

Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020



# Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

**REV. ALONZO Q. COX, PASTOR**

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**OFFICE HOURS:** MON, TUE & THURS. 9:00AM-8:00PM

WED & FRI: 9:00AM – 4:30PM

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. With the celebration of this feast, our Christmas season comes to a close. I want to take this opportunity to re-echo my words of gratitude to all of you who made our Christmas liturgies so beautiful and uplifting. In a very special way, I want to thank the teams of people who decorated our three beautiful churches for Christmas. As I have said on many different occasions, we are blessed to have not one, not two, but three very beautiful churches that make up this wonderful parish community. From the bottom of my heart I thank each and every single one of you!

As is the custom in Rome, the Pope uses this celebration of the Baptism of the Lord to baptize infants in the Sistine Chapel. Each year as I watch the Holy Father baptize these infants, I am struck by the awe of the parents and godparents gathered around the baptismal font to witness their child become a new creation in Christ. Parents and godparents are called to be teachers of the faith as they hand on the faith to their child.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, in his last Baptism of the Lord homily before he retired, spoke of the importance of prayer with the newly baptized. He said, "It is very important for you parents, and also for the godparents, to believe strongly in the presence and in the action of the Holy Spirit, to invoke him and to welcome him within you, through prayer and through the sacraments. It is he, in fact, who illumines the mind and warms the heart of the educator so that he or she can pass on the knowledge and love of Jesus. Prayer is the first condition for teaching because by praying we prepare ourselves to leave the initiative to God, to entrust children to him, who knows them before and better than we, and who knows perfectly what their true good is. And at the same time, when we pray we listen to God's inspiration in order to do our part well, which in any case is our duty and which we are bound to do. The sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Penance, enable us to carry out our educational action in union with Christ, in communion with him and continuously renewed by his forgiveness. Prayer and the sacraments obtain for us that light of truth thanks to which we are able to be at once tender and strong, gentle and firm, silent and communicative at the right time, admonishing and correcting in the right way". As we conclude the Christmas season today, let us continue to thank God for the many gifts that he has bestowed upon us. We pray that this New Year will bring us God's peace and blessings as we strive to grow closer to the heart of Christ his Son and our Savior.

## **Dr. Martin Luther King Diocesan Prayer Service**

Once again this year our parish will host the Diocesan celebration commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. There will be a special prayer service held on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12 Noon at Our Lady of Victory Church. The preacher for the prayer service will be Father Robert Boxie who is a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington DC. Father Boxie is a gifted speaker and a talented priest. Please be sure to join us as we celebrate the birthday of this great civil rights leader.

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  
1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: 12 Noon

**HOLY DAYS:**  
*as announced*

St. Francis of Assisi  
Catholic Academy  
(718) 778-3700

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**SPC Saturday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, 5 :00pm (Vigil Mass)**  
Deceased members of Jack Harris, family  
*Req. by Akosua Harris*

**SPC Sunday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am**  
Deceased members of St. Martin de Porres  
Parish

**OLV Sunday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am**  
Amato and Sannino families – in memoriam  
*Req. by Rachel Sannino*

**OLV Sunday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:15am**  
Yolanda Roberts- in memoriam  
*Req. by Roberts family*

**HRC Sunday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am**  
Sick and homebound of the parish

**GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:**

**BREAD AND WINE:**

Conception Y. Garbanzos  
birthday remembrance

**ALTAR CANDLE:**

Canonization of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:**

**CHAPEL FLOWERS:**

***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.



**Promotion of World Peace**

We pray that Christians, followers of other  
religions, and all people of goodwill may  
promote peace and justice in the world.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention**

**(Jan. 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.

***The Lord will bless his people with peace.***

**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.	01/12	IS 42:1-4, 6-7 PS 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 ACTS 10:34-38 MT 3:13-17
Mon.	01/13	1 SM 1:1-8 PS 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 MK 1:14-20
Tue.	01/14	1 SM 1:9-20 1 SM 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8 ABCD MK 1:21-28
Wed.	01/15	1SM 3:1-10, 19-20 PS40:2 & 5, 7-8A, 8B-9, 10 MK1:29-39
Thu.	01/16	1 SM 4:1-11 PS 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 MK 1:40-45
Fri.	01/17	1 SM 8:4-7, 10-22A PS 89:16-17, 18-19 MK 2:1-12
Sat.	01/18	1 SM 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 PS 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 MK 2:13-17

**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 Lord will bless his people with peace.*





**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 resumes Saturday, Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, 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](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. Willie 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).

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**The Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns  
Black History Celebration**

Prayer Service commemorating the Birthday of **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** will take place on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 12:00noon at **Our Lady of Victory Church**. Preacher: **Fr. Robert Boxie, III**, Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph's Church Largo, MD.

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**THE WORD AMONG US** January issue entitled, "**Members of One Family.**" 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.

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**SMDPP Black History Month Celebration**

St. Martin de Porres Parish Black History Month **Mass of Thanksgiving** will take place on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 12pm in Our Lady of Victory Church.

On select Saturdays in **February**, after the **5pm Mass at St. Peter Claver Church**, join us for movies highlighting African-American history.

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**CHRISTMAS PLANTS.** For those who donated the Christmas plants that graced all our churches, you are invited to take home a plant beginning today, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your offering to this year's Christmas plants.

*You cannot be afraid to speak up and speak out for what you believe. You have to have courage.*

*Raw courage.*

*Rep. John Lewis*

**Women's Day Committee Fund Raising**

Raffle will take place today after the 11:30am Mass in St. Peter Church. Tickets are still available and can be purchased from the following committee members. Wilhelmina Randall (HRC), Michelle Joseph (OLV), Jennifer Parkinson-Gilbert and Maureen Simonette (SPC). Prizes are as follows: One 50 inch television, 2 tickets to a Broadway show and a basket of cheer. Tickets are \$5 each. We ask that you show your support by purchasing tickets.

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**RC. Diocese of Brooklyn Pro Vita Mass**

Join the Knights of Columbus of Kings and Queens Counties as we celebrate the gift of life and pray for a respect for life at all stages.

**Saturday, January 25, 2020, 5:00pm,  
St. James Cathedral-Basilica, Brooklyn.**

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**VICARIATE OF BLACK CATHOLIC CONCERNS INVITES YOU TO**

**The Black History Month Mass**

At the Immaculate Conception Center, 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston, NY 11362 **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** Time: 4:00pm. **Dress in your cultural Attire. More info will follow.**

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**SMDPP Holy Name Society Meeting**

On Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the St. Martin de Porres Holy Name Society will hold a mandatory meeting at 10am in Holy Rosary lower Church Hall. Fr. Cox and Fr. Kingsley will be in attendance. We will use this meeting to develop the 2020 agenda and direction of our organization going.



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**Annual Catholic  
Appeal 2019**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

**Parish Goal: \$59,586**

**As of 01/06/2020**

**129 Families Pledged - \$46,251**

**Received - \$39,939**

**Balance - \$6,312**

**109 Families fulfilled their pledges for \$33,316**

**Your gift to 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal, will make an impact on the life of a young man considering the priesthood, a lonely senior citizen, a hungry child, a helpless immigrant or a searching college student.**

***You can still give!!***

***There are pledge envelopes available for those who have pledged.***



**Generations  
of Faith**

**Parish Goal - \$610,000 Pledged - \$775,575**

**Received - \$309,369**

**Delinquent - \$213,100**

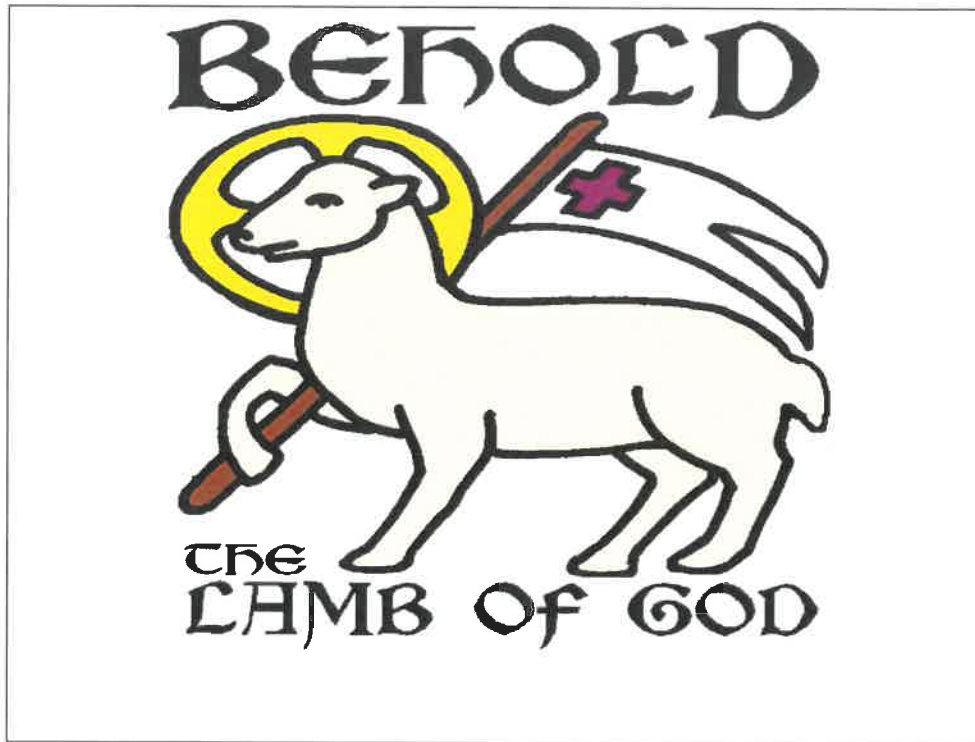
**Your donation is at work**

**Please continue to honor your pledge**

**BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH!  
ASK THE USHERS FOR A REGISTRATION FORM, OR EMAIL US AT**

**[INFO@SMDPP.ORG](mailto:INFO@SMDPP.ORG)**

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*Welcome to our Church*

If you are new to our parish please feel free to introduce yourself to one of the priests after Mass today. We kindly invite you to come to the Parish Office and register and become a member of St. Martin de Porres Parish. Registration is important for all parishioners because then we are able to issue sponsor letters for Baptism, Confirmation and Matrimony. We can also give end of the year statements of your contributions to the church through regular use of the envelopes. Thank you and welcome.

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