

Sept. 6th, 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 cannot believe that we have arrived to Labor Day weekend. Under normal circumstances, many of us would be wrapping up that last visit to the beach or that last summer trip before the hustle and bustle of September begins. Students would be flocking to stores for back to school supplies and parents would be thrilled to send them off. The excitement of the Labor Day West Indian Day parade here in our neighborhood would be in the air. All of that of course is not the case this Labor Day weekend. Many of our students will begin this academic year remotely. Parents are still trying to find a way to juggle work responsibilities while their kids are learning from home. The West Indian Day parade this year being cancelled all encompasses the current state that we are living in. Even in the midst of disappointment, we continue to glory in the fact that Our Savior Jesus Christ journeys with us today. Jesus reminds us in our gospel passage today that where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in your midst. In the midst of living in the "unknown", we do know of God's infinite love for all of his people. St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans that each of us are called to love our neighbor as ourselves. As we begin a new Pastoral Year, may the love of Christ impel each of us here at St. Martin de Porres Parish.

St. Martin de Porres Parish School of Faith Formation and RCIA Program

Just this past Friday, all Pastors throughout the Diocese were informed that Faith Formation classes will be held remotely from September 2020 to January 1, 2021. This policy is meant to ensure the safety and health of both students and catechists. Our parish program will be conducted virtually with our catechists using modern technology. Students will be given materials for them to use for online courses. Registration for all grades, including sacramental preparation has now begun. The fee this year is \$55 per student. You may register your child via our parish website, www.smdpp.org, or through our parish Give Central portal. We are in need of more catechists! Most especially catechists who are familiar with the modern technology that is available to us. If you should have any questions please feel free to contact myself or Ms. Michelle Joseph.

St. Peter Claver Church Centennial Celebration

We will kick off the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of St. Peter Claver Church on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at the 11:30AM Mass. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions we are unable to have a large celebration that was planned. There will not be a reception after the Mass. The anniversary committee has a number of events planned for throughout the year that you will know more about. The Mass on September 20 will be livestreamed from St. Peter Claver Church.

Labor Day and Resuming Tuesday Mass at Holy Rosary Church

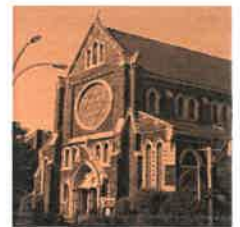
This Monday, September 7 is Labor Day, the unofficial end of summer. There will not be a 12:00Noon Mass at St. Peter Claver. One Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM at Our Lady of Victory. On Tuesday September 8, the 11:00AM Mass at Holy Rosary will resume.

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
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

READING OF THE WEEK

Sun. EZ 33:7-9 PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 ROM 13:8-10 MT 18:15-20
 Mon. 1 COR 5:1-8 PS 5:5-6, 7, 12 LK 6:6-11
 Tue. MI 5:1-4A PS 13:6AB, 6C MT 1:1-16, 18-23 OR 1:18-23
 Wed. 1 COR 7:25-31 PS 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 LK 6:20-26
 Thu. 1 COR 8:1B-7, 11-13 PS 139:1B-3, 13-14AB, 23-24 LK 6:27-38
 Fri. 1 COR 9:16-19, 22B-27 PS 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 LK 6:39-42
 Sat. 1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 LK 6:43-49

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 ~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. Franklin Ezeroah 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 8th. 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, Sept. 5th, 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

Jerome Kugbe – birthday blessing
Req. by Aameyo Kugbe

SPC Sunday, Sept. 6th, 11:30am
Mrs. Virginia Cox - health & healing

OLV Sunday, Sept. 6th, 7:30am
People of the parish

OLV Sunday, Sept. 6th, 10:15am
Marina Brown – special intention

HRC Sunday, Sept. 6th, 9:00am
Intention for Sadie Odell-Garland & Denise Hughes
Req. by Sadie Hughes

OLV Monday, Sept. 7th, 8:00am
Shirma Cunningham- in memoriam
Req. by Septura John

HRC Tuesday, Sept. 8th, 11:00am
Khalil Fletcher – health & healing

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

BREAD AND WINE:

Esting & Trifon Cruz – in memoriam
Req. by Garbanzos family

ALTAR CANDLE:

Canonization of Msgr. Quinn

ALTAR FLOWERS:

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

CHAPEL FLOWERS:



**Holy Father's Prayer Intention
(September 2020)**

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bailey, Terrance Baptiste, Jaret Buyund, Felicia Casimiro, Eugenia Charles, Joyce Cochran, Virginia Cox, Josie-Mae Boyce, Jennifer Edwards, Delva Ellis, Khalil Fletcher, Narcissus Frett-Moses, Sadie Garland, Patrick Gilbert, Antonio Goodsell, Christabel Gomes, Maria Hernandez, Denise Hughes, Ian Kellman, Aaisha Khan Gwendolyn Knight, Adolph Lauriano, Shawn Paul, Noreen Simonette, Marilyn Sylvester, 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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TO BACK SCHOOL

Annual School Supplies Donation. Be a part of SMDPP School Supply Drive for students in need. (reading books, notebooks, pens, pencils, binders, memo pads, crayons, markers, school bags, etc.) to be distributed to the youths of our parish for the new school year. You may drop your donations at the Rectory office Monday thru Friday from 9am to 4:30pm. For more information, please call the rectory at 718-574-5772.

St Peter Claver Church 100 Anniversary Opening Mass

On September 20th, St. Martin de Porres Parish will kick off a yearlong celebration honoring the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of **St. Peter Claver Church**. The Opening Mass will take place at 11:30AM. Fr. Alonzo Cox will be the celebrant.



We thank you for your contribution to the Generations of Faith Campaign. There's still much more to do. If you are unable to fulfil your pledge. Please feel free to notify Fr. Cox.



2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

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 Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Parish Assistance Program; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation. Anything that we make over the goal comes directly back to the parish. There are extra pledge forms at each of the three churches. Please consider making a contribution. All donations above \$65,024.00 are returned directly to our parish for improvements.

Food Distribution at OLV

Our Lady of Victory Church will host a food pantry distribution for the next Wednesday starting at 12:00Noon until 2:00PM. There will be a food truck distributing healthy proteins, fruits and vegetables for free. The distribution is sponsored by the Robin Hood Foundation, and is opened to all parishioners and people in the community.

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*"There is no higher religion than human service. To work for the common good is the greatest creed."
Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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Prayer to Overcome Racism

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us. Amen.



WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God. 1John 3:1

**Feast of St. Peter Claver.
September 9th, 2020**



The Claver Prayer

God our Heavenly Father, You have given us life through the Death and Resurrection of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ;

Jesus, our Saving Lord, You came into a world darkened by man's sin and gave it light through your teachings;

Holy Spirit, The Breath of God within us, You guide and enlighten us and give us the strength of our conviction;

Saint Peter Claver, who became an example for us, You showed us the Love of God, the Light of Christ, and the Strength of the Holy Spirit; We pray now that all we say and do, in your honor, be a continuation of your work here on earth.

St. Peter Claver, Pray for Us.

For the healthy and safety of our staff and parishioners



a cloth face covering **s required** to enter our parish.

Thank you for your cooperation

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



**WE WILL NEVER FORGET
NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE**

We remember the first time we heard the news.

We recall the first time we saw those images.

We remember the way our thoughts and
prayers were with those families who
lost loved ones.

We remember those who survived.

We recall their heart-breaking stories.

We remember that their lives are forever
scarred by those moments.

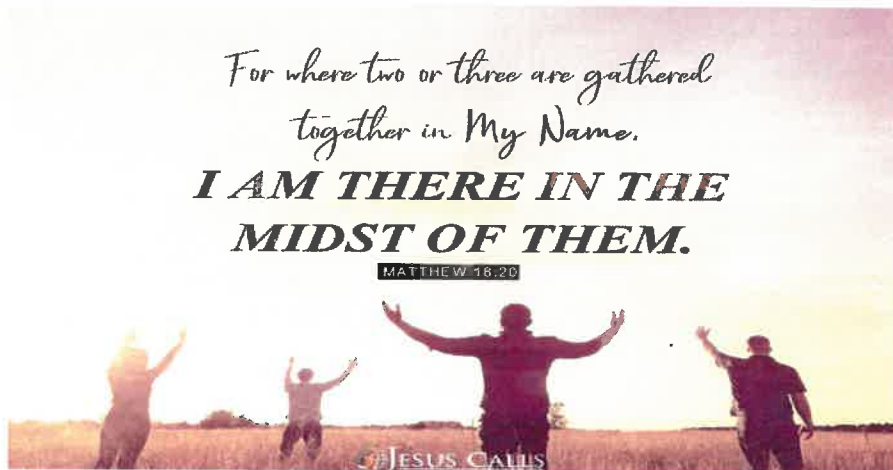
Our thoughts and prayers are with
them again today.

**Yesterday, today and forever;
let your love and peace endure.**

*For where two or three are gathered
together in My Name.*

***I AM THERE IN THE
MIDST OF THEM.***

MATTHEW 18:20



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Parish Goal: \$65,024
 Pledged - \$18,024: Balance \$47,000
Paid- \$14,754: Unpaid balance \$3,270
We need your support!

If 280 parishioners pledge \$175.00 each
 to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal, we will exceed our goal.

Please visit. www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org
Or call the office for a pledge card today.



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