

Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020



# Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

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**OFFICE HOURS:** MON, TUE & THURS. 9:00AM-8:00PM  
WED & FRI: 9:00AM – 4:30PM

Dear Parishioners,

One of the greatest gifts that God has given to us is faith. Our faith allows us to come to church on this Sunday morning to give honor, glory, praise and majesty to Christ the Lord. Our faith gives us the courage to go out and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. There is so much in this world that wants to combat and crush our faith. We must safeguard our faith using the armor of Jesus Christ. In today's gospel, we see Jesus tell the Canaanite woman who persists in calling out to him, "great is your faith". We must be as persistent as this woman in calling out to Jesus. He hears and knows our voices better than anyone else in this world. Let us continue to be people of faith, never allowing anything to hinder or diminish it.

## St. Martin de Porres Parish School of Faith Formation

It is already the middle of August, which means it's almost back to school time! But, as we are still in the midst of this pandemic, we don't know what "back to school" looks like. As I write this letter, the Governor of the State of New York along with the Mayor, have given the green light for students to return back to school next month. There is still much discussion and planning on both parts to logistically see what that looks like. Here at St. Martin de Porres, our Sunday school of Faith Formation is in the same predicament. It would usually be at around this time of the year that we would begin registration for the upcoming 2020-2021 academic year. Officials from the Diocese of Brooklyn will inform Pastors of what the plan for Faith Formation will be over the next few days. Both Michelle Joseph, our Director of Faith Formation and I will be in communication with parents who wish to register their child for Faith Formation classes, most especially for those students who need to receive the sacraments of initiation. Most probably classes will be conducted remotely, but until we hear that officially, we will then confirm those plans. If you should have questions, please feel free to reach out to either myself or Michelle Joseph.

## 100th Anniversary of St. Peter Claver Church

This year we will begin the 100th anniversary celebration of the establishment of St. Peter Claver Church. The Opening Mass will take place on Sunday, September 20 at 11:30AM. Because of the COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no reception following the Mass. The Anniversary committee has a number of events planned for the year. More information will be sent out to all of you.

## Death of Ms. Ethel Carter

Just this past week, we learned of the death of longtime Our Lady of Victory parishioner, Ms. Ethel Carter. Just until a year ago, Ms. Carter was an active Sunday Mass goer at OLV. She served as an usher, rosary society member and one of the founders of the Victory Arts Project. As I write this letter, her funeral arrangements are still being made. Please pray for the repose of her soul and the consolation of her friends and family.

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



Holy Rosary Church  
139 Chauncey Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11233

**Mass Schedule**  
Sundays: 9 AM  
Tuesdays: 11 AM



Our Lady of Victory Church  
583 Throop Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11216

**Mass Schedule**  
Sun.: 7: 30 AM & 10: 15 AM  
Mon. to Fri.: 8 AM  
(in St. Anthony's Chapel)



St. Peter Claver Church  
29 Claver Place  
Brooklyn, NY 11238

**Mass Schedule**  
Sat.: 5 PM Sun.: 11: 30 AM  
Mon. & Wed.: 12 Noon  
1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: 12 Noon

**HOLY DAYS:**  
*as announced*

St. Francis of Assisi  
Catholic Academy  
(718) 778-3700

**PARISH CLERGY & STAFF**

Ms. Paulitiana St. Hilaire, Secretary  
 Mrs. Alicia J. Rosete, Bookkeeper  
 Ms. Michelle Joseph, Dir. of Religious Edu.  
 Mr. Joseph Murray, Co-Dir. of Music  
 Ms. Joan Marie Delahunt, Co-Dir. of Music  
 Ms. Tamika Daniel, Youth Minister  
 Mr. Humberto DaCosta, Buildings /Grounds  
 Mr. Alex DaCosta, Buildings /Grounds

**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:**

**Anointing of the Sick**~ Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

**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.

**Memorials** ~ Remember your loved ones, or celebrate and give thanks to those around you by offering Bread and Wine, or Sanctuary Candle Memorials. Please make an offering with each request.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

— Sun.	IS 56:1, 6-7 PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 ROM 11:13-15, 29-32 MT 15:21-28	—
Mon.	EZ 24:15-23 DET 32:18-19, 20, 21 MT 19:16-22	
Tue.	EZ 28:1-10 DET 32:26-27AB, 27CD-28, 30, 35CD-36AB MT19:23-30	
Wed.	EZ 34 1-11 PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 MT 20:1-16	
Thu.	EZ 36 23-28, PS 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 MT 22:1-14	
Fri.	EZ 37 1-14 PS 107, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 MT 22 :34-40	
Sat.	EZ 43:1-7AB PS 85:9AB AND 10, 11-12, 13-14 MT 23:1-12	

**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 with ushers or at the Rectory as soon as possible. Parishioners are asked to use the weekly envelopes in making their contributions.

**School of Faith Formation** ~There is ongoing registration for our School of Faith Formation. Registration forms can be found in the back of each church. Registration fee is \$40.00 per child. Please talk to the faith formation representative in your church: Ms. Michelle Joseph – OLV.

**Youth Ministry** ~Meets on Friday evenings from 7:30pm to 8:30pm, in Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall. Please contact Ms. Tamika Daniel, our Youth Minister at [tdaniel@smdpp.org](mailto:tdaniel@smdpp.org).

**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. Kingsley or Mr. Ken Callahan to inquire about our ongoing RCIA program.

**School Affiliation** ~ St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy is located on 400 Lincoln Road, Brooklyn, NY 11225. The Academy has two UPK classrooms and serves children in Kindergarten thru Grade 8<sup>th</sup>. Please call 718-778-3700 to schedule a tour. Visit. Tuition Assistance is available through the Diocese.

**Reminder** ~ Novena to St. Therese of Lisieux meets on Fridays at 6:15pm in St. Peter Claver Church to pray for Msgr. Bernard Quinn's canonization.

***O God. Let all the nations praise you!***

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**SPC Saturday, Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)**

The Souls in Purgatory

**SPC Sunday, Aug 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am**

Tinayah O'Neil – grace and blessing

**OLV Sunday, Aug 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am**

Ethel Carter – in memoriam

**OLV Sunday, Aug 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:15am**

Anthony Assad & Gina Guzzardo- in thanksgiving

**HRC Sunday, Aug 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am**

Philippe & Jacques Gelibert – in memoriam  
*Req. by Saint Germain family*

**GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:**

**BREAD AND WINE:**

**ALTAR CANDLE:**

Canonization of Msgr. Quinn

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

Anthony Assad & Gina Guzzardo

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:**

**CHAPEL FLOWERS:**

*Pray for the Sick*

Dorothy Bailey, Terrance Baptiste, Jaret Buyund, Felicia Casimiro, Eugenia Charles, Joyce Cochran, Virginia Cox, Josie-Mae Boyce, Jennifer Edwards, Delva Ellis, Khalil Fletcher, Narcissus Frett-Moses, Patrick Gilbert, Antonio Goodsell, Christabel Gomes, Maria Hernandez, Ian Kellman, Aaisha Khan Gwendolyn Knight, Adolph Lauriano, Shawn Paul, Noreen Simonette, Marilyn Sylvester, Beverley Thompson, Elaine Travis, Vera Walker, Sybil Westmoreland, Rosemarie Wilkie, Evelyn Williams, Marie Williams.



**Holy Father's Prayer Intention**

**(August 2020)**

**The Maritime World**

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.** Please contact us at 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.



***Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
Let all the peoples praise you***

***O God. Let all the nations praise you!***

# thank You

We are grateful for your support. Electronic Giving allows you to make contributions to our church without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. [Givecentral.org/smdpp](http://Givecentral.org/smdpp) lets you set up automatic contributions and change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time. You may manage your contributions to the amount you desire, and you may make one-time donations to special causes/collections. Thank you

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Have you moved, or changed your email or phone number? Please contact the parish office to update your family household information with any changes, such as family members, address, or telephone numbers. We are working diligently to make sure that we have the most up-to-date information within our parish records.

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On September 20<sup>th</sup>, St. Martin de Porres Parish will kick off a yearlong celebration honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of **St. Peter Claver Church**. The celebration begins with a 12noon Mass at St. Peter Claver Church. The Alonzo Cox will be the celebrant.

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We thank you for your contribution to the Generations of Faith Campaign. There's still much more to day. If you are unable to fulfil your pledge. Please feel free to notify Fr. Cox.

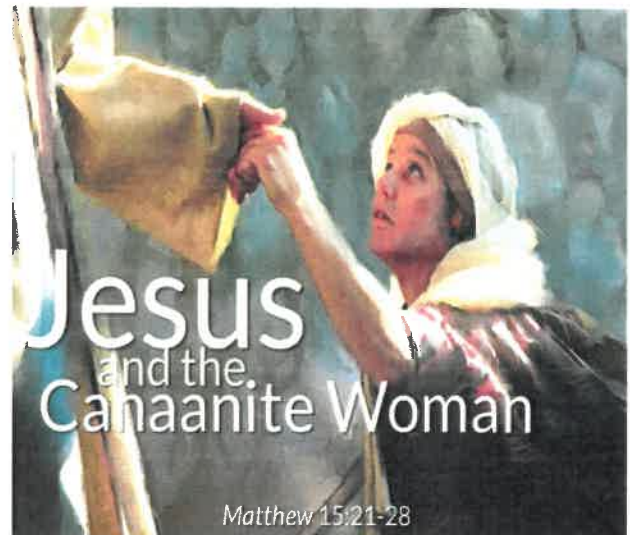
## 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

Annual Catholic Appeal supports the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries: Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Parish Assistance Program; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation. Anything that we make over the goal comes directly back to the parish. There are extra pledge forms at each of the three churches. Please consider making a contribution. All donations above \$65,024.00 are returned directly to our parish for improvements.

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**Ms. Ethel Carter**



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**Prayer to Overcome Racism**

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us. Amen.



**WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!**

*How great is the love the **Father** has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God. 1John 3:1*

For the healthy and safety of our staff and parishioners



a cloth face covering is required to enter our parish.

Thank you for your cooperation.

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.



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**WE ARE THE CHURCH,  
TOGETHER**

I need your help. Our Annual Catholic Appeal's network of services has had to be flexible in this unprecedented time, and we anticipate we will need to maintain this response to meet the growing demand for support. Your partnership is critical as we navigate this situation.

Our mission remains the same, but COVID-19 has had a significant impact on our annual needs.

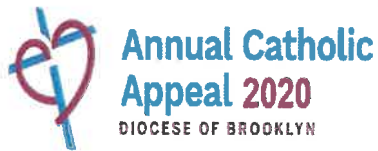
- We now serve over **100,00 meals daily across our Diocese** in response to the 300% increase in demand.
- Over **120** parishes offer daily **livestream** coverage of **Mass** and **144** parishes communicate daily with parishioners using **social media**.
- Our educators were required to quickly implement **innovative distance learning** tools. They remain committed to forming the hearts and minds of our Catholic youth.
- We have **30 hospital chaplains** currently deployed across our boroughs consoling the sick and most vulnerable.
- And of course, our devoted clergy, who remain at the frontlines of this pandemic. They continue to enrich our lives spiritually and have partnered with our network of support services to address the local needs developing across our Diocese.

As a committed parishioner, friend, and Catholic, we need your support to uphold our mission. I am grateful to the 58 people who have made a generous commitment to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. This unwavering support has allowed us to reach **\$15,794** of our **\$65,024**. We are still \$49,230 away from our goal.

If you have not made a pledge this year and are able to do so, I ask that you join me in demonstrating that **WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER** by considering a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

You may make your gift online at [annualcatholicappeal.org](https://annualcatholicappeal.org) or text **ACA** to **917-336-1255** or call 718-965-7375 ext. 1602 and have a pledge card mailed to your home.

We thank you in advance for making a gift commensurate with your means and circumstances!



Parish Goal: \$65,024  
 Pledged - \$15,794: Balance \$49,230  
**We need your support!**

**If 265 more parishioners pledge \$175.00 each to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal, we will exceed our goal.**  
*Please visit. [www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org)*  
*Or call the office for a pledge card today.*



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