



# Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

Sunday Apr 7<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 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  
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,

What a beautiful Easter celebration we had last Sunday! We welcomed close to 1,000 people between each of our three churches last Sunday. I take this opportunity to thank each of you for all that you do to make this parish community a vibrant and welcoming place of worship and encounter. Today is the second Sunday of Easter, which is popularly known as Divine Mercy Sunday. On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter be called "Divine Mercy Sunday." St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from his heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy. She wrote in her diary, *"I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy"*. Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. As has been the custom, we will gather at Our Lady of Victory Church at 3:00PM for Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are invited to pray with us as we recall God's merciful love upon us and on the whole world.

### **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.

### **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 all of you a blessed and peaceful Divine Mercy Sunday,  
Father Alonzo Q. Cox



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

**Saturday: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – St. Peter Claver  
Vigil Mass:**

For the people of the Parish

**Sunday: Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am – Our Lady of Victory**

For the Souls in purgatory

*Req. by Julienne & Linley Roberts*

**10:15am - Our Lady of Victory**

Pauline Michaud – in memoriam

**9:00am – Holy Rosary Church**

Grace and healing for Virginia Cox

**11:30am – St. Peter Claver**

Matilda & Francisca Mitchell – in memoriam

*Req. by Catherine Joseph*

**Tuesday, Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> 8am OLV**

Jose Cocha Garbanzos – in memoriam

*Req. by Garbanzos family*



On this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate this feast today since God's mercy was shared with us through the resurrection of Jesus. To put it simply, today, we are celebrating Jesus' merciful love for us and how we can partake in it.

## 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 (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://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](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.**

**\*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.



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.

**Msgr. Bernard Quinn  
Annual Memorial Mass**

**Msgr. Bernard Quinn Memorial Mass** will be celebrated on **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** 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.



**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.**

**Divine Mercy Sunday  
Today in Our Lady of Victory Church**



Beginning with Confession at 2pm followed Eucharistic Adoration and recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3PM. All parishioners are invited to attend the Celebration of God's Mercy for us.

*thank you*

We give God thanks for all His blessings to our parish this Easter season. We also thank all who helped in one way or another with the Holy Week celebrations. The liturgies were very vibrant and inspiring. We were blessed with beautiful decorated churches and record-breaking attendance at the Easter Masses.

**Weekday Readings**

Sun: Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

Mon. Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps.40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

Tue. Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

Wed. Acts 5:17-26 Ps.34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 3:16-21

Thurs. Acts 5:27-33 PS 34:2&9, 17-18, 19-20 Jn 3:31-36

Fri. Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

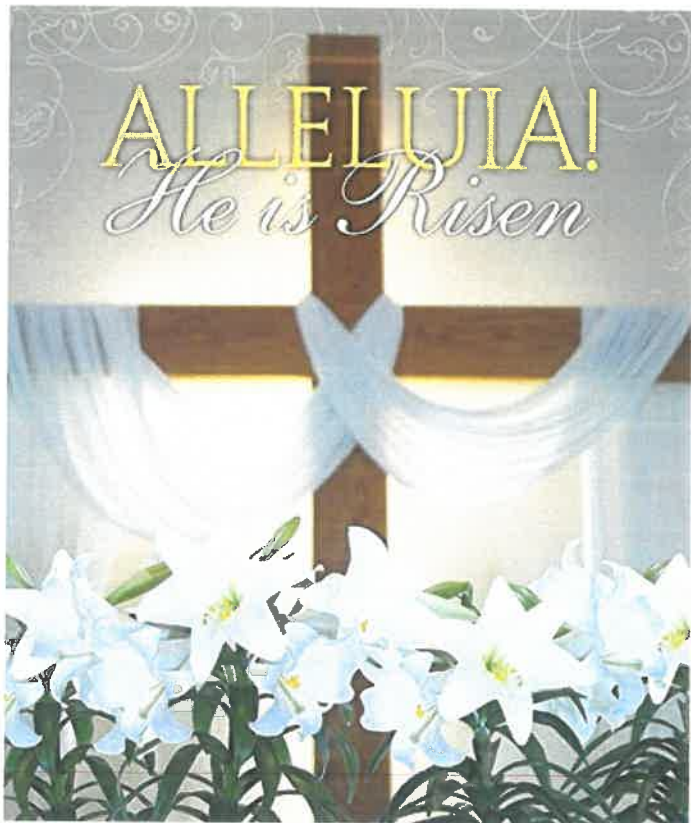
Sat. Acts 6:1-7 PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

**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

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.



**EASTER GIFT TO MY CHURCH.** is taking place at this time. The Easter letter from the Pastor asks that every parishioner make an offering during this holy season of Joy and Hope. Extra "Easter Gift to My Church" envelopes are in the church today for those who did not receive the mailing. Thank you in advance for Easter Gift to My Church this year.

**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 April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The March winner of \$550.00 is:

**Juanita Vega-Perdomo  
Of Holy Rosary Church**



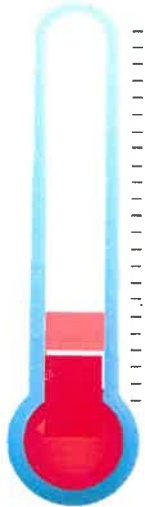
# St. Martin de Porres PARISH GOAL: \$63,586



Called to **Communion,**  
**Participation & Mission**



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



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

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consider making a PLEDGE  
to this year's  
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\$3,229  
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### Brief EBC Update:

1.EBC is meeting with NY Homes and Community Renewal Commissioner RuthAnne Visnauska middle of April to monitor progress at Kingsboro.

2. EBC has found 5 sites in BedStuy that have been slated for development since before the pandemic. In total 675 units of affordable housing — could be developed. EXCEPT the City has not moved on the sites. For 5 years they are sitting there idle. EBC is meeting with the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development first week of April to investigate.

4. Stay tuned - in late May or early June, St. Martin de Porres will join EBC in a large assembly of hundreds of members to hold the State and City accountable to building real affordable housing here in Central Brooklyn.  
Please see [www.pubclandpublicgood](http://www.pubclandpublicgood) for more information.

Please see Fr Bill if you are interested in this fight. [wigs@smith141.com](mailto:wigs@smith141.com). 917-373-3876

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 718-771-2305 or e-mail him at [ggc4729@gmail.com](mailto:ggc4729@gmail.com)



**Holy Rosary Lower Church Hall**



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