

July 19th, 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,

I take this opportunity to welcome all of you back to Church! It's hard to believe that we have not been able to gather to celebrate Mass as a community for over 4 months! The Lord has truly given us the grace to endure and persevere these months of social distancing, isolation and quarantine. As you enter the halls of our three beautiful churches you have noticed that pews have been sectioned off for everyone to be at least six feet apart from each other. As I have mentioned in the guidelines printed in the bulletin, everyone who enters the church must wear a face mask. If you do not have one, the ushers will provide you with one. If you choose not to wear a face mask, you will not be allowed to enter the church. Those are the strict guidelines of New York State. We also ask that you follow the directions of the ushers when it is time for the distribution of Holy Communion. I am strongly urging everyone to receive Holy Communion on the hand, not on the tongue. These guidelines are meant to ensure the safety and health of everyone who walks through the doors of our churches. At the end of Mass, all are asked to depart without gathering as a large group.

Jesus gives to us another parable in today's gospel. The Lord says that the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a mustard seed. A mustard seed is the smallest of seeds, but when is cultivated becomes the largest of plants. Today the Lord is asking us to build up the Kingdom of God right here and now, in Bedford Stuyvesant. We are called to cultivate the good work that continues to be done here in our parish. Seeds of evangelization and worship continue to grow and multiply each day. We must never allow ourselves to get entangled with the weeds of division or strife. As we make our way back to worshipping as a community, let us keep the image of Christ alive in our minds, hearts and souls.

Parish Financial Support & 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

As your Pastor, I take this opportunity to thank each of you for your continued financial support here at St. Martin de Porres. As I mentioned to you at the beginning of the lockdown, the financial contributions that were coming in was used and continues to be used for the ordinary expenses for the parish (utilities and maintenance). We have also had great success with our online electronic giving application called Give Central. As we make our way back to church, both aspects of financial contribution will be available for you to use. I also thank all of you who have contributed to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. As you know, funds from the ACA go to help the various programs and outreach that the Diocese of Brooklyn provides. Our parish goal for the ACA is \$65,024. We have pledged so far, \$15,554. I am very much aware of the current financial times we are living in and I am extremely thankful and grateful for all that you do for this parish community. May the Lord continue to bless each one of you.

Livestreaming

Masses will continue to be livestreamed each Sunday from Our Lady of Victory Church beginning at 10:15AM. It will be streamed from our parish Facebook page then uploaded to our parish YouTube page.

Wishing each 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
1st 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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	WIS 12:13, 16-19 PS 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 ROM 8:26-27 MT 13:24-43 OR 13:24-30
Mon.	MI 6:1-4, 6-8 PS50:5-6, 8-9, 16BC-17, 21& 23 MT 12:38-42
Tue.	MI 7:14-15, 18-20 PS85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 MT 12:46-50
Wed.	SGS 3:1-4B PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 JN 20:1-2, 11-18
Thu.	JER 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 PS36:6-7AB, 8-9, 10-11 MT 13:10-17
Fri.	JER 3:14-17 PSJER 31:10, 11-12ABCD, 13 MT 13:18-23
Sat.	2 COR 4:7-15 PS126:1BC-2AB, 2CD-3, 4-5, 6 MT 20:20-28

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 8th. 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:

SPC Saturday, July 18th, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

For the People of the Parish

SPC Sunday, July 19th, 11:30am

Msgr. William Rodgers – in memoriam

OLV Sunday, July 19th, 7:30am

Fr. Martin Madison – in memoriam

OLV Sunday, July 19th, 10:15am

Keith Aaron – In thanksgiving & good health

Req. by Georgiana Brown

Josephine Marcellin – birthday blessing

Req. by Cathy Sobers

HRC Sunday, July 19th, 9:00am

Deceased members of the parish

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

BREAD AND WINE:

ALTAR CANDLE:

Canonization of Msgr. Quinn

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Keith Aaron

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.

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."

St. Teresa of Calcutta



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.



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.

CHURCH REOPENING: Please see the bulletin on the website for guidelines on the church reopening for Sunday Masses the weekend of July 18th & 19th. 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 fulfill your pledge. Please feel free to notify Fr. Cox.

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'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God. 1John 3:1



Parish Goal: \$65,024
 Pledged - \$15,554: Received - \$11,308
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
Or call the office for a pledge card today.



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 MISS ANOTHER CHURCH EVENT!**
 Sign up now for Mass schedule
 Event reminders, Changes,
 Weekly Devotionals and more
Text "SUNDAY "
718-550-5830
 or just scan **the** QR Code



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You followed us on Facebook, you attended our online masses. now help us know who you are by becoming a registered member of the parish.

send us an email at info@smdpp.org /visit us at www.smdpp.org

You may also visit us at givecentral.org/smdpp

Name: _____ Cell# _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Email: _____



**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 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