

Mar. 8<sup>th</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,

I have had the great joy of traveling to the Holy Land in Israel on two separate occasions. The first was 10 years ago, just a month after my ordination to the diaconate. The seminary had begun a program where each seminarian was sponsored to spend 10 days studying in the places where Jesus himself was. At the time, I had the privilege of serving as a deacon at the Masses we celebrated at these holy places. My second visit to the Holy Land was 3 years ago when I had the opportunity of accompanying 30 pilgrims along with one of my priest friends. One of my favorite places in the Holy Land is Mount Tabor. For those of you who have been you'll remember that Mount Tabor is not the easiest place to get to. There are two options to getting to the top of the mount. The first is walking up, which can be difficult for anyone of any age. The second option is taking a 6 passenger minivan up to the top of which there is a two lane road that literally curves the actual mount (if you're like me and afraid of heights, don't look out the window!). Once you get to the top of the mount you are greeted to one of the most beautiful churches in the Holy Land, the Church of the Transfiguration. The reredos of this beautiful church depicts the scene of today's gospel in which our Lord is transfigured before Peter, James and John. I love Peter's response to Jesus after he witnessed this spectacular event. He says to the Lord, "It is good that we are here". After the ordeal of getting up to Mount Tabor I remember saying those exact words, it is good that we are here! As we gather for Mass on this second Sunday of Lent, our words should be that of Peter, It is good that we are here. It is good that we can gather as a parish community this Lenten season to give praise and glory to our God. It is good that we can give witness to the love Christ has for us and his Church. As we continue to journey with the Lord in the desert this Lenten season, let us pray that our eyes will never be taken off Jesus.

## 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. There will be three prizes awarded. All work will be displayed next weekend at the Brooklyn Waldorf School.

## Lenten Vespers and Stations of the Cross

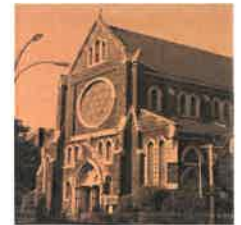
Each Tuesday night during the season of Lent we will pray Solemn Vespers with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. This Tuesday evening, March 10<sup>th</sup>, Vespers will be held at Our Lady of Victory Church beginning at 7:00PM. We will welcome Father Fred Marano as the homilist. We will also pray 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.	03/8	GN 12:1-4A PS 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 2 TM 1:8B-10 MT 17:1-
Mon.	03/09	DN 9:4B-10 PS79:8, 9, 11 AND 13 LK 6:36-38
Tue.	03/10	IS 1:10, 16-20 PS 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21 AND 23 MT 23:1-12
Wed.	03/11	JER 18:18-20 PS31:5-6, 14, 15-16 MT 20:17-28
Thu.	03/12	JER 17:5-10 PS1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6 LK 16:19-31
Fri.	03/13	GN 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A PS105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 MT 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat.	03/14	MI 7:14-15, 18-20 PS103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 LK 15:1-3, 11-32

**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.

*Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**SPC Saturday, Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)**

Dieuseul Valcin – birthday blessing

*Req. by Nadyne Gerard & family*

**SPC Sunday, Mar 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am**

Felix Chukwumaeze Nzekwe – in memoriam

**OLV Sunday, Mar 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am**

Perpetua Lasside – in memoriam

*Req. by Jennifer Lasside*

**OLV Sunday, Mar 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:15am**

Brigid Birgen – birthday blessing

*Req. by J. Ambrosie*

**HRC Sunday, Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am**

William Suarez – health & healing

*Req. by Cathy Suarez*

**OLV Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am**

Widna Samuels – in memoriam

*Req. by Valma Belgrave*

**OLV Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am**

Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory

**OLV Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am**

Elvira Kennedy – in memoriam

*Req. by Rojas family*

**OLV Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am**

Intercession of Father Quinn for the sick.



**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)**

**GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:**

**BREAD AND WINE:**

William Suarez – health & healing

*Req. by Kevin Suarez*

**ALTAR CANDLE:**

Canonization of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:**

**CHAPEL FLOWERS:**

*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, Andrea St. Agathe, Beverley Thompson, Elaine Travis, Vera Walker, Sybil Westmoreland, Rosemarie Wilkie, Evelyn Williams, Marie Williams.



**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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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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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?

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.



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.



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**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

**ABSTINENCE** – all of the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on the Fridays of Lent.

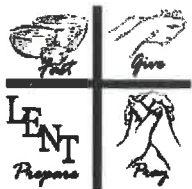
**RECONCILIATION** – after having reached the age of discretion, members of the faithful are bound to confess once a year grave sins which have not already been absolved. Reconciliation Monday on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will give parishioners an opportunity to receive God’s forgiveness by going to confession.

**VARIOUS LENTEN ACTS** - Reading the Scriptures, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, generosity toward the poor and the needy are additional means of becoming more involved in the Lenten season.



**\*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 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.

**CENSUS 2020**



**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 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm, in Our Lady of Victory Church. The guest preacher will be Fr. Fred Marano, Pastor of Sacred Heart in Glendale.

**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.



**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.



**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.



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**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.



**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.



**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.



**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).

**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.



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.

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](mailto:info@smdpp.org) /visit us at [www.smdpp.org](http://www.smdpp.org) or simply fill out this form, and drop it in the collection basket.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Q: Does our parish benefit from this effort?**

A: Our parish benefits – the diocesan wide ministries benefit - and all living in Brooklyn & Queens benefit. Your kindness nurtures the Words of Christ in many wonderful ministries, programs and services provided throughout Brooklyn and Queens – including those in our parish. As an example, the future of all parishes depends on having enough priests to minister to them. The Annual Catholic appeal does the job of supporting vocations in ways that no one parish alone could ever hope to accomplish ensuring that there will be priests to celebrate Mass in all of our parishes.

In addition to this one clear example, our parish will also receive all funds raised over the parish goal to fund parish initiatives. In essence, your support of the ACA allows our parish to utilize funding on other initiatives. Of course, your weekly support of our parish is crucial and you are encouraged to continue to share your generosity with our parish primarily through the Sunday collection. But it is also important to remember that the Church extends far beyond the walls of our beautiful church and great parish.

**Q: I can only give a small amount, my gift is not important – so, why should I give?**

A: We are asking people to give proportionately to their ability - every gift is important. The Lord has shared many gifts with each of us. As Christians we are called to share His blessing with others. Your gift is truly a personal sacrifice – one that we are most grateful for, so reflect upon this decision as you share your gift. No matter if it is a onetime gift of \$50 or a pledge for the year of \$2,500, every gift gets our parish closer to fulfilling its responsibility to the broader Catholic Community in Brooklyn and Queens. Every Gift makes a difference!

The Diocese of Brooklyn is made up of people like you from 178 different parishes bonded together in the love of Christ. Part of being a responsible Catholic is looking after others, particularly those in need. As St. Paul says, “When one member suffers, we all suffer. When one rejoices, we all rejoice.” that is why we have the Annual Catholic Appeal.



**Please be as generous as you can when you are asked to participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal.**

**Thank you!**