



Feb. 2nd, 2020

Saint Martin de Porres Parish

"A Faith Community, One in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

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WED & FRI: 9:00AM – 4:30PM

Dear Parishioners,

My younger sister, Faimie-Rose, lives in California. She works there as a boarding school administrator. She's never far from my mind whenever there's breaking news from the Golden State. Last Sunday was no exception. Upon hearing of the sudden deaths of retired NBA player Kobe Bryant, his daughter, Gianna "Gigi" Maria, and seven others in a helicopter crash, I immediately reached out to her. My sister, a basketball aficionada, was devastated by the news. Faimie-Rose, like many others, posed to me the weighty, yet unanswerable question, "Why?"

All those who perished believed Sunday to be just another Sunday; the Bryant's attended Mass that morning. They were headed to a travel basketball game. Presumably, all those aboard had plans for the rest of that day; until disaster struck. There are no religious platitudes or philosophical explanations that can sufficiently answer my sister's question. A wise priest-professor once taught that when faced with horrible tragedies one should not say, "This was a part of God's plan," or worse, at the passing of children, "Heaven needed another angel." As a matter of fact, the priest-professor contended, it's best to say nothing at all. The aforementioned expressions, though well meaning, only sidestep the enormous horror. Moreover, they reveal a defect in our Christian faith. Why would an all good God demand the life of a child? Why would an all good God demand the life of my father? Why would an all good God demand the lives of eight helicopter passengers and their pilot? These pat answers do the survivors no good as they begin to bury their loved ones. Yes, sin and death plague creation, but a rigorous, reflective Christian faith would come to different conclusions. Augustine, Aquinas, and others, would argue that the presence of evil, in all its forms, is the price of freedom, God's greatest gift to us. A mature faith would posit that a good God would not will such evil as it is contrary to His very nature. That is not to say that last Sunday's helicopter crash, or any other tragedy, are bearable if we 'intellectualize' our way through. We recall the Bible's shortest verse, in English, "Jesus wept." (Jn. 11: 35)

Faith, I told my sister, reminds us that one Other has walked this way of testing and pain, joy and sadness, and His path as well as ours ends in the Resurrection. I will have some serious questions when I stand before the Throne of Grace. However, none of us know the day or time of that great meeting. Until then we are called to love one another as He has loved us (Jn. 13: 34-35). On that note, I leave you with a poem a brother priest introduced to me describing our earthly pilgrimage:

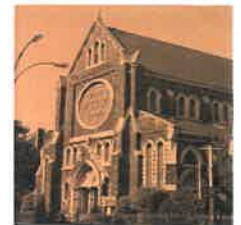
Life is short and death is sure
The hour of death remains obscure.
A soul you have, and only one,
If that be lost, all hope is gone.
Waste not time, while time shall last;
for after death 'tis ever past.
All seeing God, your Judge will be,
And Heaven or Hell your destiny.
All earthly things will speed away,
Eternity, alone, will stay.

In Christ,
Fr. Daniel O. Kingsley



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.	02/02	MAL 3:1-4, PS:24:7, 8, 9, 10HEB 2:14-18LK 2:22-40 OR 2:22-32
Mon.	02/03	2SM 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 PS3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7MK 5:1-20
Tue.	02/04	2 SM 18:9-10, 14B, 24-25A, 30-19:3 PS86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6MK 5:21-43
Wed.	02/05	2 SM 24:2, 9-17 PS32:1-2, 5, 6, 7MK 6:1-6
Thu.	02/06	1 KGS 2:1-4, 10-12 1 CHR 29:10, 11AB, 11D-12A, 12BCD MK 6:7-13
Fri.	02/07	SIR 47:2-11 ps18:31, 47 & 50, 51 MK 6:14-29
Sat.	02/08	1 KGS 3:4-13 PS119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 MK 6:30-34

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 the poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

MASS INTENTIONS:

SPC Saturday, Feb. 1st 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

The people of the parish

SPC Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 11:30am

Jasmine Charles – grace and healing

Req. by Catherine Joseph

OLV Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 7:30am

Richard Sequea- in memoriam

Req. by Linley & Julienne Roberts

OLV Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 10:15am

Patricia Wylie – Thanksgiving to God

Aaron Washington – in memoriam

Req. by Crystal Middleton

HRC Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 9:00am

Tinayah O’Neil - birthday blessings

OLV Tuesday, Feb 3rd, 8:00am

Kathleen Jervais- birthday blessings

Req. by Patricia Wylie

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.

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

BREAD AND WINE:

Edward, Gabrielle & Francois Roberts

In thanksgiving

Req. by Roberts family

ALTAR CANDLE:

Canonization of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

ALTAR FLOWERS:

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

Jasmine Charles – health & healing

Req. by C. Joseph

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)



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.

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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.

SMDPP Black History Month Celebration

St. Martin de Porres Parish Black History Month **Mass of Thanksgiving** will take place on Sunday, **February 9th, 12pm** in Our Lady of Victory Church. Our guest homilist is Deacon Curtis Turner of Washington, DC. **Please note:** The Mass schedule for the weekend: 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SPC, Sunday 12Noon Mass at OLV. We will **NOT** have the scheduled 7:30am, 9am, 10:15am, or 11:30am Masses that day. Join us on select Saturdays in **February**, after the **5pm Mass at St. Peter Claver Church**, for movies highlighting African-American history. The first movie will be shown on **Feb. 8th** -"Race, The Jesse Owens Story."

The Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns

The Black History Month Mass

at the Immaculate Conception Center, 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston, NY 11362 **Sunday, February 16th, 2020.** Time: 4:00pm.

Dress in your cultural Attire.

Homilist: **Fr. Maurice J. Nutt, CSsR**



SMDPP Sports Night

The Holy Name Society's

Monsignor Hunt Sports Night annual event today, February 2nd, 2020 in Our Lady of Victory

McGuinness Hall, 163 MacDonough Street Brooklyn, NY 11216). Tickets are \$20. Food and Drinks will be provided. Come out and enjoy.

World Day for Consecrated Life

Today, we celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Some join a religious congregation as sisters, brothers or religious priests. Some join a secular institute. Others remain single and make profession to God through the local bishop and are known as consecrated virgins. May the light of Christ shine brightly through men and women who choose the consecrated life to live out their baptismal commitment, especially those who serve in the Diocese of Brooklyn now or who have been part of our history.

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.



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.

"I came to the conclusion that there is an existential moment in your life when you must decide to speak for yourself; nobody else can speak for you."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr,

**Scholarship Announcement
University at Buffalo**

The Rehabilitation Counseling Program at the University at Buffalo (UB) is pleased to offer new competitive scholarship opportunities for students who are accepted into our master's degree program, starting in the **Fall, 2020**. Scholarship awards will cover full tuition and fees. Our Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) accredited program offers a full-time on-campus option (2-years) and a fully online part-time option (3-years) to meet the needs of nontraditional students. To be considered for scholarships, applications to the program are due by **April 1, 2020**. For more information on the program and scholarships Rehabilitation Counseling Program, applying to the program, or scholarship requirements, please contact Dr. Scott Sabella at sasabell@buffalo.edu, 716-645-1123.

**NY State Court Officer
Trainee Exam**

NY State Court Officer Trainee Examination 48-815 filing period begins January 22nd, thru February 26th, 2020. The examinations will be administered from April 15th, thru June 10th, 2020. For more information on the Court Assistant Trainee Exam, please contact: COEXAMS@nycourts.gov.

**NY/NJ Port Authority
2020 Summer Internship Program**

The Port Authority of NY/NJ 2020 summer internships applications are now open. The internships are primarily for college undergraduate and graduate students. Students are encouraged to apply to all opportunities that are of interest to them. To be considered for the program, applicants must attach a **resume** and **brief statement of interest** as described in the job posting. The information to the program is listed in the link below:

<http://www.jointheportauthority.com/pages/internship-program>.

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. The committee will sponsor 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. Handouts about the **Art/Photo Exhibit, and the Youth Creativity Contest** will be available at each of the churches and at the parish office in the coming weeks.



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2020**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Black History Month Prayer

I Dream a World

I dream a world where man, no other man will scorn, where love will bless the earth, and peace its paths adorn. I dream a world where all will know sweet freedom's way, where greed no longer saps the soul, nor avarice blights our day.

A world I dream where black or white, whatever race you be, will share the bounties of the earth and every man is free. Where wretchedness will hang its head and joy, like a pearl, attends the needs of all mankind- Of such I dream, my world!

Blessed are the poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH COMMEMORATION
WHAT DO THESE AMERICANS HAVE IN COMMON?
THEIR FAITH REMAINED STRONG TO THEIR DEATH



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **<Assassinated 1968 - ON KKK Hit List >**
Baptist



Msgr. Bernard J. Quinn, *Servant of God*
Catholic

MARTYRS FOR JUSTICE COMES IN ALL FAITHS & RACE
WE WILL NEVER FORGET THEM & OTHERS – NEVER! NEVER !
THEY SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



VIOLA LIUZZO ASSASSINATED 1965
CATHOLIC



MEDGAR WYLIE EVERS ASSASSINATED 1963
BAPTIST

BECAUSE IT WAS THE AMERICAN & HUMAN THING TO DO !
THESE VOTER REGISTRATIN VOLUNTEERS WERE ASSASSINATED 1964



ANDREW GOODMAN
JEWISH



MICHAEL SCHWERNER
JEWISH



JAMES EARL CHANEY
CHRISTIAN