



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

Sunday Mar. 10, 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.

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.

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
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Mr. Humberto DaCosta, Buildings /Grounds

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

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 fourth Sunday of Lent. You will notice that the vestments the priest and deacons are wearing today are different in color. They are rose colored. The mixture of the Lenten purple and the Easter white create a rose color. It is a clear sign that we are at the midway point in our Lenten observance. It is my hope that these last four weeks of Lent has been a time of spiritual renewal as we prepare to enter these most sacred of days that is the Lord's passion, death and resurrection. Today's gospel is one of my favorite passages. It is the famous John 3:16, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that all may have eternal life". What a beautiful image for us to reflect upon today as we prepare to celebrate Holy Week. God loves us so much that he gave the world his Son, to be nailed to the wood of the cross and to be raised from the dead. May these remaining weeks be a time of grace and prayer for all of us.

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.

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.

Rosary Society Palm Sunday Brunch

Our parish rosary society will continue with their annual Palm Sunday Brunch. It will take place on Sunday, March 24 following the 10:15AM Mass. It will be a pickup and go meal. Each meal is \$30 each. Please be sure to stop by McGuinness Hall on Palm Sunday to help support this great parish fundraiser.

Parish Women's Day Celebration

Our annual parish Women's Day celebration will take place next Sunday, March 17 at St. Peter Claver Church following the 11:30AM Mass. Raffle tickets are still available for purchase. Please see one of the committee members after Mass 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. 9th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver
Vigil Mass:**

In thanksgiving to St. Martin de Porres

Sunday: Mar. 10rd, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver
For the people of the Parish

7:30am – Our Lady of Victory

Souls in Purgatory

Req. by Edward Roberts

10:15am - Our Lady of Victory

Merle Fredrick – in memoriam

Req. by members of New Life in Christ

10:15:am: Pauline Michaud – in memoriam

9:00am – Holy Rosary Church

Leon Trescott the 4th – memoriam

Req. by Cathy Suarez

Monday, Mar. 11th 8am OLV

Elvira Kennedy – in memoriam

Req. by Rojas family

Monday, Mar. 11th 12noon SPC

Errol Mathurine – in memoriam

Req. by Judy Mathurine-George

Tuesday, Mar. 12th 8am OLV

Richard Sequea & Jennifer Harrison – memoriam

Req. by Liley Roberts

Thursday, Mar. 14st 8am OLV

Conrad McKnight – in memoriam

Req. by Linley Roberts

Friday, Mar. 15th 8am OLV

Kim Parks – healing and continued blessing

Req. by Doreen Parks

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.

Request a Mass Intention

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.

S A V E
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.

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.

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.

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.



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.

Washing of the Feet

We are inviting 12 parishioners to have their feet washed for the **Mass of Holy Thursday**. For those interested, please submit your name and telephone number to the Rectory 718-547-5772.

COIN CARDS FOR ST. JUDE'S CHILDREN HOSPITAL

Lent is a time of reflection and renewal in faith. One way of renewal, is sacrificial giving. 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 consider supporting this Lenten act of almsgiving.

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.

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you.

Weekday Readings

Sun. 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

Mon. Is 65:17-21 PS 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b Jn 4:43-54

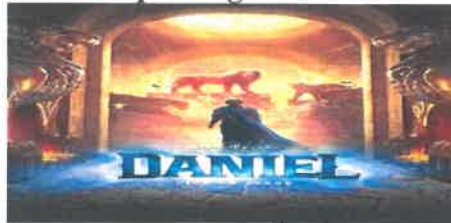
Tue. Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wed. Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thurs. Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47

Fri Wis 2:1a, 12-22. Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat. Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-52

**Saint Martin De Porres Parish
Bus Trip to Sight And Sound**

Date: May 4th, 2024

Final payment due on April 1st. For more information, please see Dr. Marina Brown or call the Rectory 718-574-5772.

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.

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

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.

MARCH IS
WOMEN'S
HISTORY
MONTH



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 smart 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. You have received your commitment letter for the 2024 ACA in the mail. We encourage you to complete and return the form to address provided.

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





• **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.

• **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).

• **Reconciliation Monday on Mar. 25th, 2024**, (in *Our Lady of Victory* 7-8pm) will give parishioners an opportunity to receive God’s forgiveness by going to confession.



Appeal Prayer

God and Father of all gifts, we praise you, the source of all who we are. Teach us to acknowledge always with generous gratitude the many good things your infinite love has given us, as together we support the work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens.

Open our hearts that we may answer your call to follow the message of the Gospel as disciples in love and service nourished by the Eucharist, so that all may come to know You by the example of our faith and good works.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
Amen.



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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 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