



St. Martin de Porres

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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

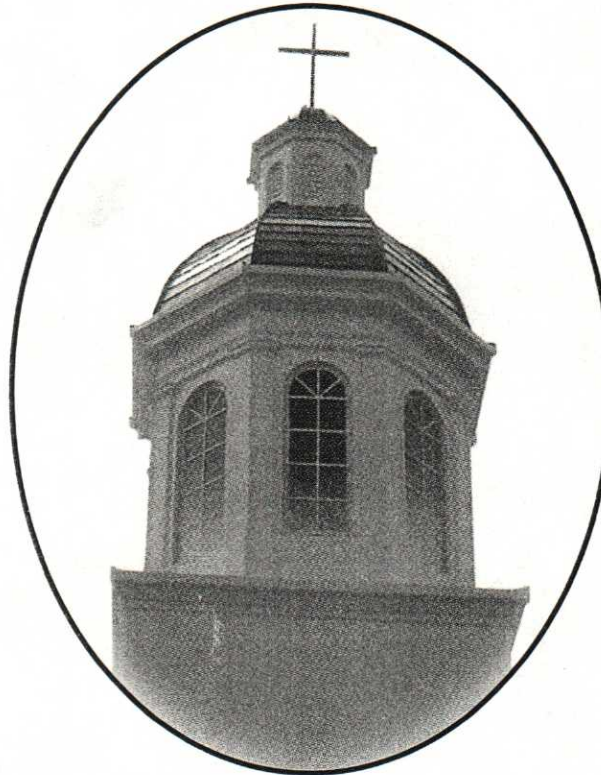
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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

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Mrs. Doris Arvelo,

Director of Religious Education

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

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Lin Wright

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.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 23, 2015

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This Week In Our Parish

Website: smartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, August 24

Father Michael's *Day Off*

TUESDAY, August 25

12:00 pm Mass Intention: Bob & Evelyn Riddell

WEDNESDAY, August 26

12:15 pm Mass Intention: Juanita Bennett

THURSDAY, August 27

No Mass

FRIDAY, August 28

12:00 pm Mass Intention: +Chloris Kranich

SATURDAY, August 29

4:15 pm – Confession

5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, August 30

9:00 am Mass Intention: +deceased members of the Phillips family

11:30 am Mass

5:00 pm - SOUP KITCHEN: Our Lady of the Hills

6:00 pm Vietnamese Mass

Important Dates in August

August 19 – Back to School

August 21 – Fr. Michael's Birthday

August 29 – Altar Server Training 9-11 am

MASS INTENTIONS

For August 22 and August 23, 2015

5:00 pm – +Janice Buccolo & in gratitude and devotion for Stanley Buccolo

9:00 am – +deceased members of the Phillips family

11:30 am – +Connie Gibson (Mama Connie) and Fr. Michael (for his Birthday and Ordination)

+ denotes a deceased intention

Today's 2nd Collection:

The second collection today is for the *Mission Fund*. Please give generously.

\$\$ FINANCIAL MATTERS \$\$

August 15 and August 16, 2015

Regular Collection	\$5,221.26
Maintenance	858.50
Re-pay Altar Flowers	300.00
Total Offerings for the week:	\$6,379.76

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

SATURDAY AUGUST 29, 2015 – 5:00 pm

Lector: Tracy Dunn
Eucharistic Ministers: Hank MacDonald & Frank Herty
Altar Server: Delaney Dunn
Sacristan: Hank MacDonald

SUNDAY – AUGUST 30, 2015 – 9:00 am

Lector: Bernetha Henry
Eucharistic Ministers: Frankey House & Charlotte House
Altar Servers: Jacob Arceneaux & Aniya Cave
Sacristan: Pat Reynolds/Janice Coleman

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2015 – 11:30 am

Lector: Rick Harrison
Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Bailey & Rose Bailey
Altar Servers: Kwylig Wise & Favour Nzewi
Sacristan: Loyce Harrison
Collection Counters: Cheryl Worrell
Tito Garcia
Katrina Lorick
Maxine Lloyd
Cathy Chiles

"Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

For the healing of: Miguel Aidar, Declan Alexander, John Arceneaux, Chester Bolden, Sallie M. Boykin, Nellie Brown, Vivian Carraway, Rea Coverdale DeVan, Floria Dial, Pat R. Goodwin, Edward Hampton, Jacqueline Kelly, Jordan Kokesh, Harriet McKie, Marie Meglen, Donald Miller, Robert Pearson, Theodore Pearson, Jane Rienzie, the Silver family, Jaimie Smith, Veronica Sullivan, Agnes Toomer, Catherine J. Weedon and Leroy White, Jr.

For the souls of: James Darrell Flynn 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

August 15 and August 16, 2015

Adults: 282 Children: 59

Mortgage Reduction Offerings for the Weekend of August 16, 2015 were \$140.00

SCHOOL NEWS

SMDP School is still accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year. New families in the parish are encouraged to apply.

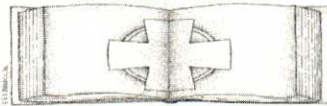
EVENTS/ACTIVITES/UPDATES



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.

YOU HAVE
THE WORDS OF
ETERNAL
LIFE



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 Phoebe Malloy and her children for sponsoring this week's altar flowers in recognition of Fr. Michael's birthday and ordination and in honor of the memory of Mrs. Connie "Mama Connie" Gibson.

Altar Server Meeting

On August 29 from 9- 11 am, with Deacon Carl Johnson, for all altar servers.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17;
Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12;
Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18,
21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

KEEPING OUR COMMITMENTS

In the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, the husband, Tevye, whose marriage was arranged years and years before, wants to know if his wife really loves him. Was their marriage just an arrangement, a deal? Did his wife, after all these years, ever love him? Does she still?

We need to know if our loving commitments stick. We need to be reminded and reaffirmed. In the first reading, Joshua, Moses' successor, needed to know if the people would remain faithful to their covenant with the Lord. Joshua was going to lead them to a new life—a settled life. Would they be faithful?

Jesus, who identified himself as the very life of his disciples' life, needed to know: Will you also go away or will you stay? We do not often see Jesus this vulnerable. Peter and the apostles chose to stay. What will we do?

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The ministry of permanent deacons has become an essential part of our parish life today, yet for centuries until 1967, this deeply traditional ministry had virtually disappeared. Every priest had first to be ordained a deacon, but the notion that one could actually embrace a permanent vocation to the diaconate was lost.

The primary ministry of the deacon is to the welfare of the community, especially its poor, and his role in sacraments and preaching flows from that. His principal role is to animate and promote the ministry of all the faithful. Ninety percent of permanent deacons are married, although the discipline of celibacy for clerics means that if a deacon is widowed, normally he cannot remarry, nor can an unmarried deacon marry once ordained. The deacon does not preside at Mass nor may he absolve sins. Nor, since anointing of the sick is linked theologically to penance, may he anoint.

Sometimes we are slow to engage with a tradition: Trent approved permanent deacons in the 1560s, but nothing was done until the 1960s. The vitality of the long-delayed restoration has greatly enriched the Church, particularly in the United States, where the majority of the deacons in the world serve.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Bartholomew
Tuesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
Thursday: St. Monica
Friday: St. Augustine
Saturday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

What's happening in the Diocese?

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

Anagrams - Books of the Bible - Answers

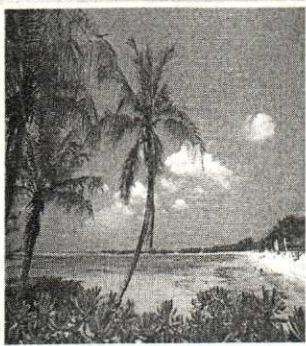
Created by BibleQuizzes.org.uk

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hemwatt	Matthew
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nailed	Daniel
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asheepsin	Ephesians
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beshrew	Hebrews
shipinpipl	Philippians

THE WAY

It's hard to train a child in a way the parents don't go themselves.

—Anonymous



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