is left out is just as important as what is put in that story."*

*Nikole Hanna-Jones*



• **PRAYER** –Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

• **FASTING** – With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that’s why it gets all the attention. “What are you giving up for Lent? Hotdogs? Beer? Jelly beans?” It’s almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

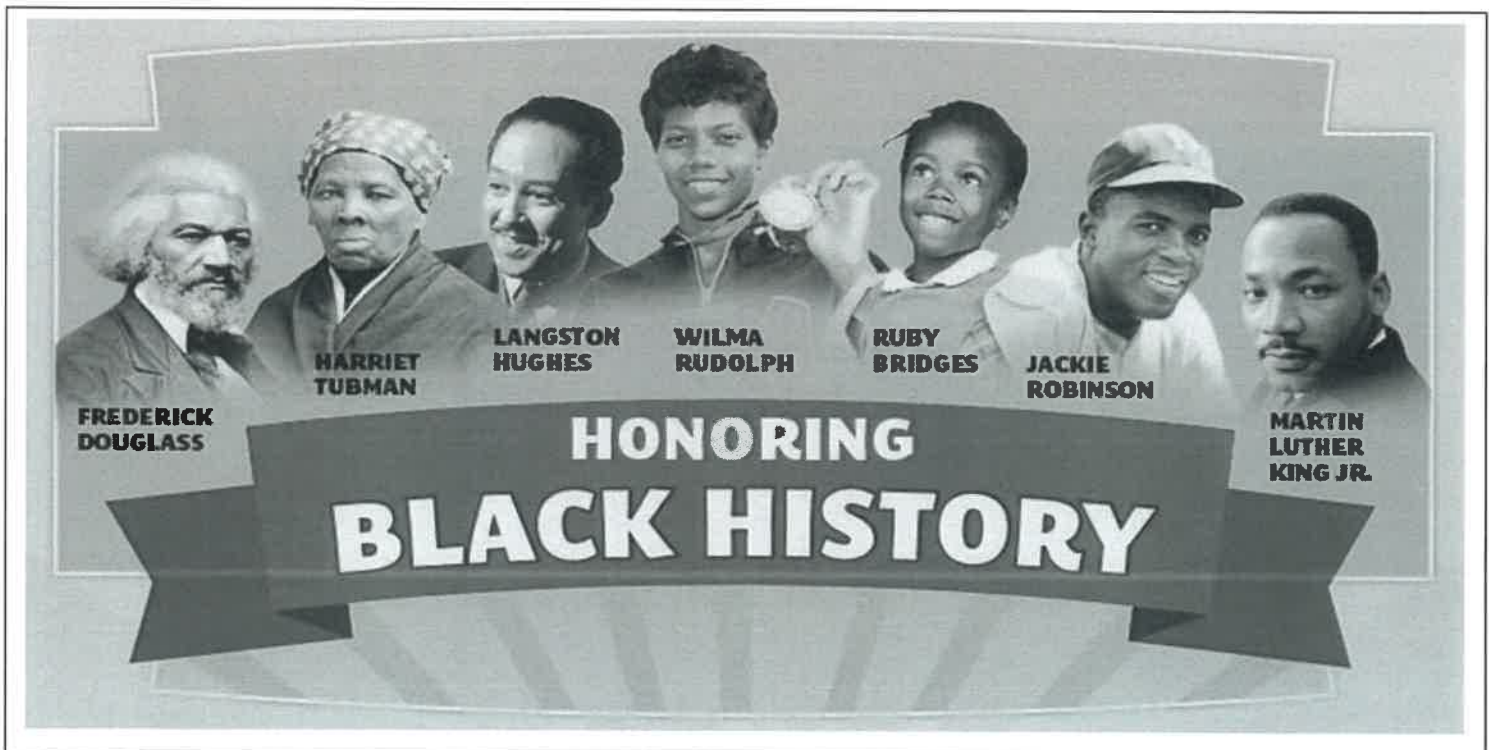
• **ALMSGIVING** -During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2462).

**Easter Mass Remembrance**

During the Easter season we will pray for your loved ones with Easter remembrance envelopes. Envelopes are located at the front of the church. Kindly drop off your envelope, in the collection basket or at the rectory, with the name of person(s) who is/are to be remembered in the Masses.

**\*COIN CARDS FOR ST. JUDE'S CHILDREN HOSPITAL\***

Lent is a time of reflection and renewal in faith. One way of renewal is a more serious devotion. Again, St. Martin de Porres Parish would like to support St. Jude’s Hospital for Children. We will tith 50% of the Lenten Quarters collections towards this cause. I hope you will prayerfully support this Lenten act of almsgiving.



I will walk before the Lord, in the Land of the living.



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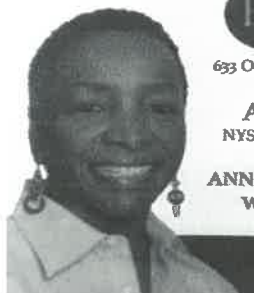


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 718-771-2305 or e-mail him at [ggc4729@gmail.com](mailto:ggc4729@gmail.com)



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