



June 28th, 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,

Another month has come and gone, just like that. I don't know about you, but since the beginning of this pandemic and the lockdown, I have lost so much track of time. Days just seem to blend in with each other. As we come to the end of another month of social distancing, we are now beginning to see some signs of the "re-opening" process. As Christians, we continue to give thanks and praise to God for the many blessings and graces that he has bestowed upon us. Although we have not been able to worship as a community, we know that the Lord Jesus is in our midst.

Reopening our Churches

The City of New York has now entered into the 2nd Phase of the reopening process. Following the guidelines from the Diocese of Brooklyn, here are the official dates and guidelines for reopening St. Martin dePorres Parish:

- **Weekday Mass will begin on Monday, June 29, 2020 with the normal weekday Mass schedule that is, Monday to Friday at 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory Upper Church (not St. Anthony's Chapel). Monday and Wednesday at 12:00Noon at St. Peter Claver Church**
- **Attendance must not exceed 25% of Capacity of the Church. No more than 150 people are to be in Our Lady of Victory at one time and 75 people at St. Peter Claver**
- **Everyone must wear a face mask!**
- **Holy Communion will be given on the hand**
- **Sunday Masses at our three churches will begin the weekend of July 18/19 with the normal Mass schedule**

Funeral Masses may now be celebrated at each of our three churches, following the guidelines listed above. I will continue to update you as we progress further into the phases of reopening.

Father Daniel Kingsley

We have been blessed here at St. Martin de Porres to have Father Kingsley serve as our Parochial Vicar. He has actually been with us since his ordination to the Diaconate in November 2014. Newly ordained priests are assigned to their first parish for a period of 5 years. The Bishop may extend that by a year or two, but that is at his discretion. Just about two weeks ago, Father Kingsley was informed that he would be the new Administrator of St. Clare Parish in Rosedale, Queens. The current Pastor, Father Andy Struzzieri has entered into hospice care at the Rectory. Bishop DiMarzio has asked Father Kingsley to report to St. Clare's on June 30. This all happened very quickly! Because of the pandemic, we are unable to give Father Kingsley and proper farewell. He will come back sometime during the Fall so that we can say goodbye to him properly. As you know, St. Clare's was my first assignment as a newly ordained priest. That parish will always have a special place in my heart, as St. Martin de Porres has a special place in Father Kingsley's heart. Please pray for him, Father Andy and the parishioners of St. Clare's.

I am very happy to welcome Father Franklin Ezeorah as our new Parochial Vicar. I will let you know more about him in next week's letter

Wishing each of you a 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

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

Desmosthen Brignol Sr. – in memoriam

Mary Carasco - In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart

Cathy Sobers – birthday blessing

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
(June 2020)**

**Prayer intention for Evangelization -
The Way of the Heart**

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.



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 **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** supports the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

***Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative,
Catholic Charities; Hospital, College
and
Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations
Office; Catholic Migration Services;
Office of Faith Formation; Bishop
Mugavero Residence for infirmed
clergy; Futures in Education
Scholarship***

All donations made to the ACA above our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and



*In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings,
we pay ourselves the highest tribute.
Thurgood Marshall*



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.



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.

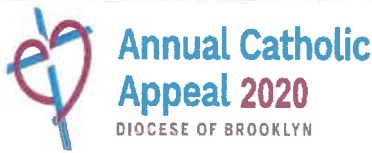
As a committed parishioner, friend, and Catholic, we need your support to uphold our mission. I am grateful to the 49 people who have made a generous commitment to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. This unwavering support has allowed us to reach **\$13,864** of our **\$65,024**. We are still \$51,160 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 - \$13,869: Received - \$9,647

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 Rector's mail slot. Thank You.



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