

Nov 3rd, 2019



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,

During the month of November, we remember in a special way the souls of the faithful departed. Here at St. Martin dePorres Parish, all are invited to write the names of departed friends and loved ones on the All Soul's envelopes located at the doors of the three churches. You may place the offering in the envelope and put it in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the parish office. Those names will be placed on the altars of each of our churches throughout the entire month of November. This is a beautiful way to remember the faithful departed. Our gospel passage for Mass today depicts the story of Zacchaeus the chief tax collector. Because he was short in stature, he climbed a large sycamore tree to get a glimpse of Jesus. Zacchaeus went to the furthest limits, just to gaze his eyes upon the Lord. How far are we willing to go to gaze upon the face of Jesus. Zacchaeus is a great example of humility and fortitude. In the end he gives up all of his possessions and follows Jesus without reservation. Let us pray that we will continue to go to the limit to gaze upon the face of our Savior and King, Jesus Christ the Lord.

Feast of St. Martin dePorres

We will celebrate our parish feast day next Sunday November 10 at Our Lady of Victory Church beginning at 10:30AM. Please note that there will be only one Mass celebrated that day. There will be a Saturday evening 5:00PM Vigil Mass celebrated at St. Peter Claver Church on November 9. There will be a reception following our parish feast day Mass. We are asking for donations of breakfast food items or monetary donations. There are sign-up sheets at the doors of each of the three churches for those who wish to donate. Thank you for your generosity.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2019

I take this opportunity to thank each of you for your contribution and participation in this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. As I mentioned at Mass, the Appeal helps support the different ministries of the Diocese of Brooklyn. Our parish goal for the ACA is \$59,586. I am very happy to announce that we have pledged \$40,077 with 107 parishioners who have contributed. The key to having a successful appeal is parishioner participation. Whatever monies we receive beyond the goal comes directly back here to the parish. If you have not yet made a pledge to this year's ACA, please consider it. None of the monies raised through the appeal are used for legal settlements within the church.

Update on McGuinness Hall at Our Lady of Victory and Lower Hall at St. Peter Claver

I want to thank all of you for your patience as we complete 2 major projects here at the parish. At Our Lady of Victory, we are 90% complete with the restoration of McGuinness Hall. The wood floor will be treated this week. At St. Peter Claver, the sub-floor of the lower hall has been installed. A new wood floor will be installed this week along with painting and touch up work. Work on the bathrooms will begin the following week. Again, thank you for your patience.

Have a great week,
Father Alonzo 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

Dcn. Balfour Thompson, Permanent Deacon
 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

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.	11/03	WIS 11:22-12:2 PS 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 2 THES 1:11-2:2 LK 19:1-10
Mon.	11/04	ROM 11:29-36 PS 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 LK 14:12-14
Tue.	11/05	ROM 12:5-16AB PS 131:1BCDE, 2, 3 LK 14:15-24
Wed.	11/06	ROM 13:8-10 PS 112:1B-2, 4-5, 9 LK 14:25-33
Thu.	11/07	ROM 14:7-12 PS 27:1BCDE, 4, 13-14 LK 15:1-10
Fri.	11/08	ROM 15:14-21 PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 LK 16:1-8
Sat.	11/09	EZ 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 PS 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 COR 3:9C-11, 16-17 JN 2:13-22

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.

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

MASS INTENTIONS:**SPC Saturday, Nov 2nd, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)**

Souls in Purgatory

SPC Sunday, Nov. 3rd, 11:30am

Fred Allman - in memoriam

*Req. by Allman family***OLV Sunday, Nov. 3rd, 7:30am**

Souls in Purgatory

*Req. by Gabrielle, Edward & Francois Roberts***OLV Sunday, Nov. 3rd, 10:15am**

Deceased Rosary Society members

HRC Sunday, Oct. 27th, 9:00am

Deceased members of Josephine Bakhita Guild

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:**BREAD AND WINE:**

Linley & Julienne Roberts - thanksgiving

ALTAR CANDLE:

Canonization of Msgr. Bernard Quinn

CHAPEL CANDLE:

Virginia Cox – grace & healing

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

Gabrielle, Edward & Edward Roberts-

Thanksgiving

*Req. by Roberts family***CHAPEL FLOWERS:**

Dorothy Bailey, Jaret Buyund, Ethel Carter, Felicia Casimiro, Eugenia Charles, Joyce Cochran, Virginia Cox, Josie-Mae Boyce, Jennifer Edwards, Delva Ellis, Lessie Everett, Antonio Goodsell, Christabel Gomes, Beryl Hunter, Eva Johnson, Gwendolyn Knight, Adolph Lauriano, Irma Liddell, Turner McDuffey, Francis McCloggar, Gorvin Mitchell, Otelia Mitchell, Vilma Mitchell, Theresa Noel, Neville Pinnock, Noreen Simonette, Andrea St. Agathe, Beverley Thompson, Elaine Travis, Vera Walker, Lucilia Welch, Sybil Westmoreland, Rosemarie Wilkie, Evelyn Williams, Marie Williams.

**Artificial Intelligence**

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention
(Nov. 2019)

**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 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 began on Saturday Oct. 19th, at Our Lady of Victory. Saturday classes run from 9:30am to 11am. Sunday classes take place at the 7:30am Mass. For registration, please provide a copy of the student's birth certificate, baptism certificate and registration fee. 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.

Immigration Seminar

On Saturday, November 9, 2019, the Holy Name Society will host our first Immigration Seminar at St. Peter Claver Church from 1 to 3:30pm. We have invited the law group Her Justice (which provides free legal services to people living in the NYC area) to participate in an open forum to discuss and ask questions concerning the status of our current/future immigration policy. All are invited.

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

We encourage you to honor a loved one, living or deceased, with a **Mass, gift of bread and wine, sanctuary candle, alter flowers, chapel candle and chapel flowers**. Place your request together with your name and phone number in a sealed envelope in the offering basket. Please make a donation of \$15.00 with each request. Thank you.



Parish Registration

Have you registered as a parishioner at Our Lady of Victory, St. Peter Claver or Holy Rosary Church? If you call St. Martin de Porres Parish your home and attend Mass regularly, please register as a parishioner. This will allow the parish to assist you when you or a family member seek a sacrament, need a letter of good standing, or want to serve as a godparent. It will also help us communicate with you so that you can be up to date on what is going on and how you'd like to be involved at St. Martin de Porres Parish. Thank you.

HBCU College Fair

On Saturday, November 16, 2019 **SMDPP Youth and Families** are invited to the NYC **HBCU OPEN HOUSE** at Riverbank State Park 679 Riverside Drive New York, New York 10031. For more information, please contact tdaniel@smdpp.org.



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**ST. MARTIN DE PORRES
FEAST DAY MASS**

In celebration of the feast day of St. Martin de Porres there will be **ONE** Parish Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church on Sunday, November 10th at 10:30AM. Bishop James Massa will be the celebrant

and homilist at this Parish Mass. The three churches will **not** have their usual Masses on that Sunday. There will be a 5:00PM Mass on Saturday, November 9th at St. Peter Claver Church. Immediately following the Mass, there will be a reception in the OLV School Hall. We are asking all parishioners to contribute towards the reception. There are signup sheets at the front of the Church with a list of **food items** for your contribution.

SHOES FOR THE JOURNEY

Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens is partnering with the Casa Alitas Program in Southern Arizona. New shoes and sneakers are needed for: Children: sizes 2 through 5 Women: sizes 5 through 7 Men: sizes 7 through 9, half sizes are also welcome. Help us provide new shoes and sneakers for migrant and refugee families seeking asylum. To participate in Shoes for the Journey please contact John Gonzalez 718-722-6121, or email john.gonzalez@ccbq.org.



Thanksgiving food baskets will be distributed on Thursday, November 19th, from 12:00 to 2:00pm. If you know of someone experiencing economic difficulty during these trying times, please have them call the rectory office, 718-574-5772.

“Only in eternity shall we see the beauty of the soul, and only then shall we realize what great things were accomplished by interior suffering.”

Mother Angelica

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Thank You

On behalf of the parish community, we thank the **New Life in the Spirit Prayer Group** for sponsoring this year’s prayer breakfast. We thank Father Francois and the members of the prayer group for their work and dedication. Thanks, Fr. Cox.

Event/Project Date: Oct 26th, 2019 New Life in Spirit Prayer Group	
REVENUE:	
Total # of adult tickets 99 @\$15.00	\$1,485.00
Total # of kids ticket 6 @\$8.00	\$48.00
Raffle	\$130.00
Donations	\$95.00
Total Revenue	\$1,758.00
EXPENSES:	
Expense	\$550.00
Net Revenue: (Total Revenue - Total Expenses) = Profit/(Loss)	
	\$1,208.00



On Sunday, November 24th St. Peter Claver Church invites all our parishioners to join them for a Parish **Thanksgiving Lunch** in the Brooklyn Waldorf School Auditorium immediately after the 11:30AM Mass.

In observance of Veterans Day, Monday, **November 11th**, the rectory office will be closed. Only the 8am Mass at OLV church will be celebrated; the 12noon Mass at SPC is cancelled for that day.





Parish Goal: \$59,586

As of 10/28/2019

107 Families Pledged - \$40,077

Received - \$28,576

Balance - \$11,501

79 Families fulfilled their pledges for \$18,802

Your gift to **2019 Annual Catholic Appeal**, will make an impact on the life of a young man considering the priesthood, a lonely senior citizen, a hungry child, a helpless immigrant or a searching college student.

You can still give!!

There are pledge envelopes available for those who have pledged.



Parish Goal - \$610,000 Pledged - \$775,575

Received - \$309,369

Delinquent - \$213,100

Your donation is at work

Please continue to honor your pledge

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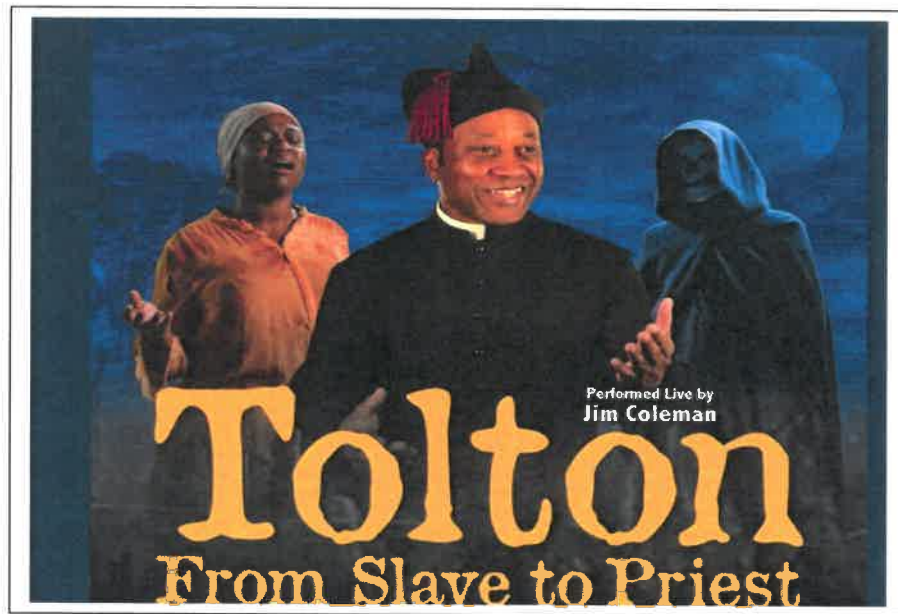
**VCBB AMBASSADOR
PRAISE CONCERT
Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns**

presents

a Praise Concert

on Saturday, November 2nd, 2019

at 7:00 pm, at Saint Thomas Aquinas RC Church 1550
Hendrickson St., Brooklyn, NY 11234 Music selection from local
choirs and soloist. Donation: \$20.00. All proceeds will benefit the
Ambassador Youth Leadership Program.



November 16th, 2019

Saint Thomas Aquinas RC Church
1550 Hendrickson St., Brooklyn, NY 11234

For more information on the
Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns,
call Elreta at 718-774-3806 or visit
blackcatholicconcerns@diobrook.org

Donation: Free-will offering

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