



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.



Parish Staff

Rev. Michael Okere

Administrator

Rev. Mr. Leland Cave

Deacon

Doris Arvelo

Director of Religious Education

Loyce Harrison

Vernetta Garcia

Parish Secretaries

Mrs. Delores Gilliard

School Principal

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Joyce Simons Poulard

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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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 23, 2020

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week in Our Parish

Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, February 24, Fr. Michael's Day Off

TUESDAY, February 25, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Steven McQueen

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 26, Noon & 6:30 pm Mass

Mass Intention: † Thelma Anderson

THURSDAY, February 27, 10:00 am Mass

FRIDAY, February 28, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † John Heiting

SATURDAY, February 29, 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, March 1

7:00 am - Vietnamese Mass

5:00 pm Soup Kitchen – Our Lady of the Hills

MASS INTENTIONS February 22 & 23, 2020

5:00 pm – † James Brown
9:00 am – † Agatha Ajagba
11:30 am – † Thelma Anderson

\$\$ FINANCIAL MATTERS \$\$ February 15 & 16, 2020

Regular Collection	\$5,179.22
Mortgage Reduction	\$120.00
Parish Charity	\$45.00
SMDP School	\$12.00
Church of Central & Eastern Europe	\$25.00
Mission Fund	\$160.00
Bishop's Stewardship Appeal	\$883.00
Bank Fee	\$0.40
	\$6,424.62

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF
OUR PARISH!

MASS ATTENDANCE February 15 & 16, 2020

Adults – 219 Children – 58

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

February 23 – Church in Central and Eastern Europe

March 1 – Home Missions

March 8 – Bishop's Stewardship Appeal

Please give generously

FINANCIAL NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS

If you attended the 9:00 Mass on December 22, 2019 and wrote a check for your tithes/donations, your check was not processed before year-end. The deposit was unprocessed by the bank until we completed research to locate the deposit. The deposit was found by the bank and credited to your accounts on January 30, 2020. Please feel free to contact the church office if you require additional information.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 29, 2020 – 5:00 pm

Lector: Michael Culbertson
Altar Server:
Eucharistic Ministers: Lin Wright & Hank MacDonald
Sacristan: Lin Wright

SUNDAY, March 1, 2020 – 9:00 am

Lectors: Antona Wilson/Rosalyn Smith
Altar Servers: Mac Tollefsen
Eucharistic Ministers: Hector & Vern Garcia
Sacristan: Laurie Tollefsen

SUNDAY, March 1, 2020 – 11:30 am

Lector: Rick Harrison
Altar Servers: Favour Nzewi
Eucharistic Ministers: Larry & Rose Bailey
Sacristan: Pheobe Malloy

Collection Counters for today **February 23:**
Doretha Glymph, Katrina Lorick, Judith James

"Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

For the healing of: Terrell Alexander, Adren Bailey (Larry Bailey), Pearl Bartley, Rose Bailey, Paula Baylis, William Baylis, Paulette Bradley (Natasha Dennison), Kelvin Brown, Mary Beth Callais, Irma Coleman, Janice Coleman, Savi Culbertson, Floria Dial, Dolores DiMaria, James T. Easley, Damon Frazier, Carla Gouridine, Doretha Glymph, Robin Green, Ellen Greiner, Dierdre Harris, Leroy Henry, Frank Herty, Leslie Hodges-Jackson, Amira Johnson (Barbara Johnson), Kedrick Jones, Sandra Joseph (Harrison Joseph), Vivian Kates, Dawn Lance, Maxine Lloyd, Joseph McKenzie, Hank MacDonald, Samuel Marshall, Eugene Mincer, Gavin Mincer, Elizabeth Murphy, John Roland Neal, Sr. (Tyrone Neal Sr.) Arthur Newson, Robert Pearson, Helen Pellicci, Joyce Poulard, Veronica Ramseur, Marie Reyes, Linda Rocano, Jane Rienzie, Tripp Roche, Royce Rosemond, Judith Scott, Brenda Singleton (Pheobe Malloy), Jaimie Smith, Brenda Easley Webb (mother of Cynthia Joseph), Robert Webb (Cynthia Joseph), Leroy White, Jr., Laurretta Williams, Marcia Wilson, and Vashti Woodson.

Assisted Living: Dorothy "Nana" Paul

For the Souls of: William (Bill) Baylis and 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 stmartincolumbia@charlestdiocese.org

Shopping online? Support the church at smile.amazon.com. Select St. Martin de Porres as your charitable organization

ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to Robert and Delores Gilliard for sponsoring this week's Altar Flowers

SMDP SCHOOL NEWS



Thank you so much for your donations for the 144 Envelope Fundraiser. Your support will truly make a difference in our school! Just a reminder that we are still accepting donations. If you have not returned your envelope, please drop in the basket in the foyer or drop it by the school.

JOIN US! The school will have a **Black History Month Program Tuesday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m.** Dinner will be provided at 5:15 -5:45 p.m. in the school cafeteria. RSVP for the dinner at 254-5477. Guest Speaker, Donald Sweeper, Introducing the Gullah Culture (Storytelling) and an Exhibit: Mrs. Sonja Hodges, "Black Cowboys-The Untold Story"

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Baptism

Baptisms should be scheduled 6 months before the baptism date. Parents must be registered members of the parish. Parents and sponsors should register for the Baptismal Preparation class. Classes by appointment only. Contact Mrs. Doris Arvelo, Director of Religious Education at (803) 360-8626 for more information and registration.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

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: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence

celebrate
BLACK
history MONTH

Soul Food Potluck Dinner -
February 29th from 6:30pm-
8:30pm to end our month-long
celebration. Please sign up for the
dinner via the sign-up sheet in the

vestibule, online at <https://tinyurl.com/smdppl> or scan the QR code on the flyer. There will be a presentation on the history of voting and African Americans, a viewing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's speech "Give us the Vote," and end with Black History Kahoots.

Black History Month Weekly Question: "In what year was Thurgood Marshall appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court?"

ON THE ROAD TO SAINTHOOD

Servant of God Mother Mary Lange

She was born Elizabeth Lange in around 1794 in Santiago de Cuba, where she lived in a primarily French speaking community. She received an excellent education and in the early 1800s Elizabeth left Cuba and settled in the United States. Elizabeth came to Baltimore as a courageous, loving, and deeply spiritual woman. There was no free public education for African American children in Maryland until 1868, so she responded to that need by opening a school in her home in the Fells Point area of the city for the children.

Providence intervened through the person of Reverend James Hector Joubert, SS, who was encouraged by James Whitfield, Archbishop of Baltimore, and presented Elizabeth Lange with the idea to find a religious congregation for the education of African American girls. Father Joubert would provide direction, solicit financial assistance, and encourage other "women of colour" to become members of this, the first congregation of African American women religious in the history of the Catholic Church. Elizabeth joyfully accepted Father Joubert's idea. On July 2, 1829 Elizabeth and three other women professed their vows and became the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Elizabeth, foundress and first superior general of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, took the religious name of Mary.

Provided by: <https://www.nbccongress.org/black-catholic-sainthood.html>

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



February 26, 2020 – Ash Wednesday
Masses are at Noon and 6:30 p.m. It is a day abstinence. Lent begins our time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

February 27 – March 1, 2020 – ACTS Men's Retreat at Camp Kinard, Batesburg. For more information email ACTS@ollchapin.org or call Deacon John Stetar at 803-318-5092

February 29, 2020 - The Belonging Catholic Conference 4 Women, 8:30 until the closing Mass at 4:30 with Bishop Guglielmone. This gathering will take place in Greenville. For more information or to sign up, visit: www.belongingcatholicconference4women.com/

March 7, 2020 – Annual Rosary Altar Society Luncheon, tickets are available for the for \$35 (children ages 12 and below \$20), see any RAS member.

March 20-22, 2020 -- Rachel's Vineyard Retreats bring spiritual healing and restoration to women and men who have had or participated in an abortion. Join us on the journey to healing, peace and reconciliation in Greenville. This retreat is confidential and nonjudgmental. For more information, please contact Christy 803-554-6088, grace4healing@gmail.com or Kathy at 803-546-6010. www.rachelsvineyard.org

Prayer Calendar

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church March 2020



Join Our Parish In
Praying For:



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Family of:	2 Family of:	3 Family of:	4 Family of:	5 Family of:	6 Family of:	7 Family of:
Paula Baylis	Clement Agbatutu	Marion Alexander	Doris Arvelo	Paxton Williams	Lin Wright	Brenda Williams
8 Family of:	9 Family of:	10 Family of:	11 Family of:	12 Family of:	13 Family of:	14 Family of:
Fred Maclean Daylight Saving Time Starts	Robert Turner II	Libba Anderson	LaRone Washington	Geraldine Arceneaux	Oluchi Akomah	Lolita Baens
15 Family of:	16 Family of:	17 Family of:	18 Family of:	19 Family of:	20 Family of:	21 Family of:
Gerald Barr	Pearl Bartley	Alphonso Bassard	Shelley Bilal	Colleen Anater	Margaret Afamefuna	Dr. Floyd Angus
22 Family of:	23 Family of:	24 Family of:	25 Family of:	26 Family of:	27 Family of:	28 Family of:
Terrence Wright	Zemare Ashford	Vashti Woodson	Dr. Gerald Wilson	Adrienne Wilson	Patricia Wilson	Andrea Williams
29 Family of:	30 Family of:	31 Family of:				
Adriana Joyner	Philana Williams- Jones	Lawrence Williams				

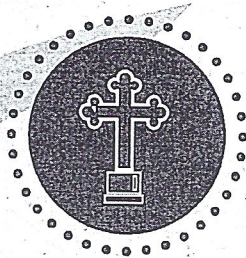
Parish Events:

March 8, 2020 Daylight Savings Time Starts
March 25, 2020 Penance Service @ 7pm

Stations of the Cross: Each Friday during Lent at 6 p.m.

4 Ways to Observe Lent

Lent is a season of focus and preparation. It aligns our hearts with God's heart as we approach Easter. The following are just a few ways to focus and prepare.

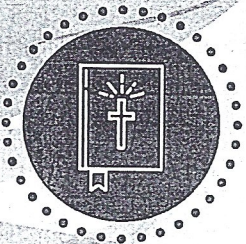


Give It Up

Consider giving up something that distracts from your important relationships: like too much time on Twitter or Clash of Clans.

Maybe cut out screen usage for several hours a day.

Take a day of true rest: let go of toil for 24 hours.



Plug In

Consider adding in something that helps you connect to God.

Read a book of the Bible, a devotional, or practice Lectio Divina on a daily basis.



Serve

Start a new routine of service.

Volunteer regularly as an academic mentor, step up to volunteer in a local church, or visit a nursing home.

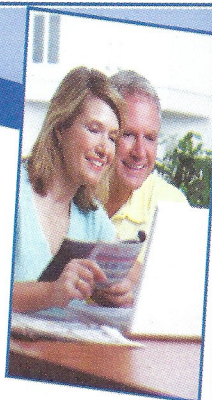


Share It

Make it a communal event.

Share your Lent practices with others via a small group and/or attending worship.

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