St. Martin de Porres

Catholic Church • Diocese of Charleston

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School: 803-254-5477 - **Fax:** 803-254-7335

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
Hermina 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.

Third Sunday of Easter ~ May 5, 2019

Third Sunday of Easter

This Week In Our Parish

Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, *May 6*
Fr. Michael's Day Off
TUESDAY, *May 7, Noon Mass*
Mass Intention: Malarcher Family
WEDNESDAY, *May 8, Noon Mass*
Mass Intention: †
THURSDAY, *May 9, 10am Mass*
Mass Intention:
FRIDAY, *May 10, Noon Mass*
Mass Intention:
SATURDAY, *May 11, 5pm*
Mass Intention: Malarcher Family
SUNDAY, *May 12*
7:00 am - Vietnamese Mass
5:00 Soup Kitchen – Rosary Altar Society

MASS INTENTIONS
May 4-5, 2019

5:00 pm – Malarcher Family
9:00 am – People of Sri Lanka
11:30 am – † Agatha Ajagba (Father Michael's Aunt)

$$ FINANCIAL MATTERS $$
April 27-28, 2019

Regular Collection	$6,510.65
SMDP School	$ 105.00
Mortgage Reduction	$ 435.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	$ 20.00
Catholic Home Missions	$ 696.25
Easter Donations	$ 60.00
MAP/Bicentennial	$ 85.00
	$7,911.90

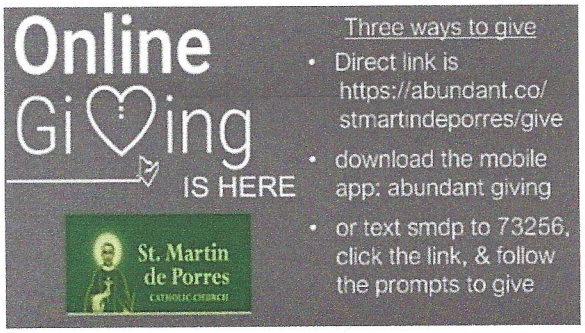
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH!

MASS ATTENDANCE
April 27-28, 2019

Adults – 212 Children – 32

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

May 5 – No Second Collection
May 12 – Total Services of Catholic Charities & Mother's Day
May 26 – SMDP School
Please give generously



Liturgical Ministry Schedule

SATURDAY, May 11, 2019 – 5:00 pm

Lector:	Michael Culbertson
Altar Server:	Gavin Mincer & Jeremiah Rowe
Eucharistic Ministers:	Michael Myer & Hank MacDonald
Sacristan:	Hank MacDonald

SUNDAY, May 12, 2019 – 9:00 am

Lectors:	Bernetha Henry
Altar Servers:	Mac Tollefsen & Matthew Cave
Eucharistic Ministers:	Laurie Tollefsen & Carletta Brown
Sacristan:	Ed Sutton

SUNDAY, May 12, 2019 – 11:30 am

Lector:	Rick Harrison
Altar Server:	Tymia Boles
Eucharistic Ministers:	Hermina Bellinger & Pheobe Malloy
Sacristan:	Pheobe Malloy

MINISTRY SIGN-IN REQUIRED: *Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Sacristans: please remember to sign in on your scheduled ministry day. Forms are located in the vestibule and the sacristy.*

Collection Counters for today ***May 5*****:**
Hector Garcia, Doretha Glymph & Katrina Lorick

"Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

For the healing of: Terrell Alexander, Adren Bailey (brother of Larry Bailey), Pearl Bartley, Rose Bailey, Paula Baylis, Carol Ann Beard, Hermina Bellinger, Maggie Blount (sister of Lin Wright), Paulette Bradley (mother-in-law of Natasha Dennison), Mary Beth Callais, Doris Cantey, Irma Coleman (sister of Rose Bailey), Kishinda Covington, Savi Culbertson, Floria Dial, Delores DiMaria, Leon Elliott, Damon Frazier, Carla Gourdine, Robin Green, Ellen Greiner, Dierdre Harris, Leroy Henry, Frank Herty, Keddrick Jones, Sandra Joseph (mother of Harrison Joseph), Vivian Kates, Alvin Lorick, Barry Lynn, Hank MacDonald, Samuel Marshall, Eugene Mincer, Elizabeth Murphy (mother of Katrina Lorick), Robert Pearson, Marie Reyes, Linda Rocano, Jane Rienzie, Tripp Roche, Royce Rosemond, Judith Scott, Jaimie Smith, John Spells, Doug Stuhlsatz, Daniel Mark Waghelstein, Leroy White, Jr., Lauretta Williams, and Vashti Woodson.
Assisted Living: Alexzenia Hebert, Dorothy "Nana" Paul
For the Souls of: Agatha Ajagba (Father Michael's Aunt) Christa Reyes (daughter of Maria Reyes), Clarence Foster, Percy Savoy (brother of Geraldine Arceneaux), 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@charlestondiocese.org*

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to Veronica Ramseur for sponsoring this week's Altar Flowers.

Please check church website calendar for events and activities: www.stmartincolumbia.org

SMDP SCHOOL NEWS

The 2019 School Gala Committee and St. Martin de Porres Catholic School extend sincere appreciation to Fr. Michael, the Parish staff, parishioners and all who helped to make this year's event a huge success. Your support made all the difference. ***THANK YOU!!!***

REGISTRATION

St. Martin de Porres School is now taking 2019-2020 registration for students in grades PreK3 to 6. Please encourage family and friends to check out our school! We have small class sizes, one-to one assistance, and quality instruction. We need your support in recruiting new students!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Reconciliation is Saturday, July 13th at 10:00am, First Communion, July 14th at 9:00 Mass and Confirmation is August 25.

Family Registration forms are available in the church vestibule. For additional religious education information, contact Mrs. Doris Arvelo, Director of Religious Education at (803) 360-8626. Please share information with someone you think may need this program.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

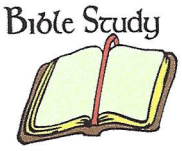
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

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:	Third Sunday of Easter; Cinco de Mayo; Ramadan (Islamic observance) begins
Friday:	St. Damien de Veuster



BIBLE STUDY: *Wednesday,* ***May 8, 2019*** *@ 6:00 pm. We need volunteers to help facilitate with Fr. Michael and Deacon Leland.*

NEW TO THE PARISH??

Please drop by the Office to complete Registration forms and pick up a ministry booklet and Stewardship Guide. Registration is required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

Bearer of Light

The Gospel today sees Peter and his colleagues after the Resurrection, returning to Galilee and resuming the family business. They are fishing by night. Although it is true that fish feed by night, the mention of darkness here is more about the human spirit than it is about fishing advice. Modern life keeps darkness effectively under control; much of the world has been glowing radiantly through the night for a century. Yet just as surely as the Risen Christ breaks into Peter's fishing, so does he break into the usual patterns of our own darkness, electric lights notwithstanding. It is Easter, and we are the people of the light.

In our tradition, Evening Prayer, celebrated in monasteries, parishes, cathedrals, and homes everywhere, is a kind of solemn protest against the darkness and its claims, an act of praise for our light-bearing God, and a commitment to carrying that light forward. Sunset is a turning point of our day, felt less acutely in an electrified world, but still an effective reminder that one day darkness overtakes us all. Yet our Eastering has taught us in a hundred ways that the victory belongs to the Bearer of Light. Easter summons us to transform our everyday "blackouts," perhaps in a way as simple as a whispered prayer of thanks at evening for the blessings of the day.

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EVENTS/ACTIVITIES/UPDATES

May 11-12, 2019, Mother's Day weekend, Volunteers will distribute baby bottles. Please fill the bottles with coins, cash, or checks and return the Birthright bottles on Father's Day weekend. The funds help Birthright assist pregnant girls and women.

The men of the parish will sponsor the annual Mother's Day Breakfast next Sunday after the 9:00 am Mass. If you would like to donate your time or make a monetary donation, please see Johnathan Kirkwood.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are **July 19-21, 2019** in Charleston, SC and **November 8-10, 2019** in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information log onto https://SCMariageMatters.org or applications@scmarriagematters.org or call 803/810-9602.

WHO IS AN ACTIVE PARISHIONER?

- Regular attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Absent only for serious reason, e.g. illness.
- Registered in the Parish, receiving and using weekly envelopes, supporting the Parish according to the best of one's ability.
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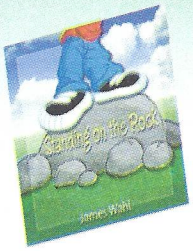

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