



July 26th, 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 flying right by us! We have come to the last Sunday of July. As we continue to persevere though this pandemic, we must always thank Almighty God for the graces and blessings that he has bestowed upon us. We also thank God for the gift of his creation. We have had some increasingly warm weather this week, but it's all a gift from the creator of the universe. In today's gospel we hear Jesus give us another parable about the Kingdom of heaven. He compares it to a pearl that one finds in a field. I would go so far as to say that we are that shiny pearl here in Bedford Stuyvesant. As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we continue to build up the Kingdom of God right here and now. St. Paul reminds us in today's second reading that all things work for good for those who love God. All the work we do here at St. Martin de Porres Parish is for the good. We have done such good work here and we will continue to keep that up, all with God's grace of course. It is my prayer every day that the good work we do here at this parish will give honor and glory to God our Father.

As I mentioned last week at the Masses that I celebrated, I want to thank all of you for your cooperation in fulfilling the guidelines outlined by the Diocese of Brooklyn and New York State as you came back to Church for Mass. There were no problems at all! Thank you for your patience and understanding as we begin to embrace this "new normal" for worship. We want to ensure the safety and good health of each person that walks through the doors of our churches. Please continue to follow those guidelines and practice social distancing. As always, I will continue to keep all of you updated as we move through the phases here in New York State.

Parish Calendar 2020-2021

In normal circumstances, our parish calendar would have already been finalized and distributed to the parish community. Because we are still in the midst of this pandemic, it would be imprudent for us to plan activities and social gatherings. Just this past Saturday, I met with some of the parish heads of societies to place essential activities of dates on the parish calendar. It is my hope that sometime in the Fall, I will call a meeting with all heads of parish societies and groups to plan for the upcoming Pastoral Year 2020-2021. I would safely say that all social gatherings planned for the Fall must be postponed to the Spring or next year. We will know more information about in the upcoming weeks.

Celebration of the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Because of Covid-19, we were unable to celebrate the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation with our young people. We are in the process of dialoging with families to see when we will be able to celebrate these important sacraments. I will keep all of you updated as to when this will occur.

Wishing all of you a peaceful and blessed 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.	1 KGS 3:5, 7-12 PS 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 ROM 8:28-30 MT 13:44-52 OR 13:44-46
Mon.	JER 13:1-11 PS DET32:18-19, 20, 21 MT 13:31-35
Tue.	JER 14:17-22 PS 79:8, 9, 11 AND 13 MT 13:36-43
Wed.	JER 15:10, 16-21 PS:59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18 JN 11:19-27
Thu.	JER 18:1-6 PS146:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6AB MT 13:47-53
Fri.	JER 26:1-9 PS 69:5, 8-10, 14 MT 13:54-58
Sat.	JER 26:11-16, 24 PS 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 MT 14:1-12

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.

Lord, I love your commands.

MASS INTENTIONS:

SPC Saturday, July 25th, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

For the People of the Parish

SPC Sunday, July 26th, 11:30am

Leonne Henderson – in memoriam

OLV Sunday, July 26th, 7:30am

Deceased members of the parish

OLV Sunday, July 26th, 10:15am

Rubin Leverett – in memoriam

Req. by Sharon Leverett

Barry Alexander – health & healing

Req. by Agatha Altifois

HRC Sunday, July 26th, 9:00am

Virginia Caesar – birthday blessings

Req. by Gabriel Caesar

*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.

**GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:****BREAD AND WINE:****ALTAR CANDLE:**

Canonization of Msgr. Quinn

ALTAR FLOWERS:**SANCTUARY CANDLE:****CHAPEL FLOWERS:**

**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

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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. The on-going renewed drive (*We are the Church, TOGETHER*) to get more of our parishioners to pledge to the appeal. All donations above \$65,024.00 are returned directly to our parish for improvements. Your financial contribution will help us meet our goal. Pledge forms are available in the church.



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.



On September 20th, St. Martin de Porres Parish will kick off a yearlong celebration honoring the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of **St. Peter Claver Church**. The celebration begins with a 12noon Mass at St. Peter Claver Church. The Alonzo Cox will be the celebrant.

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. 1 John 3:1*

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Parish Goal: \$65,024
 Pledged - \$15,554: Received - \$11,308

We need your support!

If 265 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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 Weekly Devotionals and more

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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: _____

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**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 **\$15,554** of our **\$65,024**. We are still \$49,470 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