

Aug. 30th, 2020



Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

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WED & FRI: 9:00AM – 4:30PM

Dear Parishioners,

As we come to the end of this month of August, our hearts remain filled with gratitude for the immense love that God has for us and all his children. Of course, this was not the summer that anyone of us imagined it would be, but nevertheless we are grateful for the light of yet another day. God continues to shower upon all of us his graces and his abundant blessings. Although many of us did not get to take that vacation trip we wanted, our relationship with the Lord Jesus has been strengthened. Today's gospel gives us a clear description of what it means to be a disciple of Christ. The Lord tells us that if we want to follow him, we must deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow him. Each of us has crosses to bear. Whether it's the cross of family division, employment, fiscal or spiritual, Jesus is asking us today to take those crosses and follow him. We know that Jesus does not give us anything that we can't bear. We know that it is not easy being a Christian. There's much sacrifice and self-giving involved with being a follower of Christ. These last few months have showed us that Christ is always with us, even in the midst of a global pandemic. May we have the strength and courage to pick up our crosses daily and follow the Lord to the Kingdom of Heaven.

St. Martin de Porres Parish School of Faith Formation

As we come to the end of August, it is time for our students to go back to school! But, as we are still in the midst of this pandemic, we don't know what "back to school" looks like. Here at St. Martin de Porres we are beginning the registration and re-registration process for our Faith Formation students. The Diocese of Brooklyn has informed Pastors that at least from September 2020 to January 2021 all Faith Formation classes will be conducted remotely. There will be much more detail about what that looks like in the days ahead. For those adults who are called to join the Catholic Church and receive the sacraments of initiation or those adults who need to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, those classes will be conducted remotely. For more information you can contact myself or Ms. Michelle Joseph.

Robin Hood Emergency Task Force Food Pantry

Our Lady of Victory Church will host a food pantry distribution for the next 5 Wednesday's continuing this Wednesday September 2nd 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.

100th Anniversary of St. Peter Claver Church

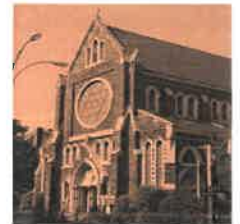
This year we will begin the 100th anniversary celebration of the establishment of St. Peter Claver Church. The Opening Mass will take place on Sunday, September 20 at 11:30AM. Because of the COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no reception following the Mass. The Anniversary committee has a number of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

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
1st 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. JER 20:7-9 PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 ROM 12:1-2 MT 16:21-27
 Mon. 1 COR 2:1-5 PS 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 LK 4:16-30
 Tue. 1 COR 2:10B-16 PS 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13AB, 13CD-14 LK 4:31-37
 Wed. 1 COR 3:1-9 PS 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 LK 4:38-44
 Thu. 1 COR 3:18-23 PS 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6 LK 5:1-11
 Fri. 1 COR 4:1-5 PS 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 LK 5:33-39
 Sat. 1 COR 4:6b-15 PS 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 LK 6:1-5

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. Franklin Ezeroah 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 8th. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS:

SPC Saturday, Aug 29^t, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

Emmanuel Lasside – in memoriam
Req. by Jennifer

SPC Sunday, Aug 30th, 11:30am

Innocent Paul – memoriam remembrance
Shawn Paul – birthday blessing
Req. by Paul family

OLV Sunday, Aug 30th, 7:30am

Francis Matamora – in memoriam
Req. by Angela Matamora

OLV Sunday, Aug 30th, 10:15am

Anne and John Eley Sr. in memoriam
Req. by John Eley Jr.

HRC Sunday, Aug 30th, 9:00am

Edward Spicer – in memoriam
Req. by C. Suarez

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

BREAD AND WINE:

Jose Paras – in memoriam
Req. by Garbanzos family

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, Sadie Garland, Patrick Gilbert, Antonio Goodsell, Christabel Gomes, Maria Hernandez, Denise Hughes, 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.



My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Annual School Supplies Donation. Be a part of SMDPP School Supply Drive for students in need. (reading books, notebooks, pens, pencils, binders, memo pads, crayons, markers, school bags, etc.) to be distributed to the youths of our parish for the new school year. You may drop your donations at the Rectory office Monday thru Friday from 9am to 4:30pm. For more information, please call the rectory at 718-574-5772.

St Peter Claver Church 100 Anniversary Opening Mass

On September 20th, St. Martin de Porres Parish will kick off a yearlong celebration honoring the 100th 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.



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.



GROWING IN GENEROSITY
ROOTED IN FAITH

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.

Food Distribution at OLV

Our Lady of Victory Church will host a food pantry distribution for the next Wednesday starting at 12:00Noon until 2:00PM. There will be a food truck distributing healthy proteins, fruits and vegetables for free. The distribution is sponsored by the Robin Hood Foundation, and is opened to all parishioners and people in the community.



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?" Mt 16:24-26

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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

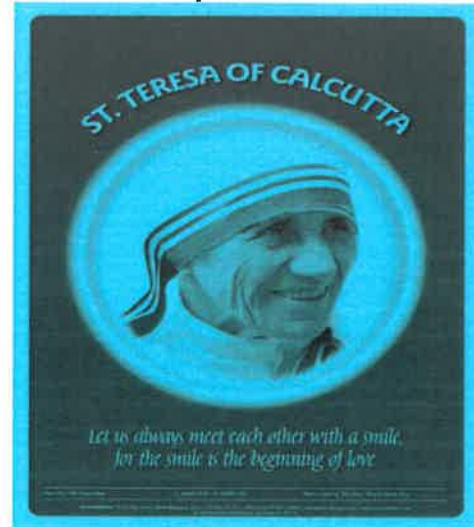
For the healthy and safety of our staff and parishioners



a cloth face covering **s required** to enter our parish.

Thank you for your cooperation

**Saint Teresa of Calcutta Feast Day
September 5th**



Loving Heavenly Father, You blessed Saint Teresa with a gift of love and compassion so she could spend her life in service for the poorest of the poor. May we imitate her examples of holiness by sharing our faith and reaching out to those in need.

O Saint Teresa of Calcutta, so compassionate were you toward the sick, the hungry and the unwanted. Your heroic virtues and the graceful faithfulness in which you lived as a servant of God are beautiful examples of your love and union with him. Help us to serve every person we meet with joy and smile. Help us to be missionaries of Christ, our peace and our hope. Amen



Together
IN CHRIST

Responding to Coronavirus

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.



**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 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 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



Parish Goal: \$65,024
 Pledged - \$15,894: Balance \$49,130
Paid- \$12,509: Unpaid balance \$3,385
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
 Or call the office for a pledge card today.



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or just scan **the** QR Code



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