



Mar. 22nd, 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,

I hope that each of you are staying safe and healthy during this unprecedented time in our community. It's hard to believe that we are at the beginning of the Spring season, and we have been told to stay home and socially distance ourselves from one another. We do begin a new "springtime" in the Church as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery of our Savior, Jesus Christ. This year the celebration of Holy Week will be different. Allow me to outline it for you.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday, which is Sunday April 5, 2020 will not be celebrated publicly. The Diocese of Brooklyn continues to monitor the spread of the coronavirus and its effects on the community as a whole. The priority of course is keeping everyone healthy. The Center for Disease Control has mandated that gatherings need to be at a limit of 10 people. Therefore, the public celebration of Masses will continue to be canceled until further notice. Blessed palms will be kept at the doors of the churches for you to take. Mass on Palm Sunday will be livestreamed from our St. Martin dePorres YouTube page, NET TV from the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph and EWTN.

Easter Triduum

Both Holy Thursday and Good Friday will be celebrated privately without a congregation. Again, both of these liturgies will be livestreamed from our parish YouTube page, NET TV from the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph and EWTN. We have been asked to postpone the celebration of the Easter sacraments at the Easter Vigil. We will receive more information about that within the next few days. Easter Sunday Mass will be celebrated without a congregation. Easter Sunday Mass will be livestreamed through the outlets that I mentioned earlier.

Let us continue to pray for one another during this time. If you are in need of any assistance or know of anyone in need of assistance, please let us know here at the parish office. We must continue to be present to one another spiritually even though we cannot be physically. Allow me to end with this spiritual act of Communion:

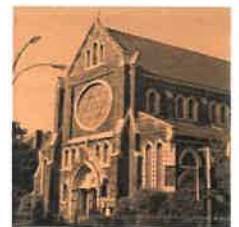
***My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.***

May God continue to bless our community,
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:

Sunday, Mar 22nd, 11:30am

Benedict Charles – in memoriam

Catherine Joseph

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Carl E. Johnson – in memoriam

Req. by Dec Rashid Murad

Sunday, Mar 22nd, 11:30am

Benedict Vitalis – birthday blessing

Req. by John Henry

Sunday, Mar 22nd, 11:30am

Craig Lott – in memoriam

Req. by Sally Lott.

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:

Tomas & Concepcion Garbanzos – in memoriam

Req. by Garbanzos family

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.

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: _____

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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 2016, they are eligible to enroll. Apply now for 2020-2021. Registration is ongoing thru March 16th. For on-line enrollment, visit www.NYC.gov/prek, choose school code: **17KAWJ**. For more info. Please 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?



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.



Holy Land Pilgrimage

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



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.



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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.



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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.

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.



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.

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