

Dec. 29th, 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,

Merry Christmas! I hope that each of had a blessed Christmas day this past week. As Catholics, we celebrate Christmas not just on December 25, but throughout the entire week. This is known as the "octave of Christmas". Our Masses during the week will continue to commemorate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We are given the image of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as an example of a family rooted in God's love and mercy. We don't get to choose the families that we are born into, God does that for us. I am sure that members of our families irritate us, push our buttons or anger us to a point where we stop communicating with each other. Families are a great gift from God. On this feast day of the Holy Family, let us pray for our families today. If you haven't spoken to a family member in a while, I invite you to lift them up in prayer, and maybe even lift up the phone to call and reconcile. We are reminded in today's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians to let go of all hate and bitterness. St. Paul says, "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection". Let us continue to live by these words, as we build up the Kingdom of God here in Bedford Stuyvesant.

Thank You!

Each of our churches are beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. I take this opportunity to thank all of you who helped decorate our churches. I am truly blessed to have volunteers who are dedicated and gracious with their time, talent and treasure.

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Masses

This Tuesday, December 31st is New Year's Eve. As another calendar year comes to an end, we give thanks and praise to our God for the many blessings and graces he has bestowed upon us throughout the year. As is the custom here at St. Martin dePorres, we will have a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction beginning at 11:00PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. Mass will be celebrated at Midnight for the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. On January 1st, Mass will be celebrated at 10:00AM at Our Lady of Victory Church.

Have a great week and a Happy New Year!
Father Alonzo Cox



Holy Rosary Church
139 Chauncey Street
Brooklyn, NY 11238

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.	12/29	SIR 3:2-6, 12-14 PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 COL 3:12-21 MT 2:13-15, 19-23
Mon.	12/30	1 JN 2:12-17 PS 96:7-8A, 8B-9, 10 LK 2:36-40
Tue.	12/31	1 JN 2:18-21 PS 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 JN 1:1-18
Wed.	01/01	NM 6:22-27 PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 GAL 4:4-7 LK 2:16-21
Thu.	01/02	1 JN 2:22-28 Ps98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 JN 1:19-28
Fri.	01/03	1 JN 2:29-3:6 PS 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6 JN 1:29-34
Sat.	01/04	1 JN 3:7-10 PS 98:1, 7-8, 9 JN 1:35-42

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.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

MASS INTENTIONS:

SPC Saturday, Dec. 28th, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

Novena to the Divine Child Jesus

Req. by Yolcuine Dennerly

SPC Sunday, Dec. 29th, 11:30am

Virginia Cox – Grace and thanksgiving

OLV Sunday, Dec. 29th, 7:30am

The people of the parish

OLV Sunday, Dec. 29th, 10:15am

David Keller & family – in thanksgiving

HRC Sunday, Dec. 29th, 9:00m

Charles Miller – in memoriam

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

BREAD AND WINE:

For the souls in Purgatory

ALTAR CANDLE:

Canonization of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The people of the parish

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

The homeless

CHAPEL FLOWERS:

Victims of human trafficking:

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, Noreen Simonette, Neville Pinnock, Andrea St. Agathe, Beverley Thompson, Elaine Travis, Vera Walker, Sybil Westmoreland, Rosemarie Wilkie, Evelyn Williams, Marie Williams.



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.



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.

The parish clergy and staff would like to express our gratitude to Michelle Joseph and all the volunteers, who made this year's Christmas Children's Party and Family Mass Christmas Pageant a great success.



Mass Schedule:

Tuesday- December 31st - New Year's Eve

10:00PM -Confession~ Our Lady of Victory Church

11:00PM- Service of Compline & Benediction

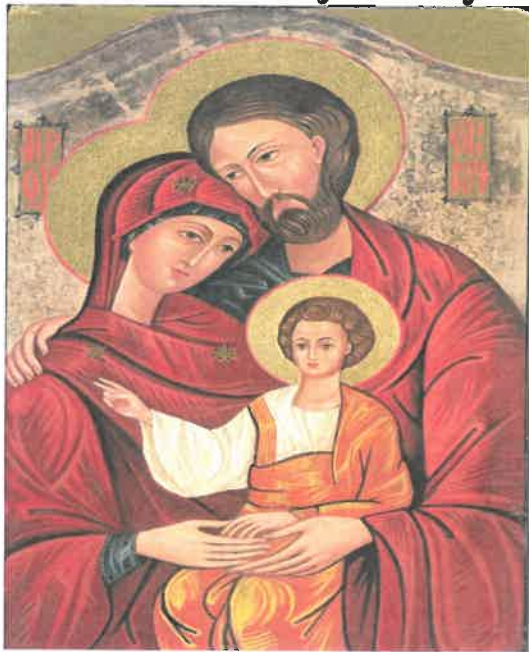
12:00AM-Midnight Mass~ Our Lady of Victory Church

Wednesday- January 1st -New Year's Day

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

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

The Most Holy Family



O dear Jesus, I humbly implore You to grant Your special graces to our family. May our home be a shrine of peace, purity, love, labor and faith.

Dear Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead.

O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother. Pray to Jesus for our family For all the families of the world.

Blessed Saint Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life.

Watch over our home at the pillow of the sick and the dying. Amen.



Fr. Cox and Fr. Kingsley

*Wish you a **Happy New Year** and pray that God will bestow His bounteous blessings upon you in the New Year.*

save the date!

The Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns

Prayer Service commemorating the Birthday of

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, January 19th, 2020, 12:00noon

Our Lady of Victory Church

Preacher: Fr. Robert Boxie, III,

Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph's Church

Largo, MD.

ALWAYS PRAY TO HAVE



New Years – I Pray for Your Year

As we celebrant the New Year

I pray that your year is filled with

Joy, growth, love.

That we always pray to have,

Eyes to see the best of people,

A heart that forgives the worst,

A Mind that forgets the bad,

A Soul that never loses.

FAITH IN GOD

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2019**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Parish Goal: \$59,586

As of 12/23/2019

124 Families Pledged - \$44,472

Received - \$37,438

Balance - \$7,034

102 Families fulfilled their pledges for \$25,307

Your gift to **2019 Annual Catholic Appeal**, will make an impact on the life of a young man considering the priesthood, a lonely senior citizen, a hungry child, a helpless immigrant or a searching college student.

You can still give!!

There are pledge envelopes available for those who have pledged.



**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

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Welcome!

Our commitment is to help you grow into a relationship with God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

GROW SPIRITUALLY AND NEVER MISS ANOTHER CHURCH EVENT!

Sign up now For Mass schedules, Event reminders, Changes, Weekly Devotionals and more!!

Simply text "SMDPP"
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or just scan the QR Code



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Ask the ushers for a registration form, or email us at
info@Smdpp.org

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