



St. Martin de Porres

Catholic Church • Diocese of Charleston

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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 & 11:30 AM

Mass in Vietnamese

As announced in bulletin

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
12:00 Noon

September thru May
Thursday: 9:30 AM

Check calendar for changes.



Parish Staff

Rev. Michael Okere
Administrator

Rev. Mr. Carl Johnson,
Deacon

Mrs. Ardrina Scott Elliott
Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Doris Arvelo,
Director of Religious Education

Sr. Roberta Fulton, S.S.M.N.,
School Principal

Parish Council

Dr. Gerald Wilson, Chairman
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Sr. Roberta Fulton, ssmn
Doris Arvelo
Hank MacDonald
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Finance Council

Cathy Chiles, Chairperson
Larry Bailey
Naomi Scipio
John Spells

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday 9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

Confessions

Saturday 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM
and by appointment

Weddings

If planning to receive the Sacrament of Marriage, our Diocese requires a program of instruction & preparation at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please contact the Church Office.

St. Martin de Porres Mission Statement

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church is a multicultural community founded on the African American Catholic experience. We are a faith-filled community promoting spiritual and academic development, financial stability, social justice, and strong shared leadership. We will continue the faith of our ancestors as we hand down the traditions to our youth.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 2, 2015

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This Week In Our Parish

Website: smartinolumbia.org

MONDAY, August 3

Father Michael's *Day Off*

TUESDAY, August 4

12:00 pm Mass Intention: +deceased members of the Gleaton & Bean families

WEDNESDAY, August 5

12:00 pm Mass

THURSDAY, August 6

No Mass

FRIDAY, August 7

12:00 pm Mass Intention: +Robert Joyner, Sr. & +Desmond Joyner

SATURDAY, August 8

4:15 pm – Confession

5:00 pm Mass Intention: +John Roberts

SUNDAY, August 9

7:00 am – Vietnamese Mass

9:00 am Mass Intention: Marelyn Musich

11:30 am Mass Intention: the People of the Parish

5:00 pm - SOUP KITCHEN: Rosary Altar Society

Important Dates in August

August 9 – Special DOC Collection- Campus Ministries

August 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

For August 1 and August 2, 2015

5:00 pm – Jerry & Jo Parks

9:00 am – The People of the Parish

11:30 am – The People of the Parish

+ denotes a deceased intention

Today's 2nd Collection:

The second collection today is for *the Soup Kitchen*. Please give generously.

\$\$ FINANCIAL MATTERS \$\$

July 25 and July 26, 2015

Total General Collection:	\$4,374.95
SMDP School	695.00
Ernestine P. Caldwell Scholarship	45.00
Parish Charity Appeal	20.00
Infirm Priests	10.00
Maintenance	6.00
Total Offerings for the week:	\$5,150.95

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

SATURDAY AUGUST 8, 2015 – 5:00 pm

Lector: Adriana Joyner
Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Jones & Dorothy Paul
Altar Server: Gavin Mincer
Sacristan: Barbara Jones

SUNDAY – AUGUST 9, 2015 – 9:00 am

Lector: Rosalyn Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: Bernetha Henry & Marion Alexander
Altar Servers: Mac Tollefsen & Joseph Tollefsen
Sacristan: Laurie Tollefsen

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2015 – 11:30 am

Lector: Judith James
Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Bailey & Rose Bailey
Altar Server: Tymia Boles
Sacristan: Loyce Harrison
Collection Counters: Cynthia Deneal
Sam Henry
Ed Sutton

“Lord, Hear Our Prayer”

For the healing of: Miguel Aidar, Declan Alexander, John Arceneaux, Chester Bolden, Sallie M. Boykin, Nellie Brown, Quidrona Bryce, Vivian Carraway, Rea Coverdale DeVan, Floria Dial, Pat R. Goodwin, Edward Hampton, Verleshia Hughes, Jacqueline Kelly, Jordan Kokesh, Harriet McKie, Marie Meglen, Donald Miller, Robert Pearson, Theodore Pearson, Moses Rabb, Jane Rienzie, Jaimie Smith, Veronica Sullivan, Agnes Toomer, Catherine J. Weedon and Leroy White, Jr.
For the souls of: Janice Buccolo, Paul E. Roberts, Jose Rodriguez and all our departed brothers and sisters in Christ.

Assisted Living: Dora Brooks, Alexzenia Hebert
Nursing Home: Charlese Fischer, Byron Weston

If you would like to include someone in our prayer list, kindly call the office at (803)254-6862.

MASS ATTENDANCE

July 25 and July 26, 2015

Adults: 203 Children: 41

Mortgage Reduction Offerings for the Weekend of July 26, 2015 were \$25.00. Cumulative offerings for the year are \$26,543.50. Thanks for your commitment to get the mortgage paid!

SCHOOL NEWS

SMDP School is accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year. Registration packets are available at the school office. New families in the parish are encouraged to apply.

August 17 – Orientation for New Parents 5:00–6:00 PM

August 19 – Classes Start

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES/UPDATES

R C I A

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Classes will resume on September 3, 2015 from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Please contact Cathy Meadows at (908) 548-4350 if you are interested in joining the class.



New to the Parish??? Please drop by the Office to complete Registration forms, pick up a ministry booklet, calendar and photo directory.

FLOWERS

THANK YOU to Cindy Deneal for sponsoring this week's altar flowers.

A SECRET

The secret of happiness is to count your blessings while others are adding up their troubles.

—Anonymous

Vacation Planning

We pray God's guidance on you as you engage in your summer vacations. Please do not forget to send in your weekly donation for the upkeep of St. Martin de Porres.

Comment from the Suggestion Box

Please start Diocesan-wide events at either 5:30 PM or later (preferably 6:00 PM or later). It is very difficult for working people to be on-time to weekday events that begin at 5:00 PM.

Response

Thank you for your comment. Event organizers recognize that many of our parishioners are working which makes it difficult to attend some of our events. However, we also hear from many parishioners who require earlier times for various reasons, for instance, not wanting to or not being able to drive after sunset. We try to coordinate activities in our hopes to accommodate as many as possible and try to be compassionate in our understanding of the various needs.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Customs surrounding wedding rites are often in tension with our liturgical tradition. Sometimes practices are almost forced on engaged couples. Anyone who has ever planned a wedding knows how quickly the invoices expand. A hundred dollars here, a hundred there, often for non-essentials, when more deeply traditional practices, like an expression of charity for the poor, fall by the wayside. One such practice often labeled as "deeply traditional" is the aisle runner for the bride. Actually, the American tradition is to clean our church buildings, in contrast to European village churches, which often had dirt or cobblestone floors. There, a band of linen (rented) or a carpet of flowers might be set in place for a bridal party. Here, plastic roll-ups are procured and positioned by the ushers for the bride's entrance. The problems are many, not the least of which is that there is no "bride's entrance" in our official liturgy. Another is that in a wedding Mass, the communicants have to navigate the treacherous aisle with the sometimes-slippery runner. The aisle runner is neither a treasure nor a tradition, and by omitting it, the couple who asks for canned goods for the poor to be brought to church at their wedding Mass will find an extra hundred dollars or so for the cause!—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. John Vianney

Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord;
Hiroshima Memorial Day

Friday: St. Sixtus II and Companions;
St. Cajetan; First Friday

Saturday: St. Dominic

GOD'S WORK

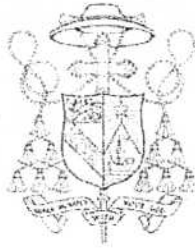
We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29).

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What's happening in the Diocese?

See the handbook on the table at the back of the church.



THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

August, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is no secret that the college years are a very important time in the lives of young people. It is a time of setting a future course of life and of making sense of the meaning of our lives. It is imperative that the Church be present to college students to assist them in these defining years.

Since our diocese has no Catholic institutions of higher learning within our borders, our primary outreach to college students is through our Campus Ministry Programs at over 20 college campuses throughout South Carolina. We do our best to be present to many thousands of Catholic students as well as provide a Catholic witness on these campuses.

We need your support to assist in sustaining and expanding our ministries to these young adults. This year the diocese will call for a special collection to support Diocesan Campus Ministries.

I ask for your generosity in supporting this very important ministry.

In the Lord's Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert E. Guglielmone".

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone
Bishop of Charleston

Collection to be taken up in all parishes on August 9th

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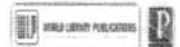
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