

# *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*

## **Parish Council**

Dr. Gerald Wilson, Chairman

Hermína Bellinger, Secretary

Deacon Leland Cave

Mrs. Delores Gilliard

Doris Arvelo

Harrison Joseph

Joyce Simons Poulard

Sydney Joseph, Youth Associate

## **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.

**Second Sunday of Lent ~ March 8, 2020**



## Second Sunday of Lent

### This Week in Our Parish

Website: [www.stmartincolumbia.org](http://www.stmartincolumbia.org)

**MONDAY, March 09, Fr. Michael's Day Off**

**TUESDAY, March 10, Noon Mass**

Mass Intention: † Waspe Family

**WEDNESDAY, March 11, Noon Mass**

Mass Intention: † Bennett Family

**THURSDAY, March 12, 10:00 am Mass**

**FRIDAY, March 13, Noon Mass**

Mass Intention: † Fr. Marcin Zahuta

**SATURDAY, March 14, 5:00 pm Vigil Mass**

Mass Intention: Helen Pellicci

**SUNDAY, March 15**

7:00 am - Vietnamese Mass

5:00 pm Soup Kitchen - Transfiguration & Friends

### MASS INTENTIONS

March 7 & 8, 2020

5:00 pm - Dolores DiMaria

9:00 am - † Betty Miller

11:30 am - † Bill Baylis

### \$\$ FINANCIAL MATTERS \$\$

February 29 & March 1, 2020

Regular Collection	\$6,119.10
Mortgage Reduction	\$665.00
Ash Wednesday	\$150.00
Memorials	\$275.00
Church of Central & Eastern Europe	\$5.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$912.30
Bishop's Stewardship Appeal	\$10.00
	\$8,136.40

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF  
OUR PARISH!

### MASS ATTENDANCE

February 29 & March 1, 2020

Adults - 213 Children - 44

### SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

March 8 - Bishop's Stewardship Appeal

March 15 - Soup Kitchen

March 22 - Catholic Relief Services

Please give generously

\*\*\*Stations of the Cross, each Friday during Lent at  
6:00 pm followed by Soup and Salad Reception\*\*\*

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The Diocese of Charleston encourages the suspension of the  
"handshake/kiss of peace" during Masses. We encourage  
members to exchange peace by another gesture or  
acknowledgement of the Peace of Christ that still  
"expresses peace, communion and charity."

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, March 14, 2020 - 5:00 pm**

Lector: Lin Wright

Altar Server: Gavin Mincer

Sacristan: Pat Mincer

**SUNDAY, March 15, 2020 - 9:00 am**

Lectors: Charles Green

Altar Servers: Isaiah Joseph & Jacob Arceneaux

Sacristan: Janice Coleman

**SUNDAY, March 15, 2020 - 11:30 am**

Lector: Judith James

Altar Servers: Lucas Molina

Sacristan: Barbara Johnson

Collection Counters for today March 8:

Cynthia Caldwell, Sam Henry, Ed Sutton

### "Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

**For the healing of:** Terrell Alexander, Adren Bailey (Larry Bailey), Pearl Bartley, Rose Bailey, Paula 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 Gourdine, 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., Lauretta Williams, Marcia Wilson, and Vashti Woodson.  
**Assisted Living:** Dorothy "Nana" Paul

**For the Souls of:** Fr. Marcin Zahuta, Bill Baylis, Betty Miller (sister of Flo MacLean) 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

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## SMDP SCHOOL NEWS



St. Martin de Porres Catholic School is accepting registration for Pre K-3 through 3 grade. Pre K-4 students may qualify for tuition from First Steps, parents will need to apply early, all counties are eligible!

The School needs qualified substitutes for all grades. Preferably retired teachers or instructional assistants who

have worked in Early Childhood. In addition, must be willing to complete a background check through the Diocese. Employees working with students in Pre- K3 and 4 must have a background check and fingerprinting done through the DSS. The school has all the paperwork needed for both agencies. Thank you!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Congratulations to our Catechumens who went through the Rite of Election February 28, 2020 at Our Lady of the Hills, Joyce McKay and Shelby Mode.



If you have any questions, please contact Director of Religious Education is Ms. Doris Arvelo 803-360-8626

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## 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: Second Sunday of Lent;  
 Daylight Saving Time begins;  
 International Women's Day  
 Monday: St. Frances of Rome;  
 Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset  
 Friday: Abstinence



**March 16-18, 2020 -- Lenten Retreat with Br. Henry Fulmer at 7:00 pm each evening**

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

### SAINT FRANCES OF ROME

Nature and human nature—plagues and wars—turned late medieval Rome into a living hell, particularly for the sick and poor. Frances, by birth and marriage well provided for, was a devoted wife and mother; but like Benedictine Oblates, who to this day “pray and work” while living with their families and working in the world, she joined like-minded laywomen friends in ministering to society’s most vulnerable. Frances’ charity was not only “hands on” but “in home.” Her palace became a hospital after the plague claimed two of her three children. When her husband’s death ended their loving marriage of forty years, Frances joined other widowed Oblates in community. In an interesting link to the United States, our nation’s premier religious congregation for women of color, the Oblate Sisters of Providence, in 1833 established bonds of spiritual communion with these Oblates of Saint Frances in Rome.

Though Black History Month is past, take a moment to learn about the good work that Mother Lange’s spiritual daughters are doing still and consider supporting them as a Lenten project: [www.oblatesisters.com](http://www.oblatesisters.com).

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## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**\*\*Due to global concern about the rapid spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), and influenza remaining a worry in many states the distribution of the chalice to the faithful will be suspended until the spread of the diseases has safely subsided. \*\***

**March 8, 2020** – Cardinal Newman Open House for prospective families Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m.! Private tours are always available contact Donna Fosmire [fosmires@earthlink.net](mailto:fosmires@earthlink.net). To RSVP for the Open House or to read about our new bus routes, visit [cnhs.org](http://cnhs.org).

**March 19, 2020**, at 7:00 pm Lenten Retreat with Chris Padgett “I’m not Ok, You’re not Ok, but it’s Ok” at Transfiguration in Blythewood. Call parish office for more information 735-0512

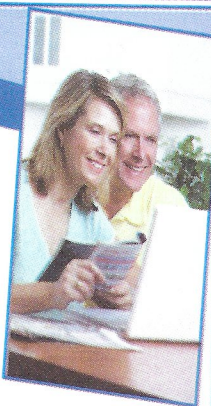
**March 22, 2020 -- CALLING SMDP School ALUMNI** at 10:15 am after the 9:00 Mass for a planning meeting. We will meet in the Conference Room. Update on the Alumni April Gala Weekend! Details: Call 803 223-3894 or 699-4381.

## Lenten Penance Services at 7:00 pm

PARISH	DATE	DAY
St. John Neumann	March 16	Monday
Our Lady of the Hills	March 23	Monday
Our Lady of the Lake	March 24	Tuesday
St. Martin de Porres	March 25	Wednesday
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	March 30	Monday
Corpus Christi	March 28	*Saturday @ 11:00am*
St. Peter	April 1	Wednesday
Transfiguration	April 2	Thursday



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