



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

SUNDAY Mar. 3, 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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Mr. Joseph Murray, Co-Dir. of Music
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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 is the third Sunday of Lent. Our Lenten journey with the Lord seems to be moving by very quickly! Our first reading for Mass today comes from the book of Exodus. It is here that we are given the commandments. Some tend to think that these commandments are just rules to live by. For me, when I reflect on the commandments, I don't see them as rules, but as ways for me to grow as a disciple. I acknowledge the importance of the commandments, allowing them to be the fabric of life, but in reality, these are guidelines for us to live as holy and devout Christians. We hear in today's gospel of how angry Jesus became when he saw the holy temple of prayer being turned into a marketplace. During these weeks of Lent, we are invited to look at our relationship with the Lord. Are we trying our best to conform our lives to a deeper sense of holiness and prayer? Are we spending time with the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament? Do we acknowledge that we are sinners in need of God's mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of Reconciliation? May these next few weeks of Lent be moments of life changing grace, as we continue to journey with the Lord in the desert.

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.

Black History Month Celebration Thank You!

I take this opportunity to thank all of you celebrated Black History Month with us at St. Peter Claver Church last Sunday. We had over 200 people with us in Church last Sunday! How blessed we are to have such a wonderful and vibrant community here in Bedford Stuyvesant. I want to thank the parish Black History Month Committee for all of their hard work in making last week's celebration so beautiful!

Seven Last Words

As has been the custom, we will have a special prayer service on Good Friday, March 29 at St. Peter Claver Church beginning at 10:00AM commemorating the seven last words of Jesus before he died. Parishioners are invited to give a brief 5-to-7-minute reflection on one of the seven last words. If you are interested in giving a reflection, please see Estella McDuffey at St. Peter Claver or call the parish office.

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: Mar. 2nd, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver
Vigil Mass:**

For the people of the Parish

Sunday: Mar. 3rd, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver

For all deceased members of the Parish

7:30am – Our Lady of Victory

For the Souls in Purgatory

Req. by Francios Roberts

10:15am - Our Lady of Victory

Ramieen Brown & Kate Cochran-Brown -birthday
blessing

Req. by Dr. Marina Brown

Beatrice Sequea & Ebenezer Blackman – in memoriam

Req. by Linley Roberts

9:00am – Holy Rosary Church

Narcissus Frett-Moses – in memoriam

Req. by Bernadette Frett-James & family

Monday, Mar. 4th 8am OLV

Therese & Edward Taviere – in memoriam

Req. by Francios Roberts

Tuesday, Mar. 5th 8am OLV

Tomas Garbanzos – birthday remembrance

Req. by Garbanzos family

Wednesday, Mar. 6st 12noon SPC

Ander Wilson – birthday blessing

Req. by Vignon Wilson

Thursday, Mar. 7st 8am OLV

Marcel and Maria Taviere – in memoriam

Req. by Julienne Roberts

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
(Mar. 2024)**

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families
might discover the cure for their
wounds through forgiveness,
rediscovering each other's gifts,
even in their differences



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 –

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://smartindeporresparish.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- 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 to make 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 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.



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Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at all three Churches in our Parish on Fridays at 7:00PM.

Seven Parishioners are needed to participate in the Good Friday "Seven Last Words of Christ". Seven Parishioners are needed to participate in the Good Friday "Seven Last Words of Christ" service on March 29th beginning at 10:00am. A 6-minute to 8-minute reflection/talk is usually expected from each person. Please contact Stanley Davis 718-857-1442 -OR- Estella McDuffey 718-622-1222 for details.



SMDPP The League of the Sacred Heart of Jesus invites you to attend A Lenten Retreat Day at St. Peter Claver Church, on Saturday March 9th, beginning at 10am. The Presider will be Bro. Christopher Cato. *Theme: Building a Community of Grace.* 2 Timothy 1:7. Come and spend some time with the Lord. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

**SAVE
DATE**

Msgr. Bernard Quinn Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 13th at St. Bridgid's Church in Westbury. Bus will be leaving from St. Peter Claver Church at 9:30AM. Tickets are, adults \$30.00 children \$20.00. Please contact the rectory to reserve a seat.



Easter is just a few weeks away, when we will be renewed in our Baptismal Life in Christ Jesus. Why not celebrate our renewed life with flowers! We are making an additional appeal for help in purchasing Easter Flowers. The average Easter plant is \$25.00. **May we ask you to donate an Easter Flower on the Fifth Sunday of Lent (MARCH 18TH)** during the second collection. Thank you.

**Save
the
Date**

The Diocesan Eucharistic Revival will take place in the Louis Armstrong Stadium of the USTA Billie Jean King Tennis Center, Flushing Meadows, on April 20, 2024. Tickets are available **FREE**. A bus will be leaving from Our Lady of Victory Church. If you paid in advance, your seat is reserved. Those who would like transportation, please call the Rectory to reserve a seat. Cost: \$20.00 for adults. More details will follow.

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 tithe 50% of the Lenten Quarters collections towards this cause. We hope you will prayerfully support this Lenten act of almsgiving.

St. Martin de Porres Youth Group will meet every Sunday 1pm to 3pm in McGuinness Hall. Parish Youth between the grades 7-12 are welcome to join.

If any youth of the parish would like to Praise Dance Please contact Ms. Tamika 718-790-5671.

Weekday Readings

Sun. Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 1 Cor 1:22-25
Jn 2:13-25

Mon. 2Kgs 5:1-15ab PS 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30

Tue. Dn 3:25, 34-43 PS 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35

Wed. Jer 7:23-28 PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11:14-23

Thurs. Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17 Mk 12:28-34

Fri. Hos 6:1-6 PS 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Lk 18:9-14

Sat. 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps.137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Jn 3:14-21

Rosary Altar Society



Sunday, March 24th 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.

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.

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 April 1st 2024. March winner of \$500.00 is:

Agatha Alexander
Of Our Lady of Victory Church

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 17th, 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.

"Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him." — Pope Francis



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: _____

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

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 login information below. It is every Sunday at 5PM and will conclude at exactly 6PM. This week we will begin discussing the Annunciation.

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

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Screwtape_Letters. You are welcome to attend on line every Thursday night at 7:00PM. Login information can be found below. This week we will read chapters 23 to the End.

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, wigs@smith141.com or 917-373-3876.



- **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).



The 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of our parish and the daily work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

***Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative, Catholic Charities;
Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office;
Catholic Migration Services; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence
for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation***

All donations made to the ACA above our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements.

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 CHURCH EVENT!**

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 Text "SUNDAY" to 718-550-5830
 or just scan the QR Code



Parishioners who would like to rent the halls of our three churches for family events contact **Mr. Gabriel Lopez** at 718-771-2305 or e-mail him at ggc4729@gmail.com



Holy Rosary Lower Church Hall



St. Peter Claver Lower Church Hall



Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall