

Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 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,

Time just seems to be passing us by! I cannot believe that we are already at the end of January. As I mentioned in my homily last weekend, we are just a few weeks away from Ash Wednesday, which begins the solemn season of Lent. These weeks of Ordinary Time prepares us to enter into the most sacred days of our Lord's Paschal Mystery. Each of us are invited to use these days as opportunities of spiritual preparation and rejuvenation. Today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians reminds us that we, just like St. Paul are called to preach the gospel by the very example of our lives. St. Paul tells us, "for Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning". Each of us are called to be preachers of the gospel, inviting all those whom we encounter to experience the love and mercy of Christ. May the Lord continue to bestow his abundant graces upon this parish community, as we strive to grow closer to the heart of Christ our Savior and King.

## Black History Month

Next month is Black History Month. Throughout the month of February, we will celebrate the life and achievements of our ancestors who paved the way for people of color to live in peace and harmony. Here at St. Martin dePorres we have a number of activities planned in celebration of Black History Month. The highlight will be our Mass of Thanksgiving that will take place on Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Our Lady of Victory Church beginning at 12:00noon. Only one Mass will be celebrated that day. Our homilist will be Deacon Curtis Turner, who is a permanent deacon of the Archdiocese of Washington DC and is principal of St. Frances Academy in Baltimore. St. Frances Academy was founded in 1828 by Mother Mary Lange, foundress of the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Their mission was to educate poor Black girls during the time of slavery. Please be sure to join us for our Mass of Thanksgiving and bring a friend!

## Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Next Sunday, February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast commemorates the moment when Mary and Joseph present the Lord before the Temple. This beautiful feast happens to fall on a Sunday this year. Jesus is presented as a light to the nations. At all of the masses next week the priest presider will bless candles at the very beginning of Mass. Each of you are invited to bring your own personal candles to be blessed at Mass next week.

## Sports Night at St. Martin dePorres

Next Sunday, February 2 is Super bowl Sunday! As has been the custom here at the parish we will have a Super bowl party. This year's location will change though, due to the work that is going on in the lower hall at St. Peter Claver. This year's super bowl party will take place at Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall beginning at 6:00PM. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. Please be sure to join us for food, refreshments and fellowship. Tickets can be purchased after Mass or at the door next Sunday.

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

**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.	01/26	IS 8:23—9:3 PS 27:1, 4, 13-14 1COR 1:10-13, 17 MT 4:12-23 OR 4:12-17
Mon.	01/27	2 SM 5:1-7, 10 PS:89:20, 21-22, 25-26 MK 3:22-30
Tue.	01/28	2SM 6:12B-15, 17-19 PS: 24:7, 8, 9, 10: MK 3:31-35
Wed.	01/29	2SM 7:4-17 PS89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 MK 4:1-20
Thu.	01/30	2 SM 7:18-19, 24-29 PS:132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 MK 4:21-25
Fri.	01/31	2 SM 11:1-4A, 5-10A, 13-17 PS: 51:3-4, 5-6A, 6BCD-7, 10-11 MK 4:26-34
Sat.	02/01	2 SM 12:1-7A, 10-17 PS: 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 MK 4:35-41

**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 is my light and my salvation.*

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**SPC Saturday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, 5 :00pm (Vigil Mass)**  
Intergenerational healing liberation and blessing for Dorville family

**SPC Sunday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am**  
Virginia Cox- grace and healing

**OLV Sunday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am**  
Rona Hibbert – in memoriam  
*Req. by Diana Snell*

**OLV Sunday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:15am**  
Anna Daniels – in memoriam  
*Req. by Crystal Middleton*

Perpetua Lassade  
*Req by Jennifer Lassade*

**HRC Sunday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am**  
Margaret Carrette Martin – thanksgiving to God

**GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:**

**BREAD AND WINE:**

**ALTAR CANDLE:**  
Canonization of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:**

**CHAPEL FLOWERS:**



**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)**

*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, 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 receive the Eucharist.

**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).

**Blessing of Throats**



On Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrate the feast of St. Blaise, the patron saint of throat ailments. We will have the regular scheduled Masses on that day.

(8am OLV,) (12noon SPC.) to celebrate this feast. We invite everyone attend the blessing of the throats Mass at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Victory Church.

**Second Collection  
Church In Need**

Today's second collection for **Church in Need** is for the support of pastoral programs for the Churches in Latin America and the Caribbean, Central & Eastern Europe, and Africa. Projects in Latin America and the Caribbean include the work of evangelization, formation of Laity, religious and seminarians as well as youth ministry and catechesis.



Thank you for your contribution to last weekend's second collection for the recent earthquakes in **Puerto Rico**. Funds from this collection will be sent by our Diocese for distribution and direct assistance to the Church in Puerto Rico.



**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. 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. 8<sup>th</sup>** - "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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Time: 4:00pm.

**Dress in your cultural Attire.**

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

**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](mailto:sasabell@buffalo.edu), 716-645-1123.

*Life's most persistent and urgent question is,  
what are you doing for others?  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**





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 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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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](mailto:dkingsley@smdpp.org).



**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.

**NY State Court Officer Trainee Exam**

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

**Blessing of Candles**

Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. We recall the day Mary and Joseph presented the Christ-child in the Temple. That weekend, at all the Masses, we will the Blessing of the Candles. Parishioners are invited to bring devotional/votive candles to be blessed.



**SMDPP Sports Night**  
**The Holy Name Society's**  
**Monsignor Hunt Sports Night**

will take place on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 in Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall, 163 MacDonough Street Brooklyn, NY 11216). The annual event is a watch-party for the Super Bowl. Tickets are \$20. Food and Drinks will be provided. If you would like to donate a dish of your own please contact the Rectory at 718-574-5772. Come out and enjoy.

**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>.

**Corona Self-Help Center**  
**(Drogadictos Anonimos)**

On Sunday February 2, the Corona Self-Help Group will be asking for your support. The organization works with individuals and families suffering from substance abuse problems. The 12- step programs particularly serves those most in need. All D.A.'s representatives are former drug addicts who have found a new lease in life because of the spiritual components offered to them. There are T- shirts for sale to help them support their cause.



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.

# ST MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH RESERVED USE OF PARISH SPACES DONATION SCHEDULE 2020

**GENERAL EVENT** (Duration of 6 consecutive hours with end time restrictions as summarized in general notes below)

REQUESTER	SPC		OLV		HR*	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Registered Parishioner	\$600	<b>\$700</b>	\$700	<b>\$700</b>	\$500	<b>\$500</b>
Non-Parishioner who is Sponsored by a Registered Parishioner	\$600	<b>\$900</b>	\$700	<b>\$900</b>	\$500	<b>\$700</b>
Non-Parishioner	\$900	<b>\$1,100</b>	\$1,000	<b>\$1,100</b>	\$800	<b>\$900</b>

\* Donations to be revised after the warming kitchen is constructed

**REPAST\*\*** (at any of the Halls; Duration is for consecutive hours noted with end time restrictions as summarized in general notes below)

REQUESTER	2 Hours		3 Hours		4 Hours	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Registered Parishioner	\$250	<b>\$250</b>	\$350	<b>\$350</b>	\$400	<b>\$400</b>
Non-Parishioner who is Sponsored by a Registered Parishioner	\$250	<b>\$300</b>	\$350	<b>\$400</b>	\$400	<b>\$450</b>
Non-Parishioner	\$300	<b>\$350</b>	\$400	<b>\$450</b>	\$450	<b>\$500</b>

\*\* The reception held after a funeral mass or service

**GENERAL NOTES:**

1. **SPC** – St Peter Claver Lower Church Hall
2. **OLV** – Our Lady of Victory McGuinness Hall
3. **HR** – Holy Rosary Mannion-Stonebridge Hall
4. **Restrictions on Noted Consecutive Hours of Use:**
  - a. On Friday and Saturday the Event must end by 1:00 AM (inclusive of cleanup); Except at HR, until further notice, at which the Event must end by 10:00 PM (inclusive of cleanup)
  - b. On Sunday through Thursday, inclusive, the Event must end by 10:00 PM (inclusive of cleanup)
  - c. There is additional time allotted for setting up the hall; to be negotiated with the Requester
5. **Registered Parishioner** – is as per parish records
6. **Non-registered Parishioner** – can be a person, group, organization, etc.
7. **Refer to the One-Time Use Agreement Form for additional policies and requirements**