

Feb. 16th, 2020



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,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who came out for our parish Black History Month Mass of Thanksgiving. We had in attendance over 300 people! It was truly a beautiful celebration filled with joy and excitement! As I said at Mass, I am grateful to Father Kingsley and the Black History Month Committee who worked so hard to make last weekend's celebration as beautiful as it was. I want to thank once more our music ministry under the direction of Mr. Joseph Murray and Ms. Joan Delahunt for their exceptional work and dedication in allowing our voices to be lifted up to the heavens. I would also like to thank members of our youth group who participated in the liturgical dance at Mass and helped serve refreshments at the reception after the Mass. Our guest homilist, Deacon Curtis Turner from the Archdiocese of Washington DC was extremely grateful for the opportunity and the invitation to preach here at St. Martin dePorres. He will definitely be back with us very soon! Let us continue to thank the Lord for all the many blessings he has bestowed upon us here at this beautiful parish. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen us each to follow Jesus to the kingdom that awaits us.

Youth Art, Photo and Poetry Contest

Our parish will once again hold an art contest. This contest is aimed for the youth of our parish to participate in. This year's theme is to illustrate the life of Blessed Isidore Bakanja, who was a Carmelite from the Congo. Instructions for the contest can be found in this week's bulletin. The deadline to enter is Saturday March 7. There will be three prizes awarded. All work will be displayed at the Brooklyn Waldorf School on March 14 and 15.

Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday, which is next Wednesday, February 26. Masses for Ash Wednesday are as follows: 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory Church, 9:00AM at Holy Rosary Church, 12:00Noon at St. Peter Claver Church and 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. We will have a 12:00Noon prayer service with the distribution of ashes at Our Lady of Victory Church.

Stations of the Cross

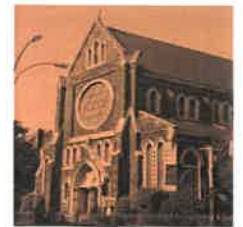
As is the custom here at St. Martin dePorres Parish, we will pray the stations of the cross each Friday night during the season of Lent. This year, the Friday following Ash Wednesday, which is February 28, we will have one communal celebration of Stations of the Cross. In commemoration of Black History Month we will pray the Stations of the Cross in honor of our Black ancestors. It will begin at 7:00PM and will be held at Holy Rosary Church. Stations of the Cross will then resume the following week at each of the three churches beginning at 7:00PM.

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.	02/16	SIR 15:15-20 PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 COR 2:6-10 MT 5:17-37 OR 5:20-22A, 27-28, 33-34A, 37
Mon.	02/17	1JAS 1:1-11 PS119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 MK 8:11-13
Tue.	02/18	JAS 1:12-18 PS94:12-13A, 14-15, 18-19 MK 8:14-21
Wed.	02/19	JAS 1:19-27 PS 15:2-3A, 3BC-4AB, 5 MK 8:22-26
Thu.	02/20	JAS 2:1-9 PS: 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 MK 8:27-33
Fri.	02/21	JAS 2:14-24, 26 ps112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 MK 8:34-9:1
Sat.	02/22	1 PT 5:1-4 PS23:1-3A, 4, 5, 6 MT16:13-19

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 they who follow the law of the Lord!

MASS INTENTIONS:

SPC Saturday, Feb. 15th 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)
Nadyne Gerard – in thanksgiving

SPC Sunday, Feb. 16th - 11:30am
Msgr. Paul Jervis - grace and healing

OLV Sunday, Feb. 16th - 7:30am
Perpetua Lassade – in memoriam
Req. by Jennifer Lassade

OLV Sunday, Feb. 16th, 10:15am
Joshua Dufont – birthday blessing
Req. by Dufont family

Russell Critchlow - intention
Req. by Crystal Middleton

HRC Sunday, Feb. 16th, 9:00am
Virginia Cox –grace & healing

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

BREAD AND WINE:

ALTAR CANDLE:
Canonization of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

ALTAR FLOWERS:

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

CHAPEL FLOWERS:



Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention
(Feb. 2020)

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, Patrick Gilbert, Antonio Goodsell, Christabel Gomes, Maria Hernandez, 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.



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



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.

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School of Faith Formation

St. Martin de Porres School of Faith Formation classes has resumed at Our Lady of Victory. Saturday classes run from 9:30am to 11am. Sunday classes take place after the 7:30am Mass. 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.

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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.

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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, 2020 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.

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Do you need a Letter of Sponsorship?

Then, be an Active Parishioner. To receive a letter of Sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation from the Pastor, one has to be an active parishioner of this parish for at least six months, received the Sacraments of Initiation, and (if married) be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

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Parish Ministry

There are many ministries and groups for children & adults at St. Martin de Porres: **Altar Servers, Choir, Eucharistic Ministers, Youth Ministry, Holy Name Society, Lectors, Ushers, Young Adults/Dynamic Ministry, Rosary Society and much more.** We urge active parishioners, **Find one! Join one! Start One!** For more info please contact Fr. Kingsley at dkingsley@smdpp.org.



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Holy Land Pilgrimage

Fr. Willy Kingsley Ndi will be leading a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from August 1st thru August 10th, 2021. Cost, \$3,999 per person based on double occupancy room. For more info please visit: www.pilgrimages.com/frkingsley.

**Rosary Society Palm Sunday Social/Brunch Party**

Rosary Society Annual Palm Sunday Social on April 5th, 2020 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Cost \$30.00 Adults, \$20.00 for

Children under 12. Come join us in fellowship. For tickets, please see a Society member or call the Parish Office at 718-574-5772.

The St. Lucia American Progressive League

Independence Day Mass in commemoration of St. Lucia's 41st independence anniversary will take place on Sunday, February 23rd, at the 10:15am Mass in Our Lady of Victory Church.

Msgr. Theo Joseph will be the celebrant. A reception will be held immediately after the Mass in the McGuinness Hall.

SMDPP Women's Day

St. Martin de Porres Parish Annual Women's Day Celebration will take place on Sunday, March 8th, 2020, immediately after the 11:30am Mass in St. Peter Claver Church. **Theme: "Forgiveness"**. Guest Speaker: **Shaniqua X. Wilson**.

*Mark
Your
Calendar*

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Litchfield, CT, on Saturday, May 16th, 2020. More information concerning bus tickets and the like are forthcoming. To reserve a seat, please see members of the League of the Sacred Heart.

SMDPP Art Contest

St Martin de Porres Parish **2020 Art/Photo Exhibit** will be held on **Saturday and Sunday, March 14th & 15th** at the Brooklyn Waldorf School Auditorium. There will also be a creativity contest for our youth ages 5 through 18. The winners will receive a \$50 or \$75 or \$100 cash reward depending on the age group. Entry forms for the **Art/Photo Exhibit, and the Youth Creativity Contest** are available at the each of the churches and at the parish office. To help offset the expense for the cash prizes, the committee will be having a 50-50 Raffle. Tickets are 3 for \$5.00.

CENSUS 2020

Catholic Charities, Brooklyn and Queens has been selected to work on the New York City Census 2020. CCBQ will assist in getting all of our residents to be counted and to ensure that our communities are accurately represented in Congress and the allotment of federal government funds for needed services such as, education, housing, social services, and aid for seniors, etc.

Passion Play

All youths and children of the parish are invited to the passion play try-outs on Friday, February 21st, at 7:30pm at St. Peter Claver Church. Rehearsals will begin the following Friday, February 28th, at St. Peter Claver Church after the Stations of the Cross.

Thank You

On behalf of the parish clergy and staff, we express a heartfelt thank you to all who made a contribution to the Black History Mass Celebration. We especially thank those who contributed their time and food items.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

The Annual Memorial Mass commemorating the anniversary death of Msgr. Bernard Quinn will be celebrated on Saturday, March 28th at St. Bridgid's Church in Westbury. Bus will be leaving from St. Peter Claver Church at 10:45am. Tickets are adults \$20.00, children \$15.00. Please contact the rectory to reserve a seat.

VICARIATE OF BLACK CATHOLIC CONCERNS

INVITES YOU TO

The Black History Mass of Thanksgiving

The Immaculate Conception Center
7200 Douglaston Parkway,
Douglaston, NY 11362

Today at 4:00pm

Dress in your cultural attire

Celebrant: Rev. Alonzo Cox.

Office Closed

Monday, February 17th, we celebrate President's Day. The Rectory Offices will be closed for business, but emergency sick calls can be made at any time. In addition, the 12noon Mass at St. Peter Claver Church is cancelled.

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

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SMDPP Black History Month Celebration



St. Martin de Porres celebrates Black History Month, join us on Saturdays in February, after the 5pm Mass at St. Peter Claver Church, for movies highlighting African-American history. Saturday Feb. 15th- Glory.

Ash Wednesday Feb. 26th, 2020 Mass Schedule

8am Mass, Our Lady of Victory

11am Service, Holy Rosary

12noon Service, Our Lady of Victory

12noon Mass, St. Peter Claver

7: 30pm Mass, Our Lady of Victory

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Welcome

"All are welcome in this place, behold love's amazing grace, all are welcome. Bring your hopes, bring your dreams, mercy flows and love redeems, all are welcome, all belong.

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THE PARISH OF ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

WOMEN'S DAY COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO OUR



Women's Day Luncheon

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

AT 1:30PM

Forgiveness:

holds

Breaking Down Strongholds and

Laying on the Promises of God

Matthew 15:21-28

Guest Speaker:



Our Luncheon will be held at:



St. Peter Claver R. C. Church Hall,
2 Jefferson Avenue • Brooklyn, NY

Evangelist Shaniqua X. Wilson,
Co-Founder of Meet Me at The Well Ministries
and is a member of
Sts Bonaventure-Benedict the Moor, Jamaica, NY

Also Ministering:
St. Martin De Porres Choir



Ecclesia Dance Ministry,
Under the Direction of Ashley Aldrich
St Joseph Catholic Church, Jamaica, NY

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: SMDP WOMEN'S DAY COMMITTEE

MRS. JENNIFER PARKINSON-GILBERT (347) 365-9766 OR
ST. MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH RECTORY (718) 574-5772