

Jan. 05th, 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,

Merry Christmas! I hope that each of had a blessed Christmas day this past week. As Catholics, we celebrate Christmas not just on December 25, but throughout the entire week. This is known as the "octave of Christmas". Our Masses during the week will continue to commemorate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We are given the image of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as an example of a family rooted in God's love and mercy. We don't get to choose the families that we are born into, God does that for us. I am sure that members of our families irritate us, push our buttons or anger us to a point where we stop communicating with each other. Families are a great gift from God. On this feast day of the Holy Family, let us pray for our families today. If you haven't spoken to a family member in a while, I invite you to lift them up in prayer, and maybe even lift up the phone to call and reconcile. We are reminded in today's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians to let go of all hate and bitterness. St. Paul says, "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection". Let us continue to live by these words, as we build up the Kingdom of God here in Bedford Stuyvesant.

Thank You!

Each of our churches are beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. I take this opportunity to thank all of you who helped decorate our churches. I am truly blessed to have volunteers who are dedicated and gracious with their time, talent and treasure.

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Masses

This Tuesday, December 31st is New Year's Eve. As another calendar year comes to an end, we give thanks and praise to our God for the many blessings and graces he has bestowed upon us throughout the year. As is the custom here at St. Martin dePorres, we will have a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction beginning at 11:00PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. Mass will be celebrated at Midnight for the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. On January 1st, Mass will be celebrated at 10:00AM at Our Lady of Victory Church.

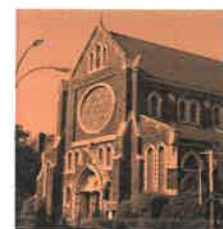
Have a great week and a Happy New Year!

Father Alonzo 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

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. | 01/06 | IS 60:1-6 PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6 MT 2:1-12 |
| Mon. | 01/07 | 1 JN 3:22-4:6 PS 2:7BC-8, 10-12A MT 4:12-17, 23-25 |
| Tue. | 01/08 | 1 JN 4:7-10 PS 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 MK 6:34-44 |
| Wed. | 01/09 | 1 JN 4:11-18 PS 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 MK 6:45-52 |
| Thu. | 01/10 | 1 JN 4:19-5:4 PS 72:1-2, 14 & 15BC, 17 LK 4:14-22 |
| Fri. | 01/11 | 1 JN 5:5-13 PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 LK 5:12-16 |
| Sat. | 01/12 | 1 JN 5:14-21 PS 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6A & 9B JN 3:22-30 |

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.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore thee.

MASS INTENTIONS:

SPC Saturday, Jan. 4th, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)
The people of the Parish

SPC Sunday, Jan. 5th, 11:30am
Theresa Noel – in memoriam

OLV Sunday, Jan. 5th, 7:30am
Virginia Cox – health & healing
Req by Rachel Sanino

OLV Sunday, Jan. 5th, 10:15am
†Fr. Martin Madison – in memoriam
Req. Perpetua Henry

HRC Sunday, Jan. 5th, 9:00m
†Ben Lott – in memoriam
Req. Sally Lott

SPC Monday, Jan. 6th, 12noon
†Dr. Brice Brignol & Gesele Brignol - in
memoriam

HRC Tuesday, Jan. 7th, 11:00m
†Craig Lott – in memoriam
Req. Sally Lott

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

For the souls in Purgatory

ALTAR CANDLE:

Canonization of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The people of the parish

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

The homeless

CHAPEL FLOWERS:

Victims of human trafficking

**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, 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.

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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

School of Faith Formation

St. Martin de Porres School of Faith Formation classes began on Saturday Oct. 19th, at Our Lady of Victory. Saturday classes run from 9:30am to 11am. Sunday classes take place after the 7:30am Mass. For registration, please provide a copy of the student's birth certificate, baptism certificate and 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.

**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.

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.

Parish Registration

Have you registered as a parishioner at Our Lady of Victory, St. Peter Claver or Holy Rosary Church? If you call St. Martin de Porres Parish your home and attend Mass regularly, please register as a parishioner. This will allow the parish to assist you when you or a family member seek a sacrament, need a letter of good standing, or want to serve as a godparent. It will also help us communicate with you so that you can be up to date on what is going on and how you'd like to be involved at St. Martin de Porres Parish. Thank you.

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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*save
the date!*

The Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns Prayer Service commemorating the Birthday of **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** will take place on Monday, January 19th, 2020, at 12:00noon at **Our Lady of Victory Church.** Preacher: **Fr. Robert Boxie, III,** Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph’s Church Largo, MD.

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.

Second Collection- Diocese Mission

Today’s second collection is for the Diocesan Mission in support of various needy Ministries and Parishes at home and abroad. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Thank You 

We would like to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts for your kind words and gifts this Christmas. It is truly appreciated. With gratitude, Fr. Alonzo Cox and Fr. Daniel Kingsley.

Women’s Day Committee Fund Raising

The Women's Day Luncheon will take place on Sunday, March 8th. In preparation we are holding a raffle to fund this exciting event. The prizes are as follows: One 50inch television, 2 tickets to a Broadway show and a basket of cheer. Tickets are \$5 each and the drawing takes place in January 12th. We ask that you show your support by purchasing tickets from: Wilhelmina Randall (HRC), Michelle Joseph (OLV), Jennifer Parkinson-Gilbert and Maureen Simonette (SPC).

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Fr 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 from New York JFK For more info please visit www.pilgrimages.com/frkingsley.

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Sign up now For Mass schedules, Event reminders, Changes, Weekly Devotionals and more!!

Simply text **“SMDPP”**
To **99267**

or just scan the QR Code



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**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2019**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Parish Goal: \$59,586

As of 12/30/2019

125 Families Pledged - \$45,222

Received - \$37,738

Balance - \$7,484

102 Families fulfilled their pledges for \$25,557

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

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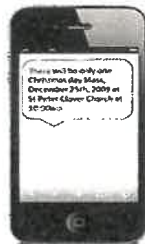
Welcome!

Our commitment is to help you grow into a relationship with God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.