



July 12<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,

We hear in today's gospel the parable of the sower and the seed. Jesus gives us that parable as an example of who we are to allow the seed, that is the Word of God to grow within us. For those of you who have been to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, you will notice the words etched on the pulpit, "The seed is the Word of God". Each time we reflect upon Sacred Scripture, that seed continues to resonate and grow within our very selves. During these summer months, we are invited to spend more time with Scripture. How much time do we take reading the Bible? How much time do we pray with the Scriptures? These next few weeks could be the opportunity for all of us to grow closer to God through his most holy word. St. Paul tells us in today's second reading that we are awaiting for the Glory of God's revelation. Our God reveals himself in Word and Sacrament. We wait in joyful hope for the Lord's second coming.

## Sunday Mass Resumes Next Weekend!

Next weekend, July 18/19 we will resume the celebration of Sunday Mass. It has been 4 months since we have been able to gather at the table of the Lord for the celebration of Sunday Eucharist. We continue to thank God for the gift of our faith and we especially remember those who have been effected by the coronavirus. The Sunday Mass schedule will remain the same: Saturday evening vigil Mass at 5:00PM at St. Peter Claver Church. Sunday 7:30AM and 10:15AM at Our Lady of Victory Church and 9:00AM at Holy Rosary Church. We are allowed only 25% of the capacity of the Churches, which means 150 people at Our Lady of Victory and 75 people at both Holy Rosary and St. Peter Claver churches. You will notice that pews have been sectioned off for social distancing. Everyone is required to wear a facemask! If you do not have a facemask, you will be given one by an usher. If you refuse to wear a facemask, you will not be allowed in the church. We ask that you follow the directions of the ushers when it comes time for Holy Communion. Weekday Masses have gone extremely well! I thank all of you for following the guidelines and keeping to the 6 feet of social distancing. As always, I will continue to keep all of you updated as we begin to move to the next phase of the reopening process.

## Parish Calendar

As we begin this process of reopening our churches, the activities planned throughout the year will begin to be put on the parish calendar. Ordinarily, we would have had a parish calendar meeting in early June, but due to the pandemic, everything was put on hold. We will be contacting the heads of each ministry within the next few weeks to ask for activities and dated to be placed on the parish 2020-2021 calendar. There will be some activities that may not be able to take place once we begin this "new normal".

## Summer Priests

As you can imagine, because of this national pandemic, we are unable to have our summer priests with us. Both Father Joel from the Philippines and Father Yaro from Nigeria are safe and healthy. Both hope to be with us next summer!

Wishing all of you a joyful and peaceful 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**

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

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

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Sun. IS 55:10-11 PS65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 ROM 8:18-23 MT13:1-23  
 OR 13:1-9  
 Mon. IS 1:10-17 PS 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21& 23 MT 10:34-11:1  
 Tue. IS 7:1-9 PS 48:2-3A, 3B-4, 5-6, 7-8 MT 11:20-24  
 Wed. IS 10:5-7, 13B-16 PS 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 MT 11:25-27  
 Thu. IS 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 PS 102:13-14AB & 15, 16-18, 19-21 MT 11:28-30  
 Fri. IS 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 PS IS38:10, 11, 12ABCD, 16 MT 12:1-8  
 Sat. MI 2:1-5 PS10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 MT 12:14-21

**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.

**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** ~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:**

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 10AM**  
Donavon Simonette- birthday blessing

**Monday, July 13<sup>h</sup>, 8:00am OLV**  
Roselind White - birthday blessing

**Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am OLV**  
Msgr. James Hunt – in memoriam

**GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:**

**BREAD AND WINE:**

**ALTAR CANDLE:**

Canonization of Msgr. Quinn

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:**

**CHAPEL FLOWERS:**

*Pray for the  
Sick*

Dorothy Bailey, Terrance Baptiste, Jaret Buyund, Ethel Carter, Felicia Casimiro, Eugenia Charles, Joyce Cochran, Virginia Cox, Josie-Mae Boyce, Jennifer Edwards, Delva Ellis, Patrick Gilbert, Antonio Goodsell, Christabel Gomes, Maria Hernandez, Ian Kellman, Gwendolyn Knight, Adolph Lauriano, Francis McCloggar, Vilma Mitchell, Shawn Paul, Noreen Simonette, Beverley Thompson, Elaine Travis, Vera Walker, Sybil Westmoreland, Rosemarie Wilkie, Evelyn Williams, Marie Williams.



**Holy Father's Prayer Intention  
(July 2020)**

**Our Families**

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance



**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 will of God will never take you where  
the Grace of God will not protect you.***

# MASS Intentions

We encourage you to honor a loved one, living or deceased, with a Mass, a gift of bread and wine, sanctuary candle, intercession for Msgr. Quinn Canonization. Please note, only one intention per Mass, except the Sunday 10:15AM Mass which is a multiple intention Mass. Sanctuary candles, bread & wine and altar candles are \$20.00 for the entire week. Requests must be submitted on or before the Friday, two weeks before the desired date. Please make a donation with each request. Thank you.

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## The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

If you have not pledged, please consider making your contribution to the **ACA**. There will be a renewed drive going on (**We are the Church, TOGETHER**) to get more of our parishioners to pledge to the appeal. Your financial contribution will help us meet our goal to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Pledge forms are available in the church.

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**CHURCH REOPENING:** Please see the bulletin on the website for guidelines on the church reopening for Sunday Masses the weekend of July 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. The regular schedule of Masses will take place at all the worship sites. We will continue to update with information and share diocesan norms as we receive them. Thank you for your patience and



## Generations of Faith

We thank you for your contribution to the Generations of Faith Campaign. There's still much more to do. If you are unable to fulfil your pledge. Please feel free to notify Fr. Cox.

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### Prayer to Overcome Racism

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us. Amen





**WE ARE THE CHURCH,  
TOGETHER**

Dear Parishioners,

I need your help. Our Annual Catholic Appeal's network of services has had to be flexible in this unprecedented time, and we anticipate we will need to maintain this response to meet the growing demand for support. Your partnership is critical as we navigate this situation. Our mission remains the same, but COVID-19 has had a significant impact on our annual needs.

- We now serve over **100,00 meals daily across our Diocese** in response to the 300% increase in demand.
- Over **120** parishes offer daily **livestream** coverage of **Mass** and **144** parishes communicate daily with parishioners using **social media**.
- Our educators were required to quickly implement **innovative distance learning** tools. They remain committed to forming the hearts and minds of our Catholic youth.
- We have **30 hospital chaplains** currently deployed across our boroughs consoling the sick and most vulnerable.
- And of course, our devoted clergy, who remain at the frontlines of this pandemic. They continue to enrich our lives spiritually and have partnered with our network of support services to address the local needs developing across our Diocese.

As a committed parishioner, friend, and Catholic, we need your support to uphold our mission. I am grateful to the 53 people who have made a generous commitment to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. This unwavering support has allowed us to reach **\$15,044** of our **\$65,024**. We are still \$49,980 away from our goal.

If you have not made a pledge this year and are able to do so, I ask that you join me in demonstrating that **WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER** by considering a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

You may make your gift online at [annualcatholicappeal.org](http://annualcatholicappeal.org) or text **ACA** to **917-336-1255** or call 718-965-7375 ext. 1602 and have a pledge card mailed to your home.

We thank you in advance for making a gift commensurate with your means and circumstances!

Wishing each of you a blessed week,  
Father Alonzo Q. Cox



Parish Goal: \$65,024  
 Pledged - \$15,044: Received - \$10,635

**We need your support!**

**If 300 more parishioners pledge \$175.00 each to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal, we will exceed our goal.**

**Please visit. [www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org)**

*Or call the office for a pledge card today.*



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You may also visit us at [givecentral.org/smdpp](http://givecentral.org/smdpp)

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