



Mar. 15th, 2020

Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

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WED & FRI: 9:00AM – 4:30PM

Dear Parishioners,

Over these last few weeks, we have seen reports both on television and in the newspapers of the ongoing effects of the coronavirus. It is important to stay healthy during this time and to practice some preventative steps to avoid getting sick, most especially at church. The Diocese of Brooklyn has come up with a number of directives for the celebration of Mass during this time. You will find in the bulletin this weekend an insert outlining these directives both at home and here in church. I would ask that each of you look over this insert and follow these guidelines. Also, it should be noted that if you are not feeling well at home, please do not attempt to come to Mass. You are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass if you are sick. Coming to Mass while you are sick not only hinders your ability to get better but may put others at risk of getting sick. We hear in today's gospel the encounter Jesus has with the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus tells her that life giving water will be hers to drink of. It is in this encounter that this Samaritan woman recognizes and proclaims that Jesus is the Messiah. It was from that moment that the Samaritans came to believe that Jesus was the Christ, the son of the living God. In just a few weeks, that life giving water will be blessed and sprinkled upon us, his disciples. Here at St. Martin dePorres we will baptize two new members of the Church, in which they will be immersed into the life-giving waters of baptism. We hear in today's second reading from the letter to the Romans that God's love has been poured into our hearts. We pray today, on this this third Sunday of Lent, that God will continue to reveal the joys of his son Jesus, as he did to the Samaritan woman. For we know and proclaim that Jesus is truly the savior of the world.

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 17th, Vespers will be held at St. Peter Claver Church beginning at 7:00PM. We will welcome Father Luke Leighton, CFR as the homilist. Father Luke is a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. We will also pray stations of the cross every Friday night at each of our three churches beginning at 7:00PM.

Parish Photo and Art Contest

Due to an abundance of caution the Brooklyn Waldorf School has suspended all non-essential activities in its building. Therefore, the Parish Art Exhibit that was to happen there this weekend has been cancelled. However, the book signing, the drawing of the wining 50/50 raffle ticket, and the determination of the Youth Creativity Contest winners will take place at St. Peter Claver lower hall on Saturday, March 14th at 3:00PM and Sunday March 15th immediately after the 11:30Am Mass.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2020

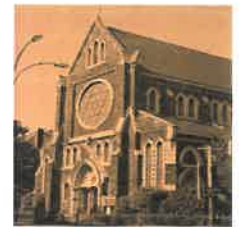
We are now in the beginning stages of the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. Each parish is given a goal to meet each year. Here at St. Martin dePorres our goal this year is \$65,024. We had a very successful ACA last year and I hope that this year will be the same.

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
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.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

MASS INTENTIONS:

SPC Saturday, Mar. 14th, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)
For the people of the parish

SPC Sunday, Mar 15th, 11:30am
Rev. Daniel Kingsley – God’s grace

OLV Sunday, Mar 15th, 7:30am
Mrs. Virginia Cox – grace and healing

OLV Sunday, Mar 15th, 10:15am
Rev. Alonzo Cox – God’s grace

HRC Sunday, Mar. 15^h, 9:00am
Lessie Everett – in memoriam

OLV Monday, Mar 16th, 8:00am
Frances B. Lalan – 1st memoriam Anniv.
Req. by Frances Ford

OLV Thursday, Mar 19th, 8:00am
† Blessed Jean Joseph Lataste O. P.

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, Vilma Mitchell, Noreen Simonette, Neville Pinnock, Beverley Thompson, Elaine Travis, Vera Walker, Sybil Westmoreland, Rosemarie Wilkie, Evelyn Williams, Marie Williams.

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

BREAD AND WINE:

Aaron Garbanzos – birthday blessings
Req. by Garbanzos family

ALTAR CANDLE:

Canonization of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

ALTAR FLOWERS:

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

Tomas & Concepcion Garbanzos – in memoriam
Req. by Garbanzos family

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.

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Lent



LENTEN REGULATIONS

- **PRAYER** –Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.
- **ALMSGIVING** - During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2462).



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.



Stations of the Cross

**Fridays at 7:PM at all three Churches
in our parish**

Day of Reflection

The presence of every **extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** is requested for a **training day on Saturday, March 21, 10AM, at Holy Rosary Church**. The facilitators will be Father Kingsley & Bro. Christopher Cato. We will go over some of the finer points of assisting at the altar here in St. Martin de Porres Parish. We will also have a special focus on those who presently or are interested in visiting the homes of sick and homebound parishioners. Once again, this training day is **mandatory for all extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion**. If you cannot make it please e-mail Fr. Kingsley at dkingsley@smdpp.org or call him at the Rectory Office. Thank you.



LENTEN DEVOTIONS



Tuesdays throughout Lent join us for Holy Hours with Eucharistic Adoration. The theme for these services is "**Conversion, Confession, and Communion.**" Holy Hour will be celebrated on Tuesday March 17th, at 7:00pm, in St. Peter Claver Church. The guest preacher will be Fr. Luke Leighton, CFR.



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Kingsley and Bro. Christopher will facilitate a Lenten Bible Study, beginning on Thursday, March 12th, 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.



Passion Play

Rehearsals are underway for our parishes annual Passion Play. Youth and young adults who are interested in participating are ask to attend 7pm Stations of the Cross at SPC. The rehearsal will take place immediately afterwards. For *more* information, please contact Michelle Joseph or Jennifer Parkinson-Gilbert.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

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.



Seven parishioners are needed to participate in the Good Friday "Seven Last Words of Christ" service on April 10th. A 6-minute to 8-minute reflection/talk is usually expected from each person. For more details at please contact Estella White-McDuffey at 718-622-1222, or Stanley Davis 718-857-1442.



Rosary Society Palm Sunday Social/Brunch Party



Rosary Society Annual Palm Sunday Social will take place on April 5th, 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.



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, will take place on Saturday, May 16th, 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.



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.



St. Martin de Porres Parish annual **Fish Fry Fundraiser** will take place on Friday, April 3rd, **Fish dinners (Potato Salad, Cole Slaw) will be sold from 3:30 to 6:45 PM, and resumes** after Solemn Station's in OLV's McGuinness Hall. **Cost per dinner: \$13.00 for pre-orders, and \$15.00 walk-ins.** To place your pre-order, call the rectory 718-574-5772.



Msgr. Bernard Quinn Memorial Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, March 28th** 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.

Dear visitors, help us to know who you are by becoming a registered member at St. Martin de Porres send us an email at info@smdpp.org /visit us at www.smdpp.org or simply fill out this form, and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____ Cell# _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____
Email: _____

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Praying at Mass While Being Smart about the Novel Corona Virus (Covid-19). Some things you should be aware of or you might notice are a little different these days at church.

BEFORE LEAVING HOME

1. **Ask yourself how are you feeling?** Use common sense, if you are not feeling well you should not come to Mass. If you are genuinely sick you are not obligated to participate in the Sunday Celebration of Mass. You should stay home and rest so as not to risk getting yourself even sicker or spreading germs to others in their church. If you are sick you also should not go out to a mall or movie theatre.
2. **Wash your hands.** Health care professionals are consistent persistent that washing one's hands is the best practice during flu season as well as this period of concern about the Novel Corona Virus.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

ARRIVING AT CHURCH

1. **The smell of disinfectant might be more prevalent especially by the doors of the church.** Parishes have been asked to be more attentive to cleaning the doors and door handles of the parish buildings. Some doors might even be left open that normally are closed to diminish hand contact.
2. **The Holy Water fonts might be empty.** Parishes have been instructed that Holy Water fonts should be emptied and cleaned on a regular basis. No one should feel obligated to use Holy Water upon entering or leaving church. A mindful recognition of entering the Lord's Eucharistic Presence is most important.
3. **People might not extend their hands in greeting.** No one should feel obligated to greet the celebrant (or one another) before or after Mass with a handshake. Eye contact and a simple smile can be even more welcoming than a hurried handshake.

AT MASS

1. **Pay attention to where you place your hands.** Many people place their folded hands on their face or cover their eyes while praying in church. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention instructs that you should avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. This holds true for at church as well as in other public spaces.
2. **The exchange of the Kiss of Peace among the faithful is being discontinued.** The rubric of the Mass states that the priest or deacon should invite the faithful to exchange the sign of peace "if appropriate." At this time, in light of the Novel Coronavirus, the Diocesan Bishop has determined it is not an appropriate time to do so. Therefore, for the time being, after the general greeting "The peace of the Lord be with you always," and

response “And with your spirit” the liturgy should continue with the Breaking of Bread and the “Lamb of God (Agnus Dei).”

3. **Before Holy Communion the ministers might leave the church.** All ministers involved in the distribution of Holy Communion should disinfect their hands before the distribution of Holy Communion with vigorous handwashing with soap for 20 seconds or by using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
4. **The Precious Blood is not being offered.** The distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice to the faithful has been suspended within the Diocese during this time.
5. **Everyone is receiving the Host at Holy Communion in the Hand.** It is very strongly encouraged at this time that Holy Communion be received in the hand and not to ask the minister to place it directly onto the tongue. This common sense adaption is to prevent the minister from coming into contact with the individual's mouth and then potentially contaminating the other Communion Hosts. Reverence of the Sacrament is still maintained as the Communicant approaches the Sacrament and bows before receiving the Host.
6. **After Holy Communion the ministers might leave the church.** All ministers involved in the distribution of Holy Communion should disinfect their hands after the distribution of Holy Communion with vigorous handwashing with soap for 20 seconds or by using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

AT MASS

1. **The Celebrant and others might not extend their hands in greeting.** Mindful of yours and his wellbeing, the celebrant might not extend his hand in saying good bye as you leave church. No one should feel obligated to greet the celebrant (or one another) before or after Mass with a handshake. Eye contact and a simple smile can be even more beneficial than a hurried handshake.