

Aug. 23<sup>rd</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,

I don't know about you, but I love talking about my Catholic faith. As a lifelong Catholic, I thoroughly enjoy talking about the beauty and awe of the Roman Catholic Church. My faith has been engrained in me from birth and continues to evolve throughout my life as a priest of the Catholic Church. One of the unique aspects of the life of the Roman Catholic Church is its hierarchy, particularly the role of the Pope. As Catholics, we believe that the Pope is the Successor to St. Peter. The Pope has many titles, in addition to his political one as Head of Vatican City, the smallest city-state in the world. The title that I believe sums up his role, is "servant of the servants of God". I think of that title as we reflect upon today's Gospel. Jesus is asking his disciples who people believe him to be. As they give Jesus answers to the question, Simon Peter makes a statement to Jesus that ultimately sums up who Jesus is. Simon Peter responds, "you are the Christ, the Son of the living God". It was at that moment, Jesus gives him the keys to the Kingdom, with Peter becoming the first "Pope". Peter makes that profound statement of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. We as Catholics continue to live that statement out. The sacraments are a reflection that Jesus is the living Son God, alive in our church to this very day. We hear in today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, "For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever". May our worship give the Lord all glory, honor, praise and majesty now and for the ages to come.

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

It is almost the end 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. Classes at this time will be conducted remotely.

## Robin Hood Emergency Task Force Food Pantry

Our Lady of Victory Church will host a food pantry distribution for the next 4 Wednesday's beginning this Wednesday August 26 starting at 12:00Noon until 2:00PM. There will be a food truck distributing healthy proteins, fruits and vegetables for free. The distribution is open to all parishioners and people in the community. There are flyers available at each of the three churches with more information. The distribution will take place in front of Our Lady of Victory School Hall entrance on Macon Street.

Wishing each of you a peaceful and blessed 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

**READING OF THE WEEK**

Sun. IS 22:19-23 PS 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 ROM 11:33-36, MT 16:13-20  
 Mon. RV 21: 9B-14, PS 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18, JN 1:45-51  
 Tue. 2 THES 2:1-3A, 14-17 PS 96:10, 11-12, 13 MT 23:23-26  
 Wed. 2 THES 3:6-10, 16-18 PS 128:1-2, 4-5 MT 23:27-32  
 Thu. 1 COR 1:1-9 PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 MT 24:42-51  
 Fri. 1 COR 1:17-25 PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 MT 25:1-13  
 Sat. 1 COR 1:26-31 PS 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 MK 16: 17-29

**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.

**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.

**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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***Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hand.***

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**SPC Saturday, Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)**

For the people of the Parish

**SPC Sunday, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:30am**

Logan King Booker – God grace & blessing on your christening

**OLV Sunday, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30am**

Fr, Martin Carter- health & healing

**OLV Sunday, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:15am**

Donna & Rhonda Brown -birthday blessing  
*Req. by Georgiana Brown*

**HRC Sunday, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00am**

Theresa Wilder- health & healing  
*Req. by Cathy Saurez*

**OLV Friday, Aug 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am**

Allison Pascal – birthday blessing

**GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:**

**BREAD AND WINE:**

**ALTAR CANDLE:**

Canonization of Msgr. Quinn

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:**

**CHAPEL FLOWERS:**



**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.

***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.



**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.



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## 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 **Opening Mass** will take place at 11:30AM. Fr. 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.

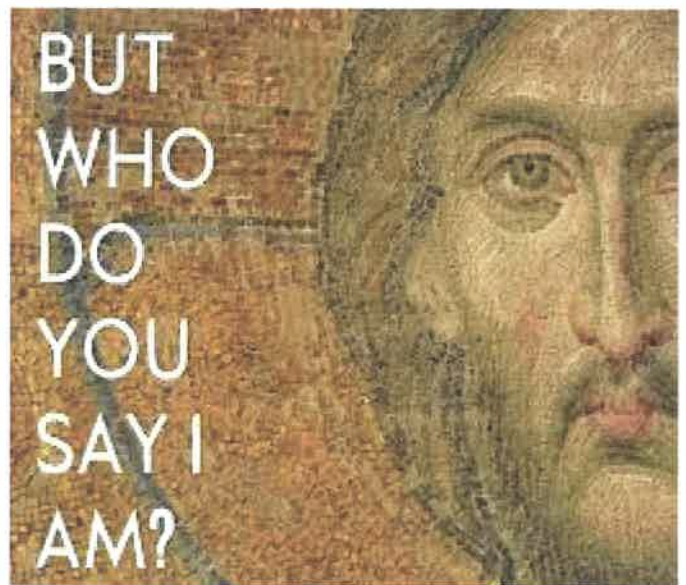
## 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

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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## Food Distribution at OLV

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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.



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.



**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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**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.

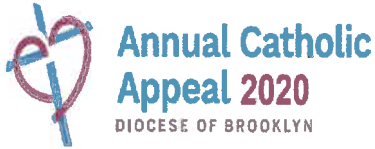
- We now serve over **100,00 meals daily across our Diocese** in response to the 300% increase in demand.
- Over **120** parishes offer daily **livestream** coverage of **Mass** and **144** parishes communicate daily with parishioners using **social media**.
- Our educators were required to quickly implement **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 **\$15,894** of our **\$65,024**. We are still \$49,130 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 - \$15,894: Balance \$49,130  
**Paid- \$12,303: Unpaid balance \$3,505**  
**We need your support!**

**If 280 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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## EMERGENCY TASK FORCE

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### NEW FOOD PANTRY

#### WHERE:

Our Lady of Victory R.C. Church  
583 Throop Avenue  
Between Macon Street & Macdonough Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11216



#### WHEN:

Wednesdays  
12 Noon until 2 PM

#### DATES:

August 26 • September 2  
September 9 • September 16

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Meals Prepared by Served Natural: [servednatural.com](http://servednatural.com)

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