



July 5th, 2020

Saint Martin de Porres Parish

"A Faith Community, One in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

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REV. FRANKLIN EZEORAH, PAROCHIAL VICAR

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WED & FRI: 9:00AM – 4:30PM

Dear Parishioners,

Happy 4th of July! This will truly be a holiday none of us will ever forget! As we move into these summer months, we continue to thank God for the gift of creation. As the summer sun and heat makes its welcome, we praise Almighty God for the gift of sunlight. Summer has always been a time of rest, leisure and relaxation. Jesus himself tells us that we need to take time for rest. We hear the Lord say to us in today's gospel, "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest." Remember though that we must never rest from prayer or from deepening our relationship with the Lord Jesus. We are invited to use these months of summer as a time of spiritual refreshment and renewal, most especially as we begin to make our way back to "normalcy" after the horrific coronavirus. May the Holy Spirit continue to strengthen and guide us ever so closer to the heart of Christ the Risen Lord.

Reopening our Churches

This past week we began the celebration of Weekday Masses here at our parish. It was a tremendous joy to welcome all of you back to church after all these months. I know that some of you had been waiting for this day to come patiently. Thank you for following the guidelines that have been put in place for you to come back to church safely. It is important that everyone follow the guidelines while in church. **Everyone must wear a face mask in church!** That is a nonnegotiable. If you do not have a face mask, one will be given to you by an usher at the doors of the church. We also ask that you practice "social distancing", keeping six feet apart from each other. We also ask that you not touch any of the statues or light any of the electronic candles in the church for the time being. We want to ensure everyone's safety and health as we begin to come back to sacred worship. The celebration of Sunday Mass will begin the weekend of July 18/19 with the 5:00PM Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Peter Claver. The Sunday Mass schedule will remain the same: 7:30AM & 10:15AM at Our Lady of Victory, 9:00AM at Holy Rosary and 11:30AM at St. Peter Claver. We will continue to livestream Sunday Masses from Our Lady of Victory Church for those who are still unable to come to Mass. The Sunday Mass Obligation will remain lifted by the Bishops of the United States until the end of the pandemic.

Father Franklin Ezeorah

Last week we announced that Father Daniel Kingsley, who served as Parochial Vicar here at St. Martin dePorres for the last five years has been transferred. Bishop DiMarzio has assigned him to serve as Administrator of St. Clare Parish in Rosedale, Queens. Last Sunday was his last Mass with us as Parochial Vicar. He will come back to the parish for a proper farewell and reception at date sometime in the Fall. This week we welcomed our new Parochial Vicar, Father Franklin Ezeorah. Father Franklin comes to us from the parish of Sacred Heart in Cambria Heights, Queens. He is a religious order priest belonging to the community called Jesus the Savior. Father Franklin is from Nigeria and has been here in the United States for a few years now. He is currently studying Clinical Psychology. Father Franklin is good friends with Father John-Paul Obiaeri, who spent his summer pastoral internship and celebrated his First Mass as a priest here at Our Lady of Victory. Please be sure to welcome him with open arms and loving hearts!

Wishing you a peaceful and joyful 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

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.	03/15	EX 17:3-7 PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 ROM 5:1-2, 5-8 JN 4:5-42
Mon.	03/16	2 KGS 5:1-15AB PS: 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 LK 4:24-30
Tue.	03/17	DN 3:25, 34-43 PS: 25:4-5AB, 6&7BC, 8-9 MT 18:21-35
Wed.	03/18	DT 4:1, 5-9 PS: 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 MT 5:17-19
Thu.	03/19	2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16 PS: 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29 ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22 MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A
Fri.	03/20	HOS 14:2-10 PS; 81:6C-8A, 8BC-9, 10-11AB, 14 & 17 MK 12:28-34
Sat.	03/21	HOS 6:1-6 PS: 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21AB LK 18:9-14

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.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, June 28th, 10AM

Donavon Simonette- birthday blessing

Melona Barber - birthday blessing

Wednesday, June 9th, 12noon SPC

Innocent Paul – in memoriam

Req. by Paul family

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:

Anna & Pedro Tablante- wedding anniv.

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.

MASS Intentions

We encourage you to honor and/or memorialize a loved one, living or deceased, with a Mass, a gift of bread and wine, sanctuary candle, altar candle. Requests must be submitted two weeks before the desired date. Please make a donation with each request. Thank you.



We are happy to announce that Fr. Franklin Ezeorah has been assigned as our new Parochial Vicar. Fr. Ezeorah is of Nigerian decent, and was previously assigned at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Cambria Heights. We encourage all of our parishioners to welcome Fr. Ezeorah to our Parish.



*To protest against injustice
is the foundation of all our
American Democracy
Thurgood Marshall*



Prayer to Overcome Racism

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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.



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 notify Fr. Cox.



**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 49 people who have made a generous commitment to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. This unwavering support has allowed us to reach **\$13,864** of our **\$65,024**. We are still \$51,160 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



Parish Goal: \$65,024
 Pledged - \$14,369: Received - \$9,945

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.

PARISH OFFERING

Please drop off your weekly Parish offering envelope in the Rectory's mail slot. Thank You.



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Sign up now for Mass schedule
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Email: _____

VIRTUAL RETREATS FOR YOUTH MINISTERS – ADDRESSING RACISM

Fr. Alonzo Cox lead a discussion for the youth ministers in the Diocese of Brooklyn on how to address racism with our youth. While this topic is extremely difficult to discuss it is our reality and Fr. Cox recommends, “approaching the conversation with prayer, support of our young people and making sure their voices are heard while promoting peace and harmony.” Our youth ministers were encouraged to be open, honest and share their own experiences. Fr. Cox repeatedly stated that when discussing this topic to approach it with authenticity. Youth ministers are asked to provide a safe space for young people to express their thoughts and concerns.

Fr. Cox is the pastor of St. Martin De Porres in Brooklyn, the Diocesan Director of the Ministry to African American Catholics and Coordinator of the Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns. Among his many responsibilities he also takes time to visit schools and parishes across the Diocese to discuss the sin of racism.

Through the Ministry to African American Catholics, Fr. Cox is working on larger Diocesan events and the youth ministers were encouraged to connect with their pastors to work together on addressing this issue within their own communities. Fr. Cox reminds us that our young people want to be heard and we can help make sure that they are.

As Fr. Cox concluded his presentation, he reminded us that “as a church we should not allow for injustices like this to continue and we should move forward as people of prayer, people of hope and people of love.” He reminds us that what we do comes from the peace of Jesus and how important it is “for us to bring the peace of Jesus to the streets of our city as we make our voices heard for all the world to hear.”

For additional information you may visit the Vicariate of Black Catholic Concern’s website here: or their Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/blackcatholicconcernsbk>. Fr. Cox also highly recommends reading, “Open Wide Our Hearts” <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/upload/open-wide-our-hearts.pdf> which is a pastoral letter against racism offered by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.