



Aug. 2<sup>nd</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,

Today is the first Sunday of August! This is a summer that I don't think any of us will ever forget! I am certain that many of us were planning to take vacation trips or other summer plans that have now been either canceled or postponed due to COVID-19. As disappointing as that all is, God has bestowed upon us his blessings and his grace to follow his Son Jesus much closer and more deeply. I have used these last few weeks as a time of grace and renewal. Although my plans for summer vacation did not come to fruition, God's ultimate plan for my life always abounds. Today's responsorial psalm for Mass sums up our reality in the midst of living in a time of the "unknown", the hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs. We hear in today's gospel passage of Jesus feeding five thousand people with only five loaves of bread and two fish. Ultimately, Jesus is feeding all of us with himself. Each time we approach the altar of sacrifice, the Lord gives of himself, body, blood, soul and divinity for our nourishment and sustenance. We are reminded that nothing can separate us from the love of God, not even a pandemic. As we continue to journey with the Lord, may we always allow the blessings of God to shower us with love and hope. May the name of the Lord be praised, now and forever.

## Calendar of Events 2020-2021

Just this past Saturday, I had the opportunity review the calendar for the upcoming Pastoral Year (September 2020-June 2021). Unfortunately, due to the pandemic the majority of social gatherings that we would have usually planned must be canceled or postponed until the Spring. Events such as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month social gatherings at St. Peter Claver, the prayer breakfast, breast cancer awareness fundraiser, the annual Pre-Thanksgiving Lunch at the Waldorf School, all Christmas parties and receptions must at this time be canceled. This of course is very disappointing, but we want to ultimately ensure the health of every single person who walks into the spaces of our churches. Most of our liturgical celebrations will remain the same, which this year includes the Opening Mass for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of St. Peter Claver Church and the Annual Mass for the Feast day of St. Martin de Porres. Both Masses will take place but there will be no social reception to follow. We do hope to know more from the Center for Disease Control and New York State as time goes on to whether or not social gatherings can resume.

## Parish Financial Support & 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

As your Pastor, I take this opportunity to thank each of you for your continued financial support here at St. Martin de Porres. We have had great success with our online electronic giving application called *Give Central*. As we make our way back to church, both aspects of financial contribution will be available for you to use. I also thank all of you who have contributed to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. As you know, funds from the ACA go to help the various programs and outreach that the Diocese of Brooklyn provides. Our parish goal for the ACA is \$65,024. We have pledged so far, \$15,554. I am very much aware of the current financial times we are living in and I am extremely thankful and grateful for all that you do for this parish community. May the Lord continue to bless each one of you.

Wishing each of 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.	1 KGS 3:5, 7-12 PS 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 ROM 8:28-30 MT 13:44-52 OR 13:44-46
Mon.	JER 13:1-11 PS DET32:18-19, 20, 21 MT 13:31-35
Tue.	JER 14:17-22 PS 79:8, 9, 11 AND 13 MT 13:36-43
Wed.	JER 15:10, 16-21 PS:59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18 JN 11:19-27
Thu.	JER 18:1-6 PS146:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6AB MT 13:47-53
Fri.	JER 26:1-9 PS 69:5, 8-10, 14 MT 13:54-58
Sat.	JER 26:11-16, 24 PS 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 MT 14:1-12

**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.

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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**SPC Saturday, Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)**  
For the people of the parish

**SPC Sunday, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:30am**  
Virginia Cox – health & healing

**OLV Sunday, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30am**  
Joseph Navarro – in memoriam

**OLV Sunday, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:15am**  
Vilma & Gorvin Mitchell – in memoriam  
*Req. by Mitchell family*

**HRC Sunday, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00am**  
Sally Lott and family – in thanksgiving

**GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:****BREAD AND WINE:**

Sid & Cay Garbanzos – birthday  
blessings

**ALTAR CANDLE:**

Canonization of Msgr. Quinn

**ALTAR FLOWERS:****SANCTUARY CANDLE:****CHAPEL FLOWERS:*****Pray for the  
Sick***

Dorothy Bailey, Terrance Baptiste, Jaret Buyund, Ethel Carter, Felicia Casimiro, Eugenia Charles, Joyce Cochran, Virginia Cox, Josie-Mae Boyce, Jennifer Edwards, Delva Ellis, Khalil Fletcher, Patrick Gilbert, Antonio Goodsell, Christabel Gomes, Maria Hernandez, Ian Kellman, Aisha Khan Gwendolyn Knight, Adolph Lauriano, Shawn Paul, Noreen Simonette, 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.



*"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that  
your strength lies."*

*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

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# MASS Intentions

We encourage you to honor a loved one, living or deceased, with a Mass, a gift of bread and wine, sanctuary candle, intercession for Msgr. Quinn Canonization. Please note, only one intention per Mass, except the Sunday 10:15AM Mass which is a multiple intention Mass. Sanctuary candles, bread & wine and altar candles are \$20.00 for the entire week. Requests must be submitted on or before the Friday, two weeks before the desired date. Please make a donation with each request. Thank you.

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## The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

If you have not pledged, please consider making your contribution to the ACA. The on-going renewed drive (*We are the Church, TOGETHER*) to get more of our parishioners to pledge to the appeal. All donations above \$65,024.00 are returned directly to our parish for improvements. Your financial contribution will help us meet our goal. Pledge forms are available in the church.

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## Generations of Faith

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.

# Save the Date!

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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The Transfiguration of the Lord.

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**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*

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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.

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**Mystery Of The Five Loaves & Two Fishes**

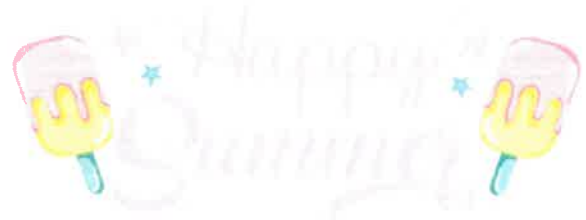
*Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.*

**Prayer to St. Martin de Porres**

God, who has given us in Thy Humble Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the model of all virtue and perfection, grant to us the virtue of humility. We think so little of Thee because we are so full of self. We cannot love Thee more until humility shows us our own nothingness and makes us rejoice in our complete dependence upon Thee.

You have given to the world a glorious apostle of humility, St Martin de Porres. Guide us by his example and strengthen us through his intercessions in our efforts to conform our hearts to the humble Heart of Thy Crucified Son.

Renew, O Lord, in these days, when pride and forgetfulness of Thee are so widespread, the wonders which You performed through Thy humble servant, Martin de Porres, during his lifetime. We pray that all the world may know of St Martin and of the surpassing value of the virtue of humility. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Parish Goal: \$65,024  
 Pledged - \$15,554: Balance \$49,470

**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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You may also visit us at [givecentral.org/smdpp](http://givecentral.org/smdpp)

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**WE ARE THE CHURCH,  
TOGETHER**

Dear Parishioners,

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 53 people who have made a generous commitment to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. This unwavering support has allowed us to reach **\$15,554** of our **\$65,024**. We are still \$49,470 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!

Wishing each of you a blessed week,  
Father Alonzo Q. Cox