



# Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

Sunday Apr 14<sup>st</sup>, 2024

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**Rev. Franklin Ezeorah, Parochial Vicar**

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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  
Ms. Paulitiana St. Hilaire, Secretary  
Mrs. Maria Matos, Bookkeeper  
Ms. Michelle Joseph, Dir. of Religious Edu.  
Mr. Joseph Murray, Co-Dir. of Music  
Ms. Tamika Daniel, Youth Minister  
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

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*

# He Is *Risen!*

## ***From The Pastors Desk***

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the third Sunday of Easter. Our Easter journey continues to fly right by! Today's gospel continues to show how Jesus reveals himself to his disciples after the resurrection. We see how Jesus eats a piece of fish in their very sight. He tells them that "you are witnesses of these things". We continue the mission of being witnesses of Jesus Christ here in this world. For me, Easter is all about proclamation! We proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, raised from the dead. We proclaim the truth that Jesus is alive, and he is here amongst us. We must continue the mission of going out and proclaiming the Gospel by the very example of our lives. May these next weeks of Easter be moments of profound grace as we give witness to the truth of who Jesus is in our lives.

### **Annual Catholic Appeal**

I thank all of you for your generous contribution to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. As you know, this appeal supports the works of the Diocese of Brooklyn such as Catholic Charities, Migration Services, Vocations, the aid of our Senior Priests and much more. Each parish is assigned a goal to raise within the year. Our goal here at St. Martin de Porres is \$63,586. The key to a successful campaign is full participation. If every parishioner participates in this year's appeal, we will most definitely make our goal and maybe go above it. Any monies raised beyond the goal comes directly back to the parish. If you have not made a pledge to this year's appeal, I ask that you consider making one. I thank all of you for the gift of your time, talent and treasure.

### **Diocese of Brooklyn Eucharistic Revival**

The Diocese of Brooklyn Eucharistic Revival that was to take place in October will now take place next 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. Seats are still available until Wednesday!

### **50/50 Fundraiser**

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.

Wishing you a blessed and peaceful week,  
Father Alonzo Q. Cox



# St. Martin de Porres Parish Mass Intentions for the week

**Saturday: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver  
Vigil Mass:**

Ricardo Agcauli – grace & healing

**Sunday: Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am – Our Lady of Victory**  
In honor of The Sacred Heart for Mary Carasco

**10:15am - Our Lady of Victory**  
Fitzroy Rodney – in memoriam

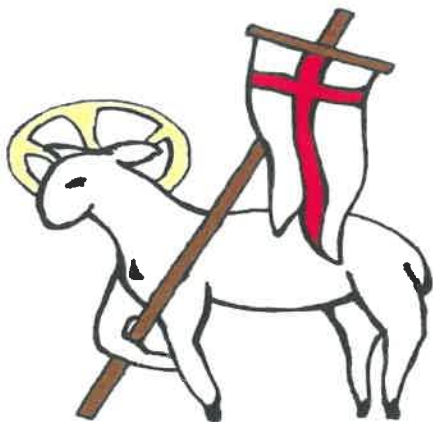
**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church**  
For the people of the Parish

**11:30am – St. Peter Claver**  
Patsy Charles – in memoriam  
*Req. by Catherine Joseph*

**Monday, Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> 12noon SPC**  
Jean Paul – birthday blessing  
*Req. by Paul family*

Monica Sasis -grace and healing  
*Req. by Garbanzos family*

*We proclaim the resurrection of  
Christ when his light illuminates the  
dark moments of our existence, and  
we are able share it with others.*



## 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, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph,  
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 (Apr. 2024)**

### **For the Role of Women**

We pray that the dignity and  
immense value of women be  
recognized in every culture, and for  
the end of discrimination that they  
experience in different parts of the  
world.



**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

**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.

**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 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 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.

**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.**



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.

**SMDPP The League of The Sacred Heart Tea**



The League of The of Sacred Heart of St. Peter Claver Church invites you to their Annual Tea/Brunch, **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**, from 1:30-3:00pm in the lower Church entrance on Jefferson Avenue. **Cost: Adult \$35.00, Children 12 and under \$15.00**. For tickets please see members of the League or call the Parish Office.



**EASTER GIFT TO MY CHURCH.** We ask every parishioner make an offering during this holy season of Joy and Hope. "Easter Gift to My Church" envelopes are in the church today for those who did not receive the mailing. Thank you in advance for your **EASTER GIFT TO MY CHURCH** this year.



**MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE** Masses will begin on May 12<sup>th</sup>, at all Masses. This is a beautiful way of remembering our mothers, living or deceased, with a special Mass intention. Offering envelopes are available in the church. You may return your offering in the collection or at the Parish Office. These intentions will remain in the sanctuary from Mother's Day until the end of the month.

**Brief EBC Update:**

I would like to thank all of you who registered for our action call list. An email confirmation was sent to everyone who did. If you did not receive it, please contact me either at 917-373-3876 or [wigs@smith141.com](mailto:wigs@smith141.com).

The sign in sheets will be available after Mass in the rear of the churches this week if you wish to participate. You may also contact me for any clarifications. Everyone in the Parish however will be kept up to date about developments. I suggest that you watch this 2 min. video. [From The Ground Up Promo track 1](#). Please share it on your social media as well. We hope to have more information next week. Fr Bill

**SMDPP Art Contest**

The **Parish Art/Photo Exhibit** will be held during the weekend of May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2024. This creative exhibition will be showcased in the auditorium of the Waldorf School; directly across from St Peter Claver Church. It will include new exhibits from well-known and some new very creative talents. **The Art/Photo Exhibit will also include productions from our gifted youth.** Keep these dates on your schedule; more information will be forthcoming.

**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 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024.GOOD LUCK!**

**Weekday Readings**

Sun: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 91 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

Mon. Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

Tue. Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6& 7b a&8a, 17 & 21ab Jn 6:30-35

Wed. Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Jn 6:35-40

Thurs. Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

Fri. Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59

Sat. Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Jn 6:60-69

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

Please return your filled coin cards during the Easter Season. We will **tithe 50% of the collections to St. Jude's Hospital for Children.** Don't miss out on a great opportunity to share your Easter joy.

**Bus Trip to Sight & Sound SATURDAY MAY 4, 2024**



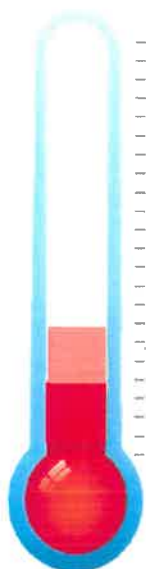
Bus leaves from Our Lady of Victory Church  
583 Throop Ave, Brooklyn NY 11216  
8:00AM sharp.

**St. Martin de Porres PARISH GOAL: \$63,586**



Called to **Communion, Participation & Mission**

**Amount needed to reach our Parish Goal: \$53,177**



\$4,162.

\$11,005.

If you have made a pledge for this year's Appeal, please remember to fulfill your pledge by Dec. 31st.

If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider making a PLEDGE to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal



**WAYS TO DONATE:**

- Please scan the above QR
- Complete a Pledge Envelope located at the Church entrance
- Pledge Online at:

[www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org)

**Auto Donation**

**Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn** Vehicle Donation Program Vincentian Charities will accept donations of used vehicles in any condition. They will tow the vehicle away. You will get a tax receipt and the parish will get a donation from Vincentian Charities. To donate, call Vincentian Charities at 718-491-2525 or [avcb@gmail.com](mailto:avcb@gmail.com).

**Second Collection**

Today's second collection for is the Catholic Home Mission. This appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses.





Goal:	\$63,586
Raised:	\$11,005

***We want to thank all those generous individuals who have made a pledge to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal in our parish.***

***We ask each family to consider making a tax-deductible gift today if you have not already done so. It is our hope for this appeal to receive a prayerful gift no matter the amount from every family so that we can reach our goal!***

Daily Sacrifice	Amount per Week (approximately 36 weeks)	Total Pledge Amount for 2023
\$5.95	\$41.60	\$1,500
\$4.76	\$33.34	\$1,200
\$3.96	\$27.78	\$1,000
\$1.98	\$13.89	\$500
\$0.99	\$6.95	\$250
\$0.40	\$2.78	\$100

***On April 26 and 27th we will ask everyone to consider making a gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal at all Masses.***





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 CHURCH EVENT!**

Sign up now for Mass Schedules, Event reminders, Changes, Weekly Devotionals and more!!  
 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 Caesar at 718-771-2305 or e-mail him at [ggc4729@gmail.com](mailto:ggc4729@gmail.com)



**Holy Rosary Lower Church Hall**



**St. Peter Claver Lower Church Hall**



**Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall**