

Dec. 22nd, 2019



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,

Our Advent journey has almost come to an end. Today is the 4th and last Sunday of Advent. This Wednesday we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our gospel passage for Mass today tells us of the visit of the angel of the Lord to Joseph. The angel tells Joseph to not be afraid to take Mary into his home. Over these last four weeks, we have been preparing to welcome Jesus Christ into the very homes of our hearts. We see in Joseph's dream of how Jesus radically changed his life. The Lord wants to radically change our lives too. Just like Joseph, we must let go of our fears and worries and trust in the Lord's will for us. I hope that these last weeks of Advent have been a time of transformation and hope as we now enter into the most sacred of seasons, the birth of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Thank you to all who came out for our annual Advent Lessons and Carols this past Tuesday at St. Peter Claver Church. Bishop Paul Sanchez enjoyed his visit with us! This was his very first visit to our parish, having never been to any of our three churches. I thank our parish youth who served as lectors for the evening. Most especially, I thank our parish choir under the co-direction of Ms. Joan Delahunt and Mr. Joseph Murray. The choir sounded absolutely amazing! I can't wait to hear them Christmas Eve! I also thank Father Kingsley who worked so hard to make the liturgy prayerful and beautiful.

Children's Christmas Party

Our parish Children's Christmas party will take place today, December 22 at Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall beginning at 1:00PM. Families from each of our three churches are invited to join us in fun and fellowship as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. The party is free and all are welcome.

Christmas Flowers

Each of our churches will be beautifully decorated with Christmas poinsettias. Each of you are invited to have a Christmas flower donated in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please use your Christmas flower envelopes located at the doors of the churches. You may place your \$20 donation in the envelope and bring it to Mass on Sunday or to the parish office during the week.

Christmas Mass Schedule

There are prayer cards located at each of the three churches with the schedule of Masses for Christmas printed on the back. You may take a few prayer cards home with you. We are asking you to invite friends and family to Mass this Christmas. We want all of God's holy people to encounter the love and mercy of his son Jesus, born to set us free from our sins!

On behalf of the entire parish staff, I wish each of you a Blessed Christmas filled with the love and joy of the newborn King. It is my prayer that each of us will be able to bask in the light and love of the Christ child who will lead us to the eternal Kingdom of Heaven.

A Blessed and Merry Christmas,
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.	12/22	IS 7:10-14 PS 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 ROM 1:1-7 MT 1:18-24
Mon.	12/23	MAL 3:1-4, 23-24 PS 25:4-5AB, 8-9, 10 & 14 LK 1:57-66
Tue.	12/24	2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16 PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27& 29 LK 1:67-79
Wed.	12/25	IS 52:7-10PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6HEB 1:1-6JN 1:1-18
Thu.	12/26	ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59 PS 31:3CD-4, 6 AND 8AB, 16BC & 17 MT 10:17-22
Fri.	12/27	1 JN 1:1-4PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12JN 20:1A AND 2-8
Sat.	2/28	1 JN 1:5—2:2 PS 124:2-3, 4-5, 7CD-8 MT 2:13-18

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 the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.

MASS INTENTIONS:

SPC Saturday, Dec. 21st, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

Clinty Samuel – in memoriam
Req. by Dalma McDonald

SPC Sunday, Dec. 22nd, 11:30am
Virginia Cox – health and healing

OLV Sunday, Dec. 22nd, 7:30am
John Estrada – health and healing
Req. by Dalma McDonald

OLV Sunday, Dec. 22nd, 10:15am
†Manuel & Viola Osborne – in memoriam
Req. by Celia Osborne

†Inez Glodor, Jema Byrner & Sharon Noreiga –
in memoriam
Req. by Keller family

HRC Sunday, Dec. 22nd, 9:00am
Rodney Pino – in memoriam

SPC Monday, Dec. 23rd - 12noon
Anstay Mahon – in memoriam
Req. by Dalma McDonald

OLV Tuesday Dec. 24th 12am
Mariana & Demosthene Brignol
Req. by Brignol family

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, Francis McCloggar, Gorvin Mitchell, Vilma Mitchell, Theresa Noel, Noreen Simonette, Neville Pinnock, Andrea St. Agathe, Beverley Thompson, Elaine Travis, Vera Walker, Sybil Westmoreland, Rosemarie Wilkie, Evelyn Williams, Marie Williams.

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

Fr. Alonzo Cox & Fr. Daniel Kingsley

ALTAR CANDLE:

Canonization of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The people of the parish

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

Sick & homebound of the parish

CHAPEL FLOWERS:

Deceased members of the parish

**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 the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.



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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent



"Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation."

Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.



Mass Schedule

Tuesday- December 24th -Christmas Eve

6:30PM -Family Mass~ Holy Rosary Church
11:00PM-Carolsing ~ Our Lady of Victory Church
12:00AM -Midnight Mass~ Our Lady of Victory Church

Wednesday- December 25th - Christmas Day

10:00AM-Christmas Day Mass~ Our Lady of Victory Church

Tuesday- December 31st -New Year's Eve

10:00PM -Confession~ Our Lady of Victory Church
11:00PM- Service of Compline & Benediction
12:00AM-Midnight Mass~ Our Lady of Victory Church

Wednesday- January 1st -New Year's Day

10:00AM-Christmas Day Mass~ Our Lady of Victory Church.



A Savior has been born for you



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.

The parish clergy and staff would like to thank Bishop **Paul Sanchez** for preaching and presiding our the 4th Annual Service of Lessons and Carols. We thank our choir, under the direction of Mr. Joseph Murray and Ms. Joan Delahunt for the beautiful music and also the youth of the parish who proclaimed the readings.



*On behalf the entire parish staff, we wish all our parishioners, friends, and visitors a Merry Christmas.
Fr. Alonzo Cox & Fr. Daniel Kingsley*

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We wish to thank the following parishioners for the beautiful Poinsettia

Donor		In Memory/Honor of...
Benjeil Z & Mary	Edghill	Erlinda Soto
Benedict	Vitalis	
Cathy	Sobers	Mathilda Sobers & Joseph Sobers
Gwendoline	Keller	Jema Byrne Inez Clodon & Sharon Noriega
Peter	Diaz	Claudette Diaz
Sean & Judith	Jenkins	Olivia Cousins & Felicia Malone
Doreen	Mondesir	Terrence & Elsa Mondesir
Lynette	Lewis-Rogers	Linus & Roger's Family
Joseph	Pino	
Georgiana	Brown	Oscar Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Jorge	Stevens, Jr.	Stevens, Steven Families
Olderine	Hodge	Hubert Charles & Janet Hart
Edward	Faulkner	Parents
Pauline	Lippman	My Children
Mr. & Mrs. Yozzo		Sr. Anna Bittner D.W.
Jocelyn	Edmund	
Paula	Samaroo	
Celia	Kamara	
Julian	Dorville	
Kabore	Jean-Paul	
Carla	Hamilton	Adetola Odufunade
Dolores	Channell-Welch	
Agatha	Alexander	Josephine Dominic
Ingrid	Brown	Floretta Ravlins
Yvonne	Samaroo	
Robert	Waldron	
Nina	Lindo-Mainer	Darryl Mainer
Estella	White-McDuffey	Frances & Gordon White
Patricia	Tecla	Wilma Faison
Mary	Cusack	John T. & Mary G. Cusack
Viola	Hargrave	The Hargrave Family
Helena	Edwards	
Kevin & Zerina	Peralta	Members of Peralta & Bermuetes Family
Cora	Greene	Horace Greene
Rodrick	Randall	Wilmoth & James Randall
Nita Guice	Ametis Louis	DeWayne & LaJwanne Louis
Sally	Lott	Ben & Craig Lott
Juanita	Vega-Predomo	Luis Vega-Predomo
Bernadine & Rudson	Winston	Joan Bell

We wish to thank the following parishioners for the beautiful Poinsettia

Juliet	Holley	
Francisca	Deterville	Wilmina Deterville
Leslie	McFarlene	
Maureen	Simonette	Delroy Hall
Eugeneo	Edwards	
Violet	Chandler	James & Violet Chandler
Larry	Shannon	Shannon Family
Michelle	Whittle	Dennis Knight & Donald Thomas
Gwendolyn	Knight	Reatha & John Thomas
Kiara	Whittle	Dennis Knight & Wendy & Gregory Finch
Yolande	Roberts	Yolanda Roberts
Jean	Matamoro	Giles Matamoro
Patricia Rojas	Rojas	Hilton Elvira & Trevor Kennedy
Joseph	Rojas	Leslie Lennox & Fitroy Harriett
Theresa	Guillaume	Elizabeth La Touche
The Pryce Family		Ann Pryce
Patricia	Andrews	
Michelle	Wilson	
Nicole	Johnson	Peal Johnson
AnnMarie	Stanislaus	Cuthbert Stanislaus
Jean	Reid	Murphy & Peyton family
Chevon	Chance	Amy Maloney
		Leonne & Florestine Henderson
		Dulcie Merrifield & Fitzroy Rodney
Theresa M. Stephens		Wilton & Elita Stephen
		Kevin Walcott
Eugene	Charles	
Sadie	Hughes-Boozer	Ruth and John Garland
Sharleen	Ferguson	
Gayle	Liddell	The Layne Family
Kirk	Godoy	Eugene Godoy
Christie	Paul	Innocent Paul
Jean	Paul	
Irma	Ellis	Kiomora
Angela	Dufont	
Karrina	Brown	Brown, Shaw & Tatum Family
R & D	Mitchell	
Ione	Lino	My husband Nelson
Angela	Matamoro	Francis Matamoro
Perpetua	Henry	Levi & Agnes Phyliss
Peggy	Travis	Dabney family
Marina	Brown	Archie Brown & Charles & Catherine Shaw