

Feb. 23rd, 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,

As our Black History Month celebrations come to a close, I would like to once again thank the Black History Month Committee for their dedication and hard work in putting together a program of celebration for the parish community. We are blessed to have such dedicated and loving parishioners. I would also like to thank those of you who came to the Diocesan celebration of Black History Month last Sunday. As you know, I serve as Diocesan director of Ministry to African American Catholics and the Coordinator of the Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns. Each year we join the Diocese of Rockville Centre for a Mass of Thanksgiving for Black History Month. This year we had over 300 people gather for Mass at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. I was honored to serve as the homilist for Mass. I thank each of you for your love and support.

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 this Wednesday, February 26. Masses for Ash Wednesday are as follows: 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory Church, 12:00Noon at St. Peter Claver Church and 7:30PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. We will have a 11:00AM Prayer Service at Holy Rosary Church and 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.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2020

We are now in the beginning stages of the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. As you know, the ACA is an annual campaign appeal which helps support the works of the Diocese of Brooklyn. Each parish is given a goal to meet each year. Here at St. Martin dePorres our goal this year is \$65,024. We had a very successful ACA last year and I hope that this year will be the same. You will be hearing more about this year's appeal along with the in-pew commitment in just a few weeks.

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

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
 Mr. Alex 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.	02/23	LV 19:1-2, 17-18 PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 COR 3:16-20 MT 5:38-48
Mon.	02/24	JAS 3:13-18 PS19:8, 9, 10, 15 MK 9:14-29
Tue.	02/25	JAS 4:1-10 PS: 55:7-8, 9-10A, 10B-11A, 23 MK 9:30-3
Wed.	02/26	JL 2:12-18 PS 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 12-13, 14 & 17 2COR 5:20—6:
Thu.	02/27	DT 30:15-20 PS 1:1-2, 3, 4& 6 LK 9:22-25
Fri.	02/28	IS 58:1-9A PS 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 18-19 MT 9:14-15
Sat.	02/29	IS 58:9B-14 PS86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 LK 5:27-32

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.

MASS INTENTIONS:

SPC Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)
For the people of the parish

SPC Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 11:30am
Lucy & Frank Stephenson – in memoriam

OLV Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 7:30am
DiJoh Wiltshire- in memoriam
Req. by Derek Wiltshire

OLV Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 10:15am
St. Lucia's 41st year of Independence Celebration
Perpetual Lasside – in memoriam
Req. by Jennifer Lasside

HRC Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 9:00am
Charles Shaw & Vere Skepple – in memoriam
Req. by Marina Brown

OLV Friday, Feb. 29th, 8:00am
Erskin Belgrave- in memoriam

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, Patrick Gilbert, Antonio Goodsell, Christabel Gomes, Maria Hernandez, 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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Parish Registration

All new families are welcome to the Parish and encouraged to become actively involved in parish societies and activities. New parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible. Parishioners are asked to use the weekly envelopes in making their contributions.

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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.



Holy Land Pilgrimage

Fr. Willy Kingsley Ndi will lead 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.

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.**



SMDPP Parish Pilgrimage sponsored by the League of the Sacred Heart, 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.

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.

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.



Ash Wednesday, February 26th, marks the beginning of the Lenten season, when we recall Christ's saving Passion and Death. On that day, we receive ashes recalling not only our mortal frailty, but our dependence on God. The schedule

of Ash Wednesday services is as follows: **8am Mass, OLV- 11am Service HRC - 12noon Service, OLV - 12noon Mass, SPC - 7:30pm Mass, OLV**. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at all three Churches in our Parish on Fridays of Lent.

Ash Wednesday Prayer

God of goodness and mercy, hear our prayer as we begin this Lenten journey with you. Let us be honest with ourselves as we look into our heart and soul, noticing the times we turn away from you. Guide us as we humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide our efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace.

Transform us this Lent, heavenly Father. Give us the strength to commit ourselves to grow closer to you each day. Amen.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS; Tuesdays throughout Lent, preaching and prayer with Eucharist Adoration. The theme for these services, "Conversion, Confession, and Communion." The first Holy Hour will be celebrated on Tuesday March 3rd, at 7:00pm, in Holy Rosary Church. The guest preacher will be Fr. Anthony Rosado. *Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at all three Churches in our Parish on Fridays at 7:00PM.*

Lenten Bible Study

Fr. Kingsley and Bro. Christopher will facilitate A Lenten Bible Study, beginning on Thursday, March 12th, in OLV St. Anthony's Chapel. Our topic is, the Problem of Evil and the Book of Job. All are invited to join us and bring a friend.

SMDPP Black History Month Movie Night

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. 22nd - **Dream Girl.**



Please honor your pledges to the **Generations of Faith.** Your donations are at work with the Parish.

NY State Court Officer Trainee Exam

NY State Court Officer Trainee Examination 48-815 filing period **deadline** is **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.**



The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** supports the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

- Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative, Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation*

All donations made to the ACA above our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements.



Let today be the day you give up who you've been for you who can become.

Blended Ash Wednesday

"There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already born for us, and does not now bear with us."

St. John Paul II



Annual Catholic Appeal 2020

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Each year St. Martin De Porres Parish and the Diocese of Brooklyn engage in the *Annual Catholic Appeal* which supports Catholic programs throughout Brooklyn and Queens and effects the lives of countless individuals and families living in our neighborhoods.

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* seeks to raise a minimum of \$8 million to provide programs and ministries throughout the Diocese and support the local efforts of parishes like ours.

WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE *Annual Catholic Appeal*?

The Lord calls us all to care for one another and the church. It is up to us to answer that call in the ways we know how.

Those who are hungry, without shelter, without access to Catholic education, young people wanting to enter into a relationship with Christ and the Church, men discerning the priesthood and those who are ill and dying are just a few of the groups who depend upon our generosity to the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. Your gift to the Appeal is a response in love to serve our neighbors by funding the ministries of the Diocese of Brooklyn that cannot be supported by any one parish alone but benefit all parishes in our Diocese.

You can answer the call of Jesus who asks us to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, visit the sick and imprisoned, honor our mother and father, celebrate the Eucharist and educate and make disciples of all nations through your donation to the *2020 Annual Catholic Appeal*.

Why is my participation important?

St. Martin de Porres Parish has always counted on the broad-based support of its parishioners to accomplish its fundraising objectives, particularly for the weekly offertory.

This appeal also needs that broad-based support. All households are asked to consider a gift to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* (over and above their continued annual support of the parish in the weekly collection) over the next ten (10) months.

WHAT IS NEXT FOR THE *Annual Catholic Appeal* AND HOW CAN WE HELP?

In the coming weeks, every family will be invited to participate in this appeal and prayerfully consider a pledge.

Please join with us to respond to those in Brooklyn and Queens who are in need and support the important work of our Diocese through a pledge to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* today.

Thank you and God bless you.

How Will Our Parish Benefit?

The goal at St. Martin de Porres Parish \$65,024.

Once we exceed our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure directly back to our parish.

*Answer the Call to:
feed the hungry,
support youth ministry,
welcome the stranger,
visit the sick and imprisoned,
honor our elders,
celebrate the Eucharist and
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disciples of all nations!*

For questions regarding the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, or to schedule an appointment to make a gift to the parish, please contact the Parish Office – (718-574-5772)

**WE ARE THE
CHURCH,
TOGETHER**