



Dec. 8th, 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,

We have come to the second Sunday of Advent. Our gospel passage today introduces us to John the Baptist. As you know, John is the son of Elizabeth, who is the sister of Mary, mother of Jesus. From the moment of his birth, John was destined to proclaim the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist tells us that the Messiah is coming very soon. Everyone thought that John was the savior that was to come but he tells them it is not him. John goes so far as to say that he is not worthy to carry the sandals of Jesus. We see John the Baptist announce to us that Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit which ultimately strengthens and empowers us to be his faithful witnesses. We continue to prepare for his coming in glory awaiting with joyful anticipation. St. Paul reminds us in today's second reading that we must be people of hope. In his letter to the Romans, Paul says, "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ". May we allow those words to be engrained in our hearts as we continue our Advent journey.

Parish Christmas Party

Our annual parish Christmas party will take place today, 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 door today.

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.

Advent Vespers

Our Tuesday evening Advent Vespers will continue this Tuesday December 10 at Holy Rosary Church beginning at 7:00PM. We will welcome as the guest homilist Father James Hansen who is a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre and currently serving as Parochial Vicar of St. William the Abbot Parish in Seaford Long Island. The theme is "Be Also Ready".

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

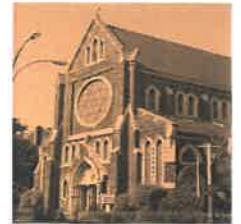
December 8 is of course the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Ordinarily it would be a Holy Day of Obligation, but because December 8 falls on a Sunday this year, the Advent Sunday takes precedence. The feast day has been moved to the next day, Monday December 9. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation though. We will have the regular schedule of Masses, 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory and 12:00Noon at St. Peter Claver.

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.	12/08	IS 11:1-10 PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 ROM 15:4-9 MT 3:1-12
Mon.	12/09	GN 3:9-15, 20 PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 EPH 1:3-6, 11-12LK 1:26-38
Tue.	12/10	IS 40:1-11 PS 96:1-2, 3& 10AC, 11-12, 13 MT 18:12-14
Wed.	12/11	IS 40:25-31 PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10 MT 11:28-30
Thu.	12/12	ZEC 2:14-17/ RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB JTH 13:18BCDE, 19 LK 1:26-38
Fri.	12/13	IS 48:17-19 PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 MT 11:16-19
Sat.	12/14	SIR 48:1-4, 9-11 PS 80:2AC& 3B, 15-16, 18-19 MT 17:9A, 10-13

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.

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MASS INTENTIONS:

SPC Saturday, Dec. 7th, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

The people of the parish

SPC Sunday, Dec. 8th, 11:30am

Eugene Godoy- in memoriam

Req. by Godoy family

Jasmine Charles – Grace and healing

Req. by Catherine Joseph

OLV Sunday, Dec. 8th, 7:30am

Yolanda Roberts – in memoriam

Req. by Roberts family

OLV Sunday, Dec. 8th, 10:15am

Vilma Mitchell – in thanksgiving

Req. by Mitchell family

Alice Rosete – Birthday blessing

HRC Sunday, Dec. 8th, 9:00m

Leonne Henderson – birthday remembrance

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:

Gabrielle Roberts – in thanksgiving

Req. by Roberts family

ALTAR CANDLE:

Canonization of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

ALTAR FLOWERS:

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

Virginia Cox – grace and health

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.



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.



"Come celebrate with us on Dec. 22nd at the Children's Parish Christmas Party 1pm - 3pm. Location: Our Lady of Victory church. All are welcomed. Food, fun and a surprise guest!!!"

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.

Advent Vespers and Benediction

On Tuesday, December 10th, 7 PM, we will have Sung Vespers and Benediction at Holy Rosary Church. The guest preacher is Fr. James Hansen, the parochial vicar of St. William the Abbot in Seaford, New York. Our theme is "Be Also Ready." Parishioners are invited for a 6: 30 PM tutorial to learn how to sing along with the psalm text for the evening.



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

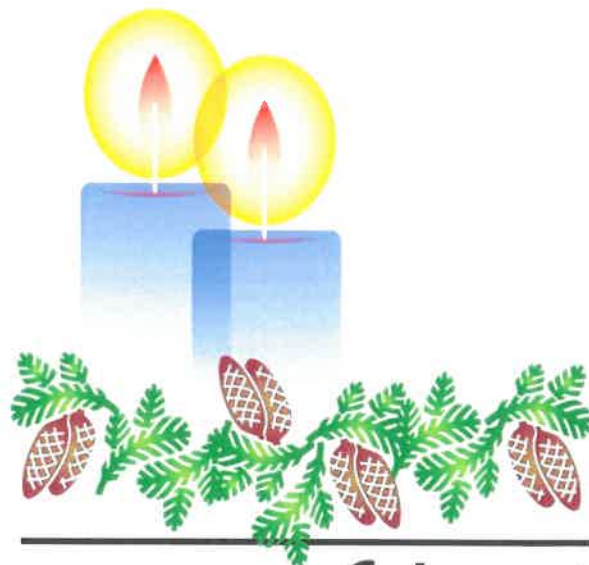
Parish office to purchase your copy.



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.

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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.



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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ABOUT ADVENT WREATHS

Hope *"We must accept finite disappointment,
but never lose infinite hope"*
~ Martin Luther King Jr.

Peace *"Peace begins with a smile"*
~ Mother Teresa

Joy *"When the mind is pure, joy
follows like a shadow that
never leaves"* ~ Buddha



Love *"Love yourself. Then forget it.
Then, love the world"*
~ Mary Oliver

Spirited - Thinking

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD



Second Sunday of Advent Prayer. **PEACE**

God of patience, show us your wisdom in time. That we may grow to expect your action on your time. Teach us to be gentle and patient within ourselves. Make us receptive to your timing in others. Help see the long view when we are caught in the frustration of you. Amen.

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ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 8th, 2019

From 1:00pm to 6:00pm

272 Macon Street

Between Marcus Garvey Blvd & Throop Ave.

Admission:

\$20.00 adults - \$15 children

Join us for food, fun and dancing

