

the parish of  
**St. Martin de Porres**

HOLY ROSARY | OUR LADY OF VICTORY | ST. PETER CLAVER

celebrate

# Black History Month

*Mass of Thanksgiving*

FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

*"...nos tantam habentes  
impositam nubem testium..."*



February 9, 2020

**Our Lady of Victory Church**

BROOKLYN, NY

**Father Alonzo Q. Cox**

Pastor & Main Celebrant

**Deacon Curtis Turner**

Archdiocese of Washington, DC

**Homilist**

# *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Parishioners,

Today we kick off our commemoration of Black History Month with a Mass of Thanksgiving. We welcome to our parish Deacon Curtis Turner who will serve as the homilist for Mass today. Deacon Turner is a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Washington DC and he currently serves as principal of the historic St. Frances Academy High School in Baltimore. Each year during the month of February, we gather as a community to give thanks to God for the gift of our Black ancestors who paved the way for people of color to live in peace, harmony and unity. Black History month is a time to reflect on where we have gone as a society, looking at each other as brothers and sisters made in the image and likeness of God. We also reflect on the sin of racism and bigotry, which still rears its ugly head even at this very moment. The struggle is not yet over! We must continue to keep the image of our ancestors alive in our minds and hearts. We are called to promote justice and equality for all of God's people. It is my prayer that during this Black History Month, we will continue to give thanks and praise to God for gifts of our rich history and the brightness of the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of our parish Black History Month committee who worked hard to make the activities of this month a reality. I invite each of you to take home a copy of the flyer which has all of the events listed on it for the month. Please come and join us and be sure to invite a friend!

## **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 weeks 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 just two weeks away. 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.

Have a great week,  
Father Alonzo Q. Cox

**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**

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| Sun. | 02/09 | IS 58:7-10 PS 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 COR 2:1-5 MT 5:13-161      |
| Mon. | 02/10 | KGS 8:1-7, 9-13 PS132:6-7, 8-10 MK 6:53-56                   |
| Tue. | 02/11 | 1 KGS 8:22-23, 27-30 PS 84:3, 4, 5 AND 10, 11 MK 7:1-13      |
| Wed. | 02/12 | 1 KGS 10:1-10 PS37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 MK 7:14-23              |
| Thu. | 02/13 | 1 KGS 11:4-13 PS106:3-4, 35-36, 37& 40 MK 7:24-30            |
| Fri. | 02/14 | 1 KGS 11:29-32; 12:19 PS81:10-11AB, 12-13, 14-15 MK 7:31-37  |
| Sat. | 02/15 | 1 KGS 12:26-32; 13:33-34 PS106:6-7AB, 19-20, 21-22 MK 8:1-10 |

**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](mailto: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.

*The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.*



**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:**

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> thru August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Cost, \$3,999 per person based on double occupancy room. For more info please visit: [www.pilgrimages.com/frkingsley](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frkingsley).

**Rosary Society Palm Sunday Social**

**SAVE THE DATE:** Rosary Society Annual Palm Sunday Social on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 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. 15<sup>th</sup>- **Glory**.

**The Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns**

**Black History Month Mass**

Will take place 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**



**HISTORY MONTH**

St. Martin de Porres Parish

Black History Month Celebration today Sunday Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Victory Church. Deacon Curtis Turner from the archdiocese of Washington, DC. will be our Celebrant and Homilist.

**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 41<sup>st</sup> independence anniversary will take place on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.



*In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings,  
we pay ourselves the highest tribute.  
Thurgood Marshall*

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**CENSUS 2020**

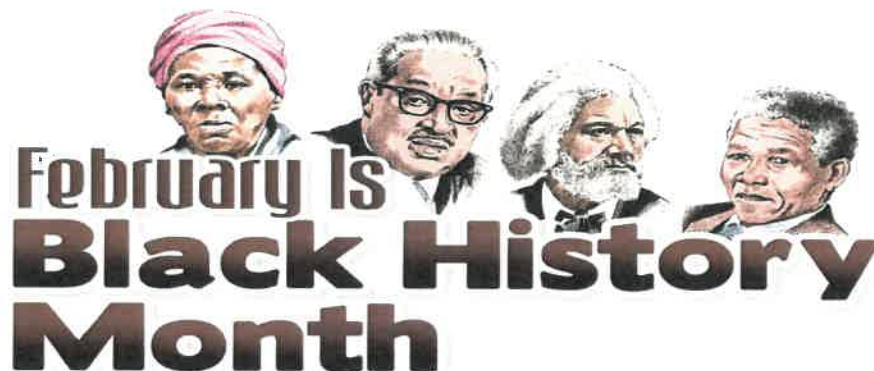
Catholic Charities, Brooklyn and Queens has been selected to work on the New York City Census 2020. CCBQ will assist in getting all of our residents to be counted and to ensure that our communities are accurately represented in Congress and the allotment of federal government funds for needed services 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 28<sup>th</sup>, at St. Peter Claver Church after the Stations of the Cross.

**SMDPP Art Contest**

St Martin de Porres Parish **2020 Art/Photo Exhibit** will be held on **Saturday and Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**SPC Saturday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)**

Violet H. Chandler – in memoriam

*Req. by Judy Mangialetti*

**OLV Sunday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:00noon**

Perpetua Lassade – in memoriam

*Req. by J. Lassade*

Dorville & JonBaptist Families – in thanksgiving

*Req. by Christine Dorville*

**OLV Monday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am**

Edward Taivere- in memoriam

*Req. by Gabrielle, Edward and Francios Roberts*

**GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:****BREAD AND WINE:**

Ma Rosario Y. Garbanzos – in memoriam

*Req. by Garbanzos family*

**ALTAR CANDLE:**

Canonization of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

**ALTAR FLOWERS:****SANCTUARY CANDLE:**

Dorville & JonBaptist families

*Req. by C. Dorville*

**CHAPEL FLOWERS:**

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