

Aug. 9th, 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 continue to journey with our Lord during these days of summer, our gospel passage speaks to us about the importance of faith. As disciples of the Lord, we are called to be people of faith, knowing that Christ will never abandon us. The gospel for today's Mass is one of my favorite. We see this beautiful image of Jesus walking on water. The disciples had a very human reaction to seeing someone literally walking on water, that of fear. They were so terrified that they could not recognize that it was actually Jesus, but they thought it was a ghost! It was the next words of Jesus that put them all at peace. The Lord said to them, "take courage, it is I, do not be afraid." Jesus is with us always, even in the midst of our fears, worries and anxieties. We must always have faith, knowing that the Lord will never abandon us. Our second reading for Mass today reminds us that we must speak the truth in Christ. Our lives must always be conformed to Christ the Head. As the Lord continues to reveal himself to us, let us pray that we will continue to be people of faith, hope and love.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This Saturday, August 15, 2020 is the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. As Catholics, we believe that Mary did not die but was taken up to Heaven, body and soul. The Eastern Church calls it the Dormition of Mary. This year the celebration of the Assumption is not a Holy Day of Obligation. We will though celebrate Mass for the Assumption this Saturday August 15 at 8:00AM in Our Lady of Victory Church. The 5:00PM Vigil Mass for Sunday held at St. Peter Claver Church will still be celebrated.

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.

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 all 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
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
 Mr. Alex DaCosta, Buildings /Grounds

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	1 KGS 19:9A, 11-13A PS 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 ROM 9:1-5 MT 14:22-33
Mon.	2 COR 9:6-10 PS 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 JN 12:24-26
Tue.	EZ 2:8-3:4 PS 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 MT 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wed.	EZ 9:1-7; 10:18-22 PS 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 2COR 5:19
Thu.	EZ 12:1-12 PS 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 MT 18:21-19:1
Fri.	EZ 16:1-15, 60, 63 ISAIAH 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6 MT 19:3-12
Sat.	1CHR 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 PS132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 1COR 15:54B-57 LK 11:27-28

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 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.

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

MASS INTENTIONS:

SPC Saturday, Aug 8th, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

For the souls in Purgatory

SPC Sunday, Aug 9th, 11:30am

Dulcie Merrifield – in

OLV Sunday, Aug 9th, 7:30am

Fr. Alonzo Cox – God’s grace & blessing

OLV Sunday, Aug 9th, 10:15am

Rose Byam & Thomas Diaz – in memoriam

Req. by Peter Diaz

HRC Sunday, Aug 9th, 9:00am

Fitzroy Rodney – in memoriam

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

BREAD AND WINE:

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, Aaisha 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.



“Let the church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven.”

Pope John Paul II

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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 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

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.



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 celebration begins with a 12noon Mass at St. Peter Claver Church. The 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 do. 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.

Feast of the Assumption Saturday August 15, 2020



(not a Holy Day of Obligation.)

8:00AM - Our Lady of Victory Church

5:00pm - St. Peter Claver Church.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

But Jesus immediately said to them:

*"Take courage!
It is I.
Don't Be Afraid."*



Matthew 14:27

... and grant us your salvation.



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.

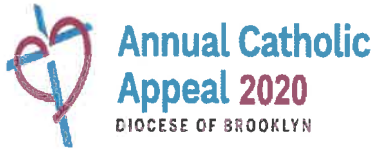
For public officials and decisionmakers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.

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.



Together
IN CHRIST
Responding to Coronavirus

Lord, let us see your kindness, a



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

Or call the office for a pledge card today.



GROW SPIRITUALLY AND NEVER MISS ANOTHER CHURCH EVENT!

Sign up now for Mass schedule
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718-550-5830

or just scan **the** QR Code



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You may also visit us at givecentral.org/smdpp

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

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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 57 people who have made a generous commitment to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. This unwavering support has allowed us to reach **\$15,675** of our **\$65,024**. We are still \$49,349 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