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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 we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. We also begin a new liturgical year in the Church. Advent is my favorite liturgical season. Although it is the shortest, only four weeks long, the season of Advent allows us to enter deeply into the mysteries of our salvation. These next four weeks are meant to prepare our minds, hearts and souls for the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Today's scripture readings tell us that we must be prepared! We must be prepared to welcome the Baby Jesus into the homes of our hearts. St. Paul tells us in today's second reading that the hour has come for us to awake from sleep, for our salvation is near! It can be easy to jump into Christmas, but the Church is asking us to use these next weeks as a time of spiritual preparation to welcome the Word made flesh into the world. Allow me to share with you one of my favorite Advent hymns. The words of this hymn beautifully depict this season:

O come divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away. Dear Savior haste, come, come to earth. Dispel the night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O come divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day, when hope shall sing it triumph and sadness flee away.

Parish Christmas Party

Our annual parish Christmas party will take place next Sunday, December 8 beginning at 1:00PM at Our Lady of Victory School Auditorium. The entrance to the school is on Macon Street. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. There will be a full buffet meal and a DJ. It promises to be an afternoon of fellowship and fun, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. You may purchase a ticket after any of the Masses this weekend or at the parish office during the week.

Advent Lessons and Carols

We will have Advent Lessons and Carols on Tuesday December 17 at St. Peter Claver Church beginning at 7:00PM. Lessons and Carols during the season of Advent is a traditional ceremony with readings from sacred scripture and Advent carols, preparing ourselves for the birth of the Savior. This year we will welcome His Excellency, Most Reverend Paul Sanchez, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn as the presider. Please be sure to join us.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2019

I take this opportunity to thank each of you for your contribution and participation in this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. As I mentioned at Mass, the Appeal helps support the different ministries of the Diocese of Brooklyn. Our parish goal for the ACA is \$59,586. I am very happy to announce that we have pledged \$41,492 with 125 parishioners who have contributed. The key to having a successful appeal is parishioner participation. Whatever monies we receive beyond the goal comes directly back here to the parish. If you have not yet made a pledge to this year's ACA, please consider it. None of the monies raised through the appeal are used for legal settlements within the church.

Have a great 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

Dcn. Balfour Thompson, Permanent Deacon
 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

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.	12/01	IS 2:1-5 PS 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ROM 13:11-14 MT 24:37-44
Mon.	12/02	IS 4:2-6 PS 122:1-2, 3-4B, 4CD-5, 6-7, 8-9 MT 8:5-11
Tue.	12/03	IS 11:1-10 PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 LK 10:21-24
Wed.	12/04	IS 25:6-10A PSALM PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 MT 15:29-37
Thu.	12/05	IS 26:1-6 PS 118:1 AND 8-9, 19-21, 25-27A MT 7:21, 24-27
Fri.	12/06	IS 29:17-24 PS 27:1, 4, 13-14 MT 9:27-31
Sat.	12/07	IS 30:19-21, 23-26 PS 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 MT 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8

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 and Leadership~ 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. 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.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS:

SPC Saturday, Nov. 30th, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

Mrs. Virginia Cox – health & healing

SPC Sunday, Dec. 1st, 11:30am

Rev. Paul Jervis – birthday blessing

Req. by Brignol family

OLV Sunday, Dec. 1st, 7:30am

Edith Williams – in memoriam

Req. Jania Hutchings

OLV Sunday, Dec. 1st, 10:15am

Vilma Mitchell – birthday blessings

Req. by Mitchell family

In thanksgiving for St. Peter

Req. by Island Jean

HRC Sunday, Dec. 1st, 9:00m

Minnie Smith – in memoriam

Req. by Jean Winston

SPC Monday, Dec. 2nd, 12noon

Grace P. Myers – in memoriam

Rea. by Estelle McDuffv

*Pray for the
Sick*

Dorothy Bailey, Jaret Buyund, Ethel Carter, Felicia Casimiro, Eugenia Charles, Jasmine Charles, Joyce Cochran, Virginia Cox, Josie-Mae Boyce, Jennifer Edwards, Delva Ellis, Lessie Everett, Antonio Goodsell, Christabel Gomes, Beryl Hunter, Eva Johnson, Ian Kellman, Gwendolyn Knight, Adolph Lauriano, Irma Liddell, Turner McDuffey, Francis McCloggar, Gorvin Mitchell, Vilma Mitchell, Theresa Noel, Noreen Simonette, Neville Pinnock, Andrea St. Agathe, Beverley Thompson, Elaine Travis, Vera Walker, Lucilia Welch, Sybil Westmoreland, Rosemarie Wilkie, Evelyn Williams, Marie Williams.

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

BREAD AND WINE:

Minnie Smith – in memoriam

Req. Jean Wiinstoon

ALTAR CANDLE:

Canonization of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

ALTAR FLOWERS:

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

CHAPEL FLOWERS:



For a life of prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention

(Dec. 2019)



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 us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.



Advent Lessons and Carols

St. Martin de Porres Parish will have its 4th **Annual Service of Lessons and Carols** on Tuesday, December 17th, 7 PM, at St. Peter Claver Church. We are overjoyed to announce that **the Most Reverend Paul Sanchez, Ph.D., D.D.**, auxiliary bishop of Brooklyn, will preside and preach this special service. Our choir, under the direction of Mr. Joseph Murray and Ms. Joan Delahunt, will lead us in the time-honored hymnody of Christmas, the youth of the parish will proclaim the readings. All are invited to join us in prayer and song as we mediate on the mystery of the Incarnation.

SMDPP Annual Christmas Party



Sunday, December 8th, 2019, 1:00pm-6:00pm, at 272 Macon Street. Tickets: \$20.00 adults, \$15.00 Children. For tickets, please contact the Rectory.

Second Collection

Next week second collection will support the Religious Retirement Fund. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies—often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Prepare ye the way of the lord.



THE WORD AMONG US December/Advent issue entitled, **“Come, Let Us Adore Him.”** is now available at the parish. The list price is \$5.95 but can be purchased for only \$3.00. Please call the Parish office to purchase your copy.



The Poinsettias that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas Season may be donated. You may wish to donate **IN MEMORY OF** or **IN HONOR OF** a loved one. Christmas flower donation envelopes are available in the church. Please return your offering in the collection or at the Parish Office.



FIRST SUNDAY

Advent

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy has seats available in the Pre-K for all (UPK) program. If you have a child who was born in 2015, then she/he is eligible for the (UPK) program (FREE PRE-K). If you would like your child to attend Pre-K for FREE in a Catholic school environment, call (718) 778-3700 or visit us at 400 Lincoln Rd, Brooklyn, NY 11225

School of Faith Formation

St. Martin de Porres School of Faith Formation classes began on Saturday Oct. 19th, at Our Lady of Victory. Saturday classes run from 9:30am to 11am. Sunday classes take place after the 7:30am Mass. For registration, please provide a copy of the student's birth certificate, baptism certificate and registration fee of \$40. Please contact the Office should you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to another year of helping our children grow in faith.

**R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Do you know Anyone?**

Who has never been baptized? Who has not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Communion? Who has been baptized in another faith tradition, and desires to become Catholic? Who has questions about becoming Catholic?

RCIA IS:

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults for those who are interested in becoming Catholic, or have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation. Please contact Fr. Cox or Fr. Kingsley to inquire about our RCIA program.

The Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn Vehicle Donation Program will accept donations of used vehicles in any condition. They will tow the vehicle away. You will get a tax receipt and the parish will get a donation from Vincentian Charities. To donate, call Vincentian Charities at 718-491-2525 or avcb@gmail.com.



Mass Intentions

Mass Book

The Mass Intentions Book for 2020 is now opened for announced Masses. Mass intentions are available from January 5th, 2018 through March 29th, 2020. Please note, only one intention per Mass, except the Sunday 10:15 Mass which is a multiple intention Mass. An intention is \$15.00.

Parish Registration

Have you registered as a parishioner at Our Lady of Victory, St. Peter Claver or Holy Rosary Church? If you call St. Martin de Porres Parish your home and attend Mass regularly, please register as a parishioner. This will allow the parish to assist you when you or a family member seek a sacrament, need a letter of good standing, or want to serve as a godparent. It will also help us communicate with you so that you can be up to date on what is going on and how you'd like to be involved at St. Martin de Porres Parish. Thank you.

Reconciliation Monday

On **Monday, December 16th**, the Catholic Church in the greater New York area will observe **Reconciliation Monday**. Here in St. Martin de Porres Parish, one of the priests will be on hand throughout the day to hear confessions whether after the morning Masses or in the rectory. From **6 PM to 8 PM**, there will be a **Silent Service of Adoration in Our Lady of Victory Church** during which the faithful are invited to pray before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament to not only prepare for the gift of His forgiveness, but also give thanks. Confessions will also be heard during this Service.



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Advent Vespers and Benediction

On Tuesday, December 3rd, at 7pm, we will have Sung Vespers and Benediction at Our Lady of Victory Church. The guest preacher is Fr. Stephen Saffron, the pastor of St. Josaphat in Bayside, Queens. Our theme is "Be Also Ready." Parishioners are invited for a 6: 30PM tutorial to learn how to sing along with the psalm text for the evening.

First Friday & First Saturday

Friday, December 6th is First Friday. We will have 8 AM Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration & the Rosary for Life in OLV's upper church. We will have the 12 Noon Mass at SPC with the Sacred Heart Devotion, and lastly 7 PM Vespers and Benediction with the Sacred Heart Devotion at HRC. Saturday, December 7th is First Saturday, we will 4 PM Adoration and Confessions at SPC followed by the 5 PM Vigil Mass. All are invited for this time of prayer and reflection.

Advent Bible Study

Fr. Kingsley and Br. Christopher invite you to Advent Bible Study on December 5, 12, and 19, 7 PM in the conference room of OLV's St. Anthony's Chapel. We will pray over and reflect on the Infancy Narratives of the Gospels of Luke and Matthew. All are invited, please bring your bible.

Dynamic Young Adult Ministry

Our newly formed young adult group will host a bible brunch fellowship on December 14th, 10 AM to 12 Noon in the conference room of OLV's St. Anthony's Chapel. A free will offering is requested to offset the cost of food and other materials for the occasion. For more information, reach out to HRC's Kevin Peralta and Jazmine Charles.

PREPARE YE THE
WAY OF THE LORD

**First Sunday of Advent**

God of light and life,
give us hope as we wait for your coming again.
When we are tempted to be grateful to
have found you while others are lost.
Send us out into the darkness in search
of those who need you most. Amen.

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**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2019**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

**2019 Annual
Catholic Appeal Prayer**

God and Father of all gifts,
we praise you the source of all who we are.
Teach us to acknowledge always
with generous gratitude
the many good things
your infinite love has given us,
as we support the work of the Church
in Brooklyn and Queens.

Open our hearts
that we may answer your call
to follow the message of the Gospel
as Disciples in love and service,
so that all may come to know you.

We ask this
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever.

Amen

Parish Goal: \$59,586

As of 11/25/2019

117 Families Pledged - \$41,492

Received - \$32,019 - Balance - \$9,473

91 Families fulfilled their pledges for \$20,626



Generations
of Faith

Parish Goal - \$610,000 Pledged - \$775,575

Received - \$309,369

Delinquent - \$213,100

**Your donation is at work
Please continue to honor your pledge**

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