



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY Feb 4th, 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 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

My dear sisters and brothers,

Today's gospel passage from Mark 1:29-39 reminds us of the importance of spiritual reinforcement in our lives. After working and serving the people in various capacities, Jesus went to a deserted place to recharge his spiritual battery. This Jesus' move should also be our *modus operandi* as children of God. In a world filled with constant challenges, uncertainties, and demands, the need for spiritual strength and resilience has never been more crucial.

Spiritual reinforcement is the foundation upon which we build our inner strength, resilience, and sense of purpose. It provides us with the fortitude to weather life's storms, the wisdom to navigate complex decisions, and the hope to embrace each day with courage and grace. Little wonder why Jesus did not joke with this exercise. Just as a building requires a solid foundation to withstand the forces of nature, our spirits need nurturing, guidance, and sustenance to thrive amidst the trials of life.

In times of joy, spiritual reinforcement allows us to celebrate and express gratitude for the blessings in our lives, fostering a deep sense of appreciation and interconnectedness with the world around us. It enables us to find meaning in our experiences, cherish the beauty of love and compassion, and cultivate a spirit of generosity and empathy. In moments of sorrow and adversity, spiritual reinforcement becomes our anchor, providing solace, healing, and strength in the face of pain and loss. It assures us that we are not alone, that our spirits are resilient, and that there is light and hope to guide us forward even in the darkest hours.

Moreover, the importance of spiritual reinforcement lies in its ability to nurture our relationships, fostering bonds of compassion, understanding, and forgiveness. It empowers us to seek reconciliation, extend kindness to others, and embody the virtues of patience, empathy, and non-judgmental love.

As we navigate the complexities of our daily lives, let us remember that spiritual reinforcement is not a solitary journey but a communal endeavor. It is through our shared experiences, our collective prayers, and our mutual support that our spirits are strengthened and uplifted. We are bound by the sacred tapestry of our faith, our traditions, and our common humanity, drawing strength from the interconnectedness of our spirits. So, my dear friends, let us embrace the importance of spiritual reinforcement in our lives. Let us nurture our spirits with prayer, reflection, and acts of kindness. And let us, like Jesus, offer support, encouragement, and compassion to one another, knowing that our collective reinforcement of the spirit brings light and grace into the world.

May we find strength in our spiritual journey, uphold one another with love and compassion, and may our reinforced spirits become beacons of hope in the tapestry of life.

Amen.

Wishing you a blessed and peaceful week,

Father Franklin Ezeorah





Mass Intentions for the week



Saturday: 3rd, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver

Vigil Mass:

For the Souls in Purgatory

Sunday: Feb. 4th, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver

Giesel Sedjro – birthday blessing & thanksgiving

7:30am – Our Lady of Victory

Roxanne Clark - birthday blessing

Req. by Rojas family

10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church

Veronica Noreiga – in memoriam

Req. by Noreiga family

Babe Matthew – in memoriam

Req. by Rachele Sannino

Monica Sasis – in memoriam

Req. by Garbanzos family

Lynette Lewis-Rogers and Kyron Rogers – birthday blessing

9:00am – Holy Rosary Church

Sheila Guy & Marvis Murray – in memoriam

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.



*He heals
the broken
hearted.*

PSALM 147:3



ALTAR BREAD & WINE:

Lynette Lewis-Rogers & Kyron Rogers -birthday blessing

ALTAR CANDLES:

Canonization of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

SANTUARY CANDLE:

Veronica Noreiga – in memoriam

Req. by Noreiga family

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
(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 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.

St. Martin de Porres Parish Black History Month Celebration

Mass of Thanksgiving will take place on Sunday, **February 25th, 11:30am** in St. Peter Claver Church. Our 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. Donations of beverages (sodas, water, juices) & cookies or cakes would be appreciated. Parishioners from Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Victory Church are invited to attend.



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.



Angels and Demons for Lent.

Scripture Study: The Brooklyn Bible Explorers will begin a Lenten series “Angels in the Bible” Sunday, Feb. 4th at 5:00PM online. Those who have registered should have received the study guide by email. You may attend without registering but if you wish the materials, please contact me today.

Book-Club: The “Brownstone Brooklyn and Beyond Book club” will be reading C.S. Lewis’ “The Screwtape Letters” beginning Thursday, Feb 15th at 7:00PM.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Screwtape_Letters
More information to follow. This too will be online through the account *below*. Login information: stcharlesbklyn.org/zoom, Meeting ID 84908021688, password 1584. You will most likely be prompted to allow Zoom to use your phone, 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 or 917-373-3876.

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 Pre-Valentines



St. Martin de Porres Parish invites all Married, Engaged and Dating Couples for fellowship in Fr. Mannion/Stonebridge Hall at 10am and Msgr. Rodgers Hall at 12:30pm. Please RSVP by February 7th calling Dcn. Leroy Branch 917-469-4221.



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



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.

Weekday Readings

Sun. Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39

Mon. 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 PS 132:6-7, 8-10 MK 6:53-56

Tue. 1Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 PS 84:3, 4, 5 & 10, 11 Mk 7:1-13

Wed. 1Kgs 10:1-10 PS 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

Thurs. 1 Kgs 11:4-13 PS 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 & 40 Mk 7:24-30

Fri. 1 kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 PS 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 7:31-37

Sat. 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 PS 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 Mk 8:1-10



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 can log into your Give Central account with your user name and password, on your profile page to download your tax letter. Any questions please call the Parish Office.



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: 4:30pm.
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.



50/50 Monthly 50/50 Raffle contribution is \$20. 00 proceeds will be used for the ongoing renovation and re building 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!**



Ash Wednesday, February 14th, marks the beginning of the Lenten season, when we recall Christ's saving Passion and Death. On that day, we receive ashes recalling not only our mortal frailty, but our dependence on God. The schedule of Ash Wednesday services is as follows:

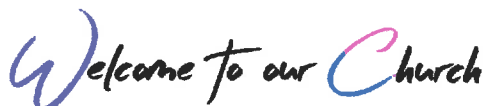
Mass Schedule

8am Mass, **Our Lady of Victory**

11am Service, **Holy Rosary**

12noon Service, **Our Lady of Victory**

12noon Mass, **St. Peter Claver**



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.

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Spending Time with God



In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord went to Simon and Andrew's house, where He spent the evening healing the sick and casting out demons. But early the next morning before the sun came up He went away into the wilderness to pray.

At first we wonder why Jesus would have to pray- He is God, after all! But He was also human so He needed to take some time to be with His Heavenly Father. And that is what real praying is- it's being with God and talking to Him and listening to Him.



Like Jesus, we also need to spend time with God. Even if we are always doing His work, like helping people or studying His truths, we still need to take some time to talk with Our Father in Heaven. Starting today, take a few minutes every day to go to a quiet place and talk with God.

Answers to picture puzzle: top:5, 2, middle: 4, 6, bottom: 1, 3.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4th, 2024



At the end of today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells Simon that they will go to the nearby villages to preach. Can you find your way through the maze to the nearby village?

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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