St. Martin de Porres

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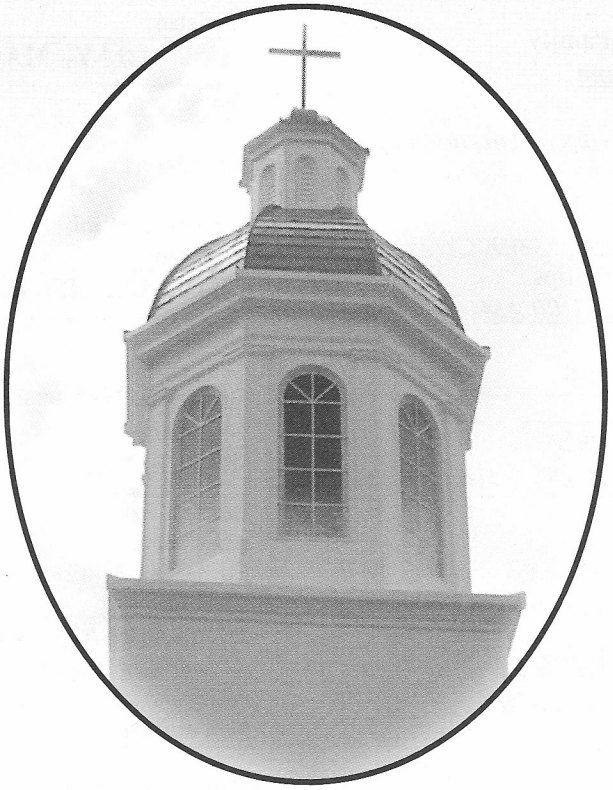
Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 & 11:30 AM

Mass in Vietnamese
As announced in bulletin

Weekday Masses
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
12:00 Noon

September thru May
Thursday: 10:00 AM

Check calendar for changes.



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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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

This Week In Our Parish

Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, March 26
Fr. Michael's Day Off
TUESDAY, March 27
Chrism Mass, Charleston – OFFICE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY, March 28, Noon
Mass Intention: The Shickery Joseph Family
HOLY THURSDAY, March 29, 6:30 pm
GOOD FRIDAY, March 30, Noon
- *Seven Last Words / Stations of the Cross / Veneration of the Cross*
- *Vietnamese Mass: 8:00 pm*

HOLY SATURDAY, March 31, 8:30 pm – Easter Vigil
5:00 pm Mass Intention: † Joannne Phillips
EASTER SUNDAY, April 1, 9:00 and 11:00 AM
7:00 am or 6:00 pm - Vietnamese Mass
5:00 Soup Kitchen - Our Lady of the Hills

MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 24 AND MARCH 25, 2018

5:00 pm – † Dick Byrd
9:00 am - † Joseph Clinkscales
11:30 am - Souls in Purgatory

$$ FINANCIAL MATTERS $$ March 17 and March 18, 2018

Regular Collection	$5,391.18
Mortgage Reduction	$390.00
Bishop's Stewardship Appeal	$20.00
Catholic Relief Services	$40.00
Soup Kitchen	$25.00
Flowers	$182.00
SMDP School	$125.00
	$6,173.18

MORTGAGE REDUCTION as of—2/28/2017
$ 149,003.30

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

MASS ATTENDANCE March 17 and March 18, 2017

Adults 269 Children: 59

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

March 25, 2018: **Easter Flowers and Decorations.**
March 31, 2018: **Pontifical Good Friday Collection (Peter's Pence)**
April 1, 2018: **Easter Offering**
Please give generously.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018 – 6:30 pm

Lector:	Bernetha Henry and Aileen Williams
Altar Server:	Mac Tollefsen and Leif Tollefsen
Eucharistic Ministers:	Charlotte House and Frankey House
Sacristan:	Dr. Janice Coleman

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018 – 3:00 pm

Lector:	Mike Culbertson
Altar Server:	Lauren Brown and Danielle Doggett
Sacristan:	Pauline Baylis

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018 – 8:15 pm

Lector:	Tony Wilson, Katrina Lorick, Johnathan Kirkwood, Tony Kenion
Altar Servers:	Carmen Garcia, Aniya Cave, Elijah Garcia, Lauren Brown
Eucharistic Ministers:	Dorothy Paul and Marion Alexander
Sacristan:	Lin Wright

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018 – 9:00 am

Lector:	Kishinda Covington and Roberta Fulton
Altar Server:	Danika Covington and Fallon Covington
Eucharistic Ministers:	Katrina Lorick and Michael Glymph
Sacristan:	Toni Campbell

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018 – 11:30 am

Lector:	Phoebe Malloy
Altar Servers:	Tymia Boles and Danielle Doggett
Eucharistic Ministers:	Rick Harrison and Barbara Johnson
Sacristan:	Pauline 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 03/25/2018*: Maxine Lloyd, Veronica Ramseur and Victoria Thomas

"Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

For the healing of*: Terrell Alexander, Donnie Ashford, Brady Baylis, Paula Baylis, Hermina Bellinger, Sallie M. Boykin, Mary Beth Callais, Dcn. Leland Cave, Flora Dial, Leon Elliott, Damon Frazier, Dierdre Harris, Frank Herty, Keddrick Jones, Vivian Kates, Jacqueline Kelly, Samuel Marshall, 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, Jim Russell, 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*:* Mancer Wilson III *(Uncle of Dcn. Cave, Brother of Patricia Wilson)* 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*** *us at stmartincolumbia@gmail.com.*

SMDP SCHOOL NEWS

- **Easter Break** begins Holy Thursday at Noon
  Returning on April 9, 2018
- **THANKS TO Mr. Cummings, Mr. House and Mr. Lopez** for Lending Helping Hands at the School
- 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

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:	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday:	a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7
Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

SPIRITUAL READING

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

—St. Athanasius

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

THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday.

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES / UPDATES

April 6-8, "Search" retreat, OLOH, 7:30 pm
April 9, 2018 – St. Anthony's Relics, 4-8pm, Our Lady of the Hills Church
April 15, 2018 – St. Anthony of Padua relics available for viewing, Corpus Christi Church, 8 am, 11am and 5pm masses
April 15, 2018 – Birthright Baby Shower, 1-3 pm
July 27 – 29 – National Black Catholic Women's Gathering, New Orleans, Reserve at (800) 305-6342

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Monday:	Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday:	Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday:	Wednesday of Holy Week
Thursday:	Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum
Friday:	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence; Passover begins
Saturday:	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night; Holy Saturday

THE MISCELLANY

Annual Subscriptions to the Miscellany newspaper are provided to SMDP parishioners at no cost. Please contact the parish office to sign up for your subscription. **(New subscribers only)**

April 1, 2018 - He is risen! May the joy of Easter be with you. Let **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** help you resurrect the romance in your marriage. The next weekends are: Jul 20-22, 2018 in Fort Mill, SC and Aug 3-5, 2018 in Chapel Hill, 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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Penance

(for this issue, we will address Penance. Reconciliation will be published at a later date)

"Penance requires . . . the sinner to endure all things willingly, be contrite of heart, confess with the lips, and practice complete humility and fruitful satisfaction."

Among the penitent's acts contrition occupies first place. Contrition is "sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again

The sacrament of Penance consecrates the Christian sinner's personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance, and satisfaction. Sin, is before all else an offense against God, a rupture of communion with him. At the same time, it damages communion with the Church. For this reason, conversion entails both God's forgiveness and reconciliation with the Church, which are expressed and accomplished liturgically by the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Who can administer the Sacrament?

The Priest: Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of Penance. When he celebrates the sacrament of Penance, the priest is fulfilling the ministry of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost sheep, of the Good Samaritan who binds up wounds, of the Father who awaits the prodigal son and welcomes him on his return, and of the just and impartial judge whose judgment is both just and merciful. The priest is the sign and the instrument of God's merciful love for the sinner.

What are the benefits?

Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labors for their conversion.

"The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship." For those who receive the sacrament of Penance with contrite heart and religious disposition, reconciliation "is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation."

This sacrament reconciles us with the Church. Sin damages or even breaks fraternal communion. The sacrament of Penance repairs or restores it. In this sense it does not simply heal the one restored to ecclesial communion but has also a revitalizing effect on the life of the Church which suffered from the sin of one of her members.

See: Catechism of the Catholic Church, Part 2, Section 2, Article 4

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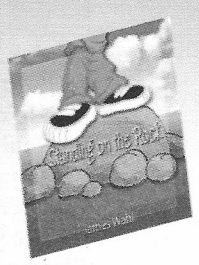

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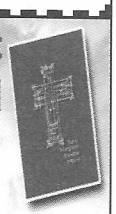

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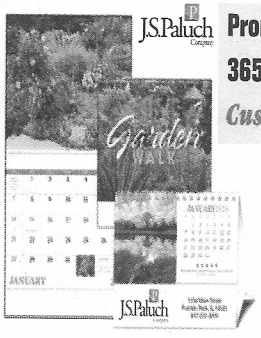

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