

May 3rd, 2020



# Saint Martin de Porres Parish

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

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**REV. DANIEL O. KINGSLEY, PAROCHIAL VICAR**

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**OFFICE HOURS:** MON, TUE & THURS. 9:00AM-8:00PM  
WED & FRI: 9:00AM - 4:30PM

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. This particular Sunday is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. We hear in today's gospel that Jesus is the gate for the sheep. He knows his flock and the flock knows him. Jesus is that Good Shepherd who leads us closer each day to the eternal kingdom of Heaven. A Good Shepherd would lay down his life for the flock entrusted to him. Jesus did that for us! This Easter season is meant to be a time to reflect upon the immense love that the Lord has for us, his flock. Although there are times that we stray away from the path that the Lord has us on, he never does. He will always look for and find that lost sheep.

Traditionally in the city of Rome, the Holy Father would ordain priests for the Diocese of Rome. Of course because of the current pandemic, ordinations in Rome and around the world are being postponed. I invite all of us though to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Priests are meant to be shepherds. They guide the flock that has been entrusted to them. Both Father Kingsley and I are blessed to be your shepherds here at St. Martin dePorres. We try our best each day to be good and holy shepherds. It is with your prayers that God continues to give both of us the strength and the courage to be better shepherds every day! Five years ago on this very day, I was solemnly installed as your Pastor. I remember that day vividly! In my remarks I promised each of you that I would always be a shepherd in the image and likeness of Christ. I hope that I lived up to my promise. In your kindness I ask you to pray for your shepherds here on earth, which include both myself, Father Kingsley, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio and our Holy Father Pope Francis.

As we enter into another week of lockdown and social distancing, I want to assure all of you of our thoughts and prayers. We long for the day that we can worship as a community again, but until that day comes let us be safe. Both Father Kingsley and I cannot thank you enough for the outpouring of love and support that each of you have communicated. We are happy that the livestream Masses are renewing for you. I must say that all the credit goes to Father Kingsley since I am not that tech savvy! Thank you also for your financial support, it means a great deal to all of us here at St. Martin dePorres.

Unfortunately, we have lost a few parishioners since the beginning of the pandemic. This past week we held a special prayer service for those who have died. It is our hope that once we are able to gather again as a community we will have a Memorial Mass for those who lost their lives and for the consolation of their family and friends. Let us continue to pray for one another as we grow in the image and likeness of Christ the Good Shepherd.

Wishing you a blessed and 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  
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

**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 4:1-16-18, 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](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.

**\*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.



**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?



**Mother’s Day Remembrance**

Mother’s Day Please return the envelopes provided with the names of the loved ones to be Remembered or Honored. Please use the mail slot in the Rectory door to drop off your envelopes.



intention is \$15.00.

The Mass Intentions Book for 2020 is now opened for announced Masses. You may call the Rectory or send us an email at [info@smdpp.org](mailto:info@smdpp.org) to book you intentions. An



**Second Collection**

Envelope Offering Next week’s second collection is the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. This collection helps Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities around the world.



**Good Shepherd**



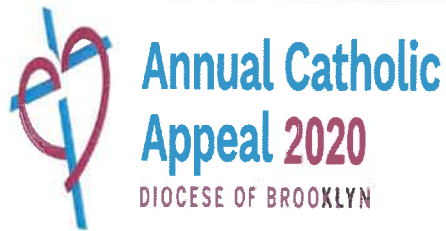
HE IS RISEN  
*alleluia*

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parish Goal: \$65,024**  
**Raised: \$ 6,506**

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

*we will ask everyone to consider making a gift to the  
2020 Annual Catholic Appeal*

**PARISH OFFERING**

**PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPE IN THE RECTORY'S MAIL SLOT. THANK YOU.**



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

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Gisele Sedjro – birthday blessing  
Virginia Cox – health & healing  
Selma Smith – health & healing

**GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:**

**BREAD AND WINE:**

**ALTAR CANDLE:**

Canonization of Msgr. Bernard Quinn  
For Charlene Turturino & Kelly families

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:**

**CHAPEL FLOWERS:**



**For Deacons**

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

**Holy Father’s Prayer Intention  
(May 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.





# Annual Catholic Appeal 2020

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Goal:	\$65,024
Raised:	\$7,041

***We would like to thank all those generous individuals who have made a pledge to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal in our parish.***

***We are asking each family to consider making a tax deductible gift today if you have not already done so. It is our hope for this appeal to receive a prayerful gift no matter the amount from every family so that we can reach our goal!***

Daily Sacrifice	Amount per Week (approximately 35weeks)	Total Pledge Amount for 2020
\$6.12	\$42.86	\$1,500
\$4.90	\$34.29	\$1,200
\$4.08	\$28.57	\$1,000
\$2.04	\$14.29	\$500
\$1.02	\$7.14	\$250
\$0.41	\$2.86	\$100

***On May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>***  
***we will ask everyone to consider making a gift to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal at all Masses.***