

Mar. 1<sup>st</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,

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. As we begin this time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we hear in today's gospel of how our Lord was tempted by the devil. The devil attempts to lure Jesus in to the desires of worldly allurements such as gluttony and power. Just as the devil tempted Jesus, Satan tempts us as well. The devil wants to lure us with worldly allurements when ultimately our eyes should be fixated on Christ. These weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of prayer and penance, allowing our hearts to be prepared for the joyful celebration of Easter. In his Lenten message to Catholics this year, Pope Francis reminds us to never take our eyes off Christ. He says, "Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew". Let us pray that this Lent will be a time of spiritual renewal and rejuvenation.

## Lenten Coin Cards

Each year during the season of Lent, we as a parish community practice almsgiving. Throughout the 40 days of Lent, we are invited to give of our treasure to those who are less fortunate than we are or to those who are in need. This year we have as our Lenten almsgiving practice Lenten coin cards. The cards are available at the doors of each of the three churches. The proceeds from the coin cards will go to St. Jude's Hospital for Children. Thank you for your generosity.

## Youth Art, Photo and Poetry Contest

Our parish will once again hold an art contest. This contest is aimed for the youth of our parish to participate in. This year's theme is to illustrate the life of Blessed Isidore Bakanja, who was a Carmelite from the Congo. Instructions for the contest can be found in this week's bulletin. The deadline to enter is Saturday March 7. There will be three prizes awarded. All work will be displayed at the Brooklyn Waldorf School on March 14 and 15.

## Annual Catholic Appeal 2020

We are now in the beginning stages of the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. As you know, the ACA is an annual campaign appeal which helps support the works of the Diocese of Brooklyn. Each parish is given a goal to meet each year. Here at St. Martin dePorres our goal this year is \$65,024. We had a very successful ACA last year and I hope that this year will be the same.

## Lenten Vespers and Stations of the Cross

Each Tuesday night during the season of Lent we will pray Solemn Vespers with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. This Tuesday evening, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Vespers will be held at Holy Rosary Church beginning at 7:00PM. We will welcome Father Anthony Rosado as the homilist. We will also pray stations of the cross every Friday night at each of our three churches beginning at 7:00PM.

Have a great 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



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**



Sun.	02/01	GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7 PS 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 ROM 5:12-19 OR 5:12, 17-19 MT 4:1-11
Mon.	03/02	LV 19:1-2, PS11-18 19:8, 9, 10, 15 MT 25:31-46
Tue.	03/03	IS 55:10-11 PS34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 MT 6:7-15
Wed.	03/04	JON 3:1-10 PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 LK 11:29-32
Thu.	03/05	EST C:12, 14-16, 23-25 PS138:1-2AB, 2CDE-3, 7C-8 MT 7:12
Fri.	03/06	EZ 18:21-28 PS130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7A, 7BC-8 MT 5:20-26
Sat.	03/07	DT 26:16-19 PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 MT 5:43-48

**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 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](mailto: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:**

**SPC Saturday, Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)**

Sheila Antione – birthday blessing

*Req. by Brignol & Antione family*

**SPC Sunday, Mar 1<sup>st</sup>, 11:30am**

Georgette Afanoukoe- birthday blessing

*Req. by Gisele & family*

Dorene Allman – birthday blessing

**OLV Sunday, Mar 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:30am**

Edward Powell – in memoriam

*Req. by Melanie Powell*

**OLV Sunday, Mar 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:15am**

Glenn Mitchell – birthday blessing

*Req. by Millie Fields-Mitchell*

**HRC Sunday, Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00am**

Florestin Henderson – in memoriam

**SPC Monday, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00am**

John Henry – in memoriam

*Req. by Jean Paul*

*Pray for the Sick*

Dorothy Bailey, Jaret Buyund, Ethel Carter, Felicia Casimiro, Eugenia Charles, Jasmine Charles, Joyce Cochran, Virginia Cox, Josie-Mae Boyce, Jennifer Edwards, Delva Ellis, Patrick Gilbert, Antonio Goodsell, Christabel Gomes, Maria Hernandez, Eva Johnson, Ian Kellman, Gwendolyn Knight, Adolph Lauriano, Irma Liddell, Francis McCloggar, Gorvin Mitchell, Vilma Mitchell, Noreen Simonette, Neville Pinnock, Andrea St. Agathe, Beverley Thompson, Elaine Travis, Vera Walker, Sybil Westmoreland, Rosemarie Wilkie, Evelyn Williams, Marie Williams.

**GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:**

**BREAD AND WINE:**

Georgiana Brown – Thanksgiving to God

**ALTAR CANDLE:**

Canonization of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:**

**CHAPEL FLOWERS:**



**Catholics in China**

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention  
(Mar. 2020)**



**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.



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy has seats available in the Pre-K for all (UPK) program. If you have a child who was born in 2015, then she/he is eligible for the (UPK) program (FREE PRE-K). If you would like your child to attend Pre-K for FREE in a Catholic school environment, call (718) 778-3700 or visit us at 400 Lincoln Rd, Brooklyn, NY 11225.



**School of Faith Formation**

St. Martin de Porres School of Faith Formation classes has resumed at Our Lady of Victory. Saturday classes run from 9:30am to 11am. Sunday classes take place after the 7:30am Mass. Registration fee of \$40. Please contact the Office should you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to another year of helping our children grow in faith.



**R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**  
**Do you know Anyone?**

Who has never been baptized? Who has not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Communion? Who has been baptized in another faith tradition, and desires to become Catholic? Who has questions about becoming Catholic?

**RCIA IS:**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults for those who are interested in becoming Catholic, or have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation. Please contact Fr. Cox or Fr. Kingsley to inquire about our RCIA program.



The Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn Vehicle Donation Program will accept donations of used vehicles in any condition. They will tow the vehicle away. You will get a tax receipt and the parish will get a donation from Vincentian Charities. To donate, call Vincentian Charities at 718-491-2525 or [avcb@gmail.com](mailto:avcb@gmail.com).



**Mass Intentions**  
**Mass Book**

The Mass Intentions Book for 2020 is now opened for announced Masses. Mass intentions are available from January 5th, 2020 through March 29th, 2020. Please note, only one intention per Mass, except the Sunday 10:15 Mass which is a multiple intention Mass. An intention is \$15.00.



**Parish Registration**

All new families are welcome to the Parish and encouraged to become actively involved in parish societies and activities. New parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible. Parishioners are asked to use the weekly envelopes in making their contributions.



**Do you need a Letter of Sponsorship?**

Then, be an Active Parishioner. To receive a letter of Sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation from the Pastor, one has to be an active parishioner of this parish for at least six months, received the Sacraments of Initiation, and (if married) be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.



**Parish Ministry**

There are many ministries and groups for children & adults at St. Martin de Porres: **Altar Servers, Choir, Eucharistic Ministers, Youth Ministry, Holy Name Society, Lectors, Ushers, Young Adults/Dynamic Ministry, Rosary Society and much more.** We urge active parishioners, **Find one! Join one! Start One!** For more info please contact Fr. Kingsley at [dkingsley@smdpp.org](mailto:dkingsley@smdpp.org).



**Holy Land Pilgrimage**

Fr. Willy Kingsley Ndi will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from August 1<sup>st</sup> thru August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Cost, \$3,999 per person based on double occupancy room. For more info please visit: [www.pilgrimages.com/frkingsley](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frkingsley).



**Rosary Society Palm Sunday Social/Brunch Party**



Rosary Society Annual Palm Sunday Social will take place on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Cost \$30.00 Adults, \$20.00 for Children under 12.

Come join us in fellowship. For tickets, please see a Society member or call the Parish Office at 718-574-5772.



**SMDPP Women's Day**

St. Martin de Porres Parish Annual Women's Day Celebration will take place on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, immediately after the 11:30am Mass in St. Peter Claver Church.

**Theme: "Forgiveness"**.

The honorees are: Patricia Tecla (SPC), Chanel Best (OLV), Pauli St. Hilaire (HRC.)

Guest Speaker: **Shaniqua X. Wilson.**



**Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes**

SMDPP Parish Pilgrimage sponsored by the League of the Sacred Heart, to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Litchfield, CT, on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. More information concerning bus tickets and the like are forthcoming. To reserve a seat, please see members of the League of the Sacred Heart.



**Msgr. Bernard Quinn Memorial Mass** will be celebrated on **Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Bridgid's Church in Westbury**. A Bus will leave from **St. Peter Claver Church** at **10:45am**. Tickets are adults **\$20.00**, children **\$15.00**. Please contact the rectory to reserve a seat.

**SMDPP Art Contest**

St Martin de Porres Parish **2020 Art/Photo Exhibit** will be held on **Saturday and Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Brooklyn Waldorf School Auditorium. There will also be a creativity contest for our youth ages 5 through 18. The winners will receive a \$50 or \$75 or \$100 cash reward depending on the age group. Entry forms for the **Art/Photo Exhibit, and the Youth Creativity Contest** are available at the each of the churches and at the parish office. To help offset the expense for the cash prizes, the committee will be having a 50-50 Raffle. Tickets are 3 for \$5.00.



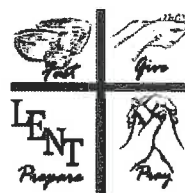
**CENSUS 2020**

Catholic Charities, Brooklyn and Queens has been selected to work on the New York City Census 2020. CCBQ will assist in getting all of our residents to be counted and to ensure that our communities are accurately represented in Congress and the allotment of federal government funds for needed services such as, education, housing, social services, and aid for seniors, etc.



**Passion Play**

All youths and children of the parish are invited to the passion play try-outs on Friday, February 21st, at 7:30pm at St. Peter Claver Church. Rehearsals will begin the following Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at St. Peter Claver Church after the Stations of the Cross.



**The League of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** in the Parish of St. Martin de Porres invites you to attend **A Lenten Retreat Day** at St. Peter Claver Church, on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9am. The Presider will be Fr. Bryan Patterson, Rector of St. James Cathedral-Basilica. Come and be sacredly nourished during this holy Lenten season. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

**LENTEN PRAYER**

O Lord, be with me as I enter into the desert of Lent. Please give me the courage honesty and humility needed to recognize my own sins; and the strength, tears and firm resolve to overcome them. Purify my heart O Lord and renew a steadfast spirit within me. May I turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.



**LENTEN DEVOTIONS**



**Tuesdays throughout Lent** join us for Holy Hours with Eucharistic Adoration. The theme for these services is “**Conversion, Confession, and Communion.**” The first Holy

Hour will be celebrated on Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00pm, in Holy Rosary Church. The guest preacher will be Fr. Anthony Rosado.

***Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at all three Churches in our Parish on Fridays at 7:00PM***



**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

Fr. Kingsley and Bro. Christopher will facilitate A Lenten Bible Study, beginning on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, in OLV St. Anthony’s Chapel. Our topic is, the Problem of Evil and the Book of Job. All are invited to join us and bring a friend.



Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we begin to observe this season of repentance and reflection, join your fellow parishioners in reading your daily Meditations from The WORD Among Us Lent issue. **Come, Follow Me.**



Generations of Faith

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**Your donations are at work with the Parish.**

**Please honor your pledges to the**

**\*COIN CARDS FOR ST. JUDE’S CHILDREN HOSPITAL\***

Lent is a time of renewal in faith. One way of renewal is a more serious devotion. This year we, at the Parish of St. Martin de Porres, would like to support **St. Jude’s Hospital for Children.** We will **tithe 50% of the Lenten Quarters collections towards this cause.** I hope you will prayerfully support this Lenten act of almsgiving.



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 Foundation***

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



**This Week’s Second Collection**

The **Black Indian Mission Collection** will be used to support the Church’s concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. Please be generous.



**Easter Mass Remembrance**

During the Easter season we will pray for you loved ones with Easter remembrance envelope. Envelopes are located at the front of the church. Kindly drop off your envelope, in the collection basket or at the rectory, with the name of person(s) who is/are to be remembered in the Masses.