St. Martin de Porres

Catholic Church • Diocese of Charleston

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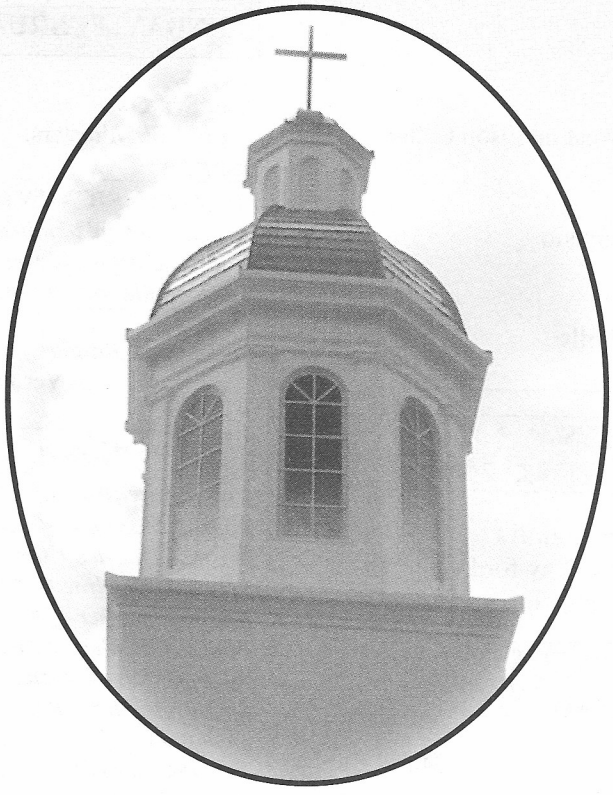
Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 & 11:30 AM

Mass in Vietnamese
As announced in bulletin

Weekday Masses
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
12:00 Noon

September thru May
Thursday: 10:00 AM

Check calendar for changes.



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Administrator

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Deacon

Rev. Mr. Leland Cave
Deacon

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Director of Religious Education

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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.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2018

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week In Our Parish

Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, January 29
Fr. Michael's Vacation
TUESDAY, January 30, 12:20 pm
Mass Intention: Ad Intentiones Dantium
WEDNESDAY, January 31, Noon
Mass Intention: † Carmen Schrall
THURSDAY, February 1, 10:00 am
School Mass
FRIDAY, February 2, Noon
Mass Intention: Thanksgiving for newest addition to the Broadway family
SATURDAY, February 3
5:00 pm Mass Intention: † Tony Veschusio
SUNDAY, February 4
7:00 am - Vietnamese Mass
5:00 Soup Kitchen – Our Lady of the Hills

MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 27 AND JANUARY 28, 2018

5:00 pm – † deceased Auel Family
9:00 am - † Jeannie & Mac Crawford
11:30 am - † Tony Veschusio

$$ FINANCIAL MATTERS $$ January 20 and January 21, 2018

Regular Collection	$4,571.01
Maintenance	$827.86
SMDP School	$105.00
	$5,503.87

MORTGAGE REDUCTION as of—12/31/2017 $ 136,210.42

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

MASS ATTENDANCE January 20 and January 21, 2017

Adults: 223 Children: 38

SAFE ENVIRONMENT
Our church and school participate in the Protecting God's Children programs ***(SAFE HAVEN)*** *as established by the Diocese of Charleston.*

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018 – 5:00 pm

Lector:	Juanita Henry
Altar Servers:	Gavin Mincer and Delaney Dunn
Eucharistic Ministers:	Hank MacDonald and Lin Wright
Sacristan:	Lin Wright

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018 – 9:00 am

Lectors:	Johnathan Kirkwood
Altar Servers	Danielle King and Ashanti Russ
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sr. Roberta Fulton and Laurie Tollefsen
Sacristan:	Paul James

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018 – 11:30 am

Lectors:	Tony Kenion
Altar Servers:	Favour Nzewi
Eucharistic Ministers:	Andrea Perry and Rick Harrison
Sacristan:	Paula Baylis

MINISTRY SIGN-IN REQUIRED: *Please remember to sign in on your scheduled ministry day. For Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Alter Servers and Sacristans, etc, forms are located in the vestibule and the sacristy.*

Collection Counters *for 1/28/2018*: Maxine Lloyd, Veronica Ramseur and Victoria Thomas

"Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

For the healing of*: Brady Baylis, Paula Baylis, Sallie M. Boykin, Mary Beth Callais, Dcn. Leland Cave, Flora Dial, Damon Frazier, Dierdre Harris, Frank Herty, Keddrick Jones, Vivian Kates, Jacqueline Kelly, Raymond Masczyk, Don Miller, Elizabeth Murphy (mother of Katrina Lorick), Robert Pearson, Julia Poulard (mother of Michael Poulard), Marie Reyes, Linda Rocano, Jane Rienzie, Tripp Roche, Royce Rosemond, Percy Savoy, Judith Scott, Jaimie Smith, Doug Stuhlsatz , Ed Sutton, Dorothy Waghelstein, Daniel Mark Waghelstein, Catherine J. Weedon, Leroy White, Jr.,*
Assisted Living: *Alexzenia Hebert*
Nursing Home: *Charlese Fischer*
For the souls of*: All of our departed Brothers and Sisters in Christ.*

Please provide notice of additions to our prayer list (hospitalizations, sick and homebound). *Kindly call the office at (803)254-6862 or* ***email*** *us at stmartincolumbia@gmail.com.*

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION

Today's Second Collection is for **The Church in Latin America.** Please give generously.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's Alter Flowers are sponsored by the People of the Parish.

NEW TO THE PARISH??? *Please drop by the Office to complete Registration forms and pick up a ministry booklet and calendar.*

SMDP SCHOOL NEWS

Plans are under way for the Spring Gala to be held on April 21, 2018. We are collecting donations for the silent auction. Tickets are available. Please contact the school office for tickets and additional information.

Sister Roberta Fulton, SSMN, Principal
St Martin de Porres Catholic School

"Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese of Charleston will be participating in a ***National*** **Day of Giving** during **Catholic Schools Week from 9:00 AM on January 30th – 9:00 AM on January 31st.** We'll be celebrating the many benefits of Catholic education and raising funds to offer tuition assistance. Our goal is to welcome every family desiring a Catholic education for their child. Your gift can make an impact! Please accept this invitation to invest in our children and our schools. Visit www.ncea.org/manygifts/csw during this 24 hour giving period. You'll find our schools listed on the drop down menu. For more information, please contact Anne Durney at adurney@charlestondiocese.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine)

Classes are held after 9:00 am mass. To enroll a student or for more information you may contact Mrs. Doris Arvelo, Director of Religious Education.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Please feel free to join us on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. For additional information, contact Mrs. Doris Arvelo, Director of Religious Education at 803-360-8626.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

SPIRITUAL READING

You will not see anyone who is truly striving after spiritual advancement who is not given to spiritual reading.

—St. Athanasius

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday:	St. John Bosco
Friday:	The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day; First Friday
Saturday:	St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday; Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES / UPDATES

Diocese of Charleston Black Catholic Congress

Saturday February 2-3rd, 2018
Furman University, Younts Convention Center, Greenville, SC

All are invited to join us as we hear the "Good News" from Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone, Fr. Michael Okere, and the Charleston Delegates who attended the National Black Catholic Congress Delegates and the National Convocation of Catholic Leaders. Join the discussion and participate in workshops focusing on the National Pastoral Plan for the Evangelization of Black Catholics. There will also be a Youth Track for youth ages 8-17. The evening before the Congress (Friday February 2, 2018) 7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m., we will host an evening of dialogue on the racial divide with a focus on the voices of our millennials followed by a Mardi Gras Social 8:30p.m. - 11.p.m. To register and get more information go to https://sccatholic.org/events-1
Or contact The Office of Ethnic Ministries at 864.331.2627, rmcnamara@catholic-doc.org
Registration form at
https://charlestonblackcatholiccongress2018.eventbrite.com

Catholic Engaged Encounter weekends for 2018 will be on the following dates:
Feb 16-18 : Camp Hope, Clemson
April 28-29: St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Simpsonville
May 19-20: Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church
July 21-22: St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Clemson
October 6-7: St. Michael's Catholic Church, Murrells Inlet
Please see the website www.cee-sc.org for more information and to register.

February 2018 – Black History Month

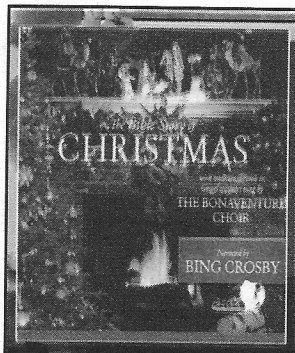
The 2018 theme, "African Americans in Times of War," commemorates the centennial of the end of the First World War in 1918, and explores the complex meanings and implications of this international struggle and its aftermath. This is a theme filled with paradoxes of valor and defeat, of civil rights opportunities and setbacks, of struggles abroad and at home, of artistic creativity and repression, and of catastrophic loss of life and the righteous hope for peace.

Courtesy of www.asalh.com

Please submit your ideas for events and activities to the Parish Office for review and authorization.

Support the Bishops' Initiative on marriage!

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." Let us learn to calm our anxieties about our spouses by exploring each other during a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend. The next weekends are: Jul 20-22, 2018 in Fort Mill, SC and Feb 2-4, 2018 in Clemmons, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https://SCMarriageMatters.org or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803-810-9602.



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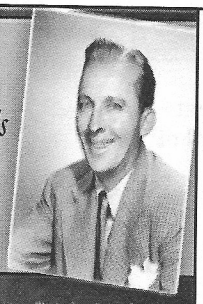

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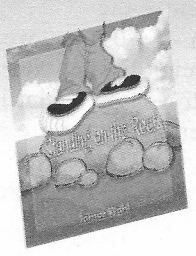

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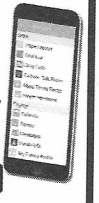

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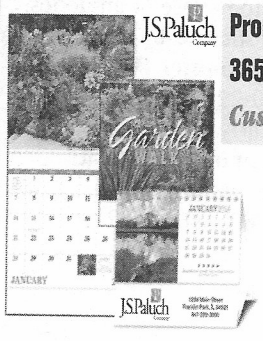

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