



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

Sunday Mar. 17, 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 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.

Parish Staff

Rev. Mr. Rachid Murad, Permanent Deacon
Rev. Mr. Leroy Branch, Permanent Deacon
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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

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 5th and last Sunday in the season of Lent. Next Sunday we will begin the solemn Triduum of Holy Week with Palm Sunday. I hope that these last weeks of Lent have been moments of prayer and grace, as we enter the most sacred of days. Today's scripture readings for Mass truly give us a reflection for what we are about to enter. We hear in today's gospel, "Now is the Son of Man to be glorified". We see how Jesus is preparing his disciples for what is about to happen. The Lord know that they must be both physically and spiritually prepared to witness Jesus endure the agony of the cross. But we know from the darkness of the cross comes the light of the resurrection. May our hearts be filled with God's abundant grace as we prepare to celebrate Holy Week.

Palm Sunday

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. We will have a regular Sunday Mass schedule. For the exception of the 5:00PM Saturday night Vigil Mass, weather permitting, there will be an outdoor procession with palms. Palm branches will be blessed and distributed at all the masses next Sunday.

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.

Rosary Society Palm Sunday Brunch

Our parish rosary society will continue with their annual Palm Sunday Brunch. It will take place next 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.

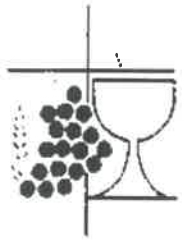
Diocese of Brooklyn Eucharistic Revival

The Diocese of Brooklyn Eucharistic Revival that was to take place in October will now take place on Saturday, April 20. It will take place at the Louis Armstrong Tennis Stadium in Flushing. If you purchased a seat on the bus for October, you automatically have a seat on the bus for this event. If you would like to purchase a seat on the bus for April, please 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. 16th, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver
Vigil Mass:**

Awilda Delarosa – in memoriam
Req. by Brignol family

Sunday: Mar. 17th, 11:30am – St. Peter Claver
For the people of the parish

7:30am – Our Lady of Victory
In honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for Mary Carasco

10:15am - Our Lady of Victory
Aaron Thomas Garbanzos – birthday blessing
Req. by Garbanzos family

9:00am – Holy Rosary Church
Pauline Michaud – in memoriam

Tuesday, Mar. 19th 8am OLV
Monica Sasis – grace and healing
Req. by Garbanzos family

Friday, Mar. 22th 8am OLV
Stella Parks – in memoriam
Req. by Parks family

5th Sunday of
Lent
We prepare

Unless a grain
of wheat
falls to the
earth
and dies



It remains
just a
grain
of wheat

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,
Crescencia Liverpool, 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 –
- Altar Candles: \$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. 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.

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.

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.



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



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.



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Msgr. Bernard Quinn Annual Memorial Mass

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.

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.

Create (a clean heart,) a clean heart in me, O God.

Weekday Readings

Sun. Jer 31:31-34 Ps. 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 Heb 5:7-9
Jn 12:20-33

Mon. Dn. 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Ps.
23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 8:1-11

Tue. 2 Sm. 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps.89:2-3, 4-5, 27 &
29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wed. Dn. 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Dn. 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Jn
8:31-42

Thurs. Gn 17:3-9 Ps.105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 8:51-59

Fri. Jer 20:10-13 Ps18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7. Jn 10:31-
42



Let us pray for our faithful immigrant community, that they may be welcomed as Jesus taught us all strangers should be and navigate legal housing and employment issues in our city through the assistance of the Office of Catholic Migration Services in Brooklyn and Queens as it has provided for generations of immigrant groups during all times in our history. Make your donation here today at annualcatholicappeal.org, or text DONATE to 917-336-1255.



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.

Bus Trip to Sight & Sound



SATURDAY MAY 4, 2024

Adults: 250.00 - Children \$220.00
Bus leaves from Our Lady of Victory Church
583 Throop Ave, Brooklyn NY 11216
8:00AM sharp.

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

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.



Stations of the Cross

FRIDAY – March 22nd, Stations of the Cross will only be held at Our Lady of Victory Church. at 7:00PM.



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Palm Sunday & Holy Week - Easter Mass Schedule

Vigil of Palm Sunday - March 23rd
5 pm -Vigil Mass, St. Peter Claver Church

Palm Sunday - March 24th
7:30am - Our Lady of Victory Church
9:00am - Holy Rosary Church
10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church
11:30am - St. Peter Claver Church

Reconciliation Monday, March 25th
6pm – 8pm, Our Lady of Victory Church

Service of Tenebrae Wednesday, March 27th
7:30pm- Our Lady of Victory Church, Readings & Prayer

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper - March 28th
7:30pm - Our Lady of Victory Church

Good Friday - March 29th
10:00am - St. Peter Claver Church - **Seven Last Words**
1:00pm - Our Lady of Victory Church Confession
3:00pm Liturgy of The Lord’s Passion

Followed by Stations of the Cross in Holy Rosary

Vigil of Easter, Saturday - March 30th
8:00pm - Our Lady of Victory Church

Easter Sunday - March 31st
7:30am - Our Lady of Victory Church
9:00am - Holy Rosary Church
10:15am - Our Lady of Victory Church
11:30am - St. Peter Claver Church

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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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

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Holy Rosary Lower Church Hall



St. Peter Claver Lower Church Hall



Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall