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. Carl Johnson
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.

Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017

The Third Sunday of Advent

This Week In Our Parish

Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, December 18
Fr. Michael's Day Off
TUESDAY, December 19
Mass Intention: Ad Intentiones Dantium
WEDNESDAY, December 20
Mass Intention: Szillat Family
THURSDAY, December 21
(School Closed)
FRIDAY, December 22
Mass Intention: † Erika Haley
SATURDAY, December 23
5:00 pm Mass Intention: † May and Art Auel
SUNDAY, December 24
Mass Intention: Ad Intentiones Dantium
7:00 am - Vietnamese Mass
5:00 Soup Kitchen – will resume on 12/31/2017
(Knights of Peter Claver)

MASS INTENTIONS
DECEMBER 16 AND DECEMBER 17, 2017

5:00 pm † Tony Veschusio
9:00 am - † Tony Veschusio
11:30 am - † Tony Veschusio

$$ FINANCIAL MATTERS $$
December 9 and December 10, 2017

Regular Collection	$4,877.41
Mortgage Reduction	$470.00
Bishop's Stewardship Appeal	$20.00
Christmas Flowers & Decorations	$260.00
SMDP School	$130.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	$721.00
Soup Kitchen	$25.00
Misc. Donations	$300.00
	$6,803.41

Please Remember to Make Your Christmas Donations!

MORTGAGE REDUCTION as of—11/30/2017
$ 123,499.30

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

MASS ATTENDANCE
December 9 and December 10, 2017

Adults: 226 Children: 42

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, DECEMBER 23, 2017 – 5:00 pm

Lector:	Juanita Henry
Altar Servers:	Gavin Mincer
Eucharistic Ministers:	Marion Alexander
Sacristan:	Lin Wright

SUNDAY, December 24, 2017 – 9:00 am

Lectors:	Katrina Lorick/Charles Green
Altar Servers	Danielle Doggett/Macc Tollefsen
Eucharistic Ministers:	Donnie Ashford/Michael Glymph
Sacristan:	Vern Garcia

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017 – 11:30 am

Lectors:	Barbara Johnson/Johnathan Kirkwood
Altar Servers:	Tymia Boles/Favour Nwezi
Eucharistic Ministers:	Rick Harrison/Barbara Johnson
Sacristan:	TBA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017 – 6:00 pm (CHILDREN'S MASS)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017 – 11:30 pm (CARROLLING & MIDNIGHT VIGIL)

Lectors:	Toni Wilson/Eva Trezevant
Altar Servers:	Loren Brown/Aniya Cave/ Berland Asouzu
Eucharistic Ministers:	TBA
Sacristan:	TBA

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 12/17/2017: Rosalyn Frierson, Johnathan Kirkwood, Cathy Chiles

"Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

For the healing of: William Jeffrey Adams (brother of Claudia Cooper),Sallie M. Boykin, Mary Beth Callais,, Flora Dial, Damon Frazier, Pat R. Goodwin, Dierdre Harris, Frank Herty, Keddrick Jones, Vivian Kates, Jacqueline Kelly, Raymond Masczyk, Don Miller, Elizabeth Murphy (mother of Katrina Lorick), Robert Pearson, Marie Reyes, Linda Rocano, Jane Rienzie, 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 St. Martin De Porres Mission Fund. Please give generously.

SMDP SCHOOL NEWS

- The School's Christmas Program will be held on December 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD ***(Confraternity of Christian Doctrine)***

Classes began on **September 10, 2017**. 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:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

SPIRITUAL READING

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

—St. Athanasius

JOB POSTING: PARISH SECRETARY

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church is looking for a part-time Secretary with at least 5 years of similar experience. The individual must be proficient in managing administrative activities of the parish and be capable of assisting in organizing pastoral activities in the Parish. Candidate must possess good computer skills (Microsoft Word and Excel) and must be able to learn the software used in church operations in the diocese. Interested candidates may begin the application process by submitting a resume with three (3) references to the parish office.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

ARE AVAILABLE IN THE

CHURCH VESTIBULE

Please remember to collect your envelopes.
Children's envelopes (numbered 4000 series) are also available.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Presipio (Nativity Scene)

Last week, we looked at a form of nativity scene called a *presipio*, characterized by framing the crèche of Jesus with a vast array of personalities and a rich geographical context. The tradition was carried to the New World, and finds very rich expression in Latin America today. While in Europe the *presepio* was reserved mostly to the homes of wealthy nobles and great churches, in Latin America it was claimed by the poor and expressed the skills of native artisans. In Mexico, you can still find clay figures in every village market. In a way, the native people took the religion of Spanish rule and baptized it with their Indian culture by surrounding the crib of Jesus with local geography and people. In Brazil, where Christmas falls in summer, the figure of the baby Jesus is wrapped in gold and gems, and set on a hillside surrounded by flowers and animals of all kinds. Sometimes there is a double *presepio*, presenting both Nativity and Crucifixion.

In some places in Latin America, even non-religious people take care to have a *presepio* in the home, sometimes dedicating one whole room in the house or apartment to the scene. Some cities have markets where people from the countryside sell plants and figurines. In Cuzco, churches and families provide hot chocolate for the children of the poor who come down to help create the nativity scenes. In Paraguay, the baby Jesus grows—the small infant who arrives on Christmas Eve is replaced at New Year with a toddler Jesus who holds in one hand the globe and in the other a cross. Few Christmas traditions have the vitality and variety of *presepios* and crèches honoring the Nativity.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Thursday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins
Saturday: St. John of Kanty

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES / UPDATES

Mon. Dec. 18, 2017 - Volunteer Appreciation 6.30pm
Tues. Dec. 19, 2017- School Christmas Program 6pm
Sun. Dec 24, 2015 - Vietnamese Mass, 7am
Sun. Dec 24, 2015 - Vigil Mass of Christmas, 6pm
Mon. Dec. 25, 2017 – Vietnamese Mass, 4 pm
Mon. Dec. 25, 2017 - Christmas Midnight Mass 12.00am, Preceded by Caroling (11.30pm)
Mon. Dec. 25, 2017- Christmas day Mass at 10.00am
Mon. Jan. 1 2018– New Year day Mass 10.00am
December 12, 2017 - February 3, 2018 – Black Catholics Heritage Celebration, Greenville
December 31, 2017 – Vietnamese Mass, 6pm

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

ST. MARTIN De PORRES CATHOLIC CHURCH

2017 Christmas Flowers and Decorations

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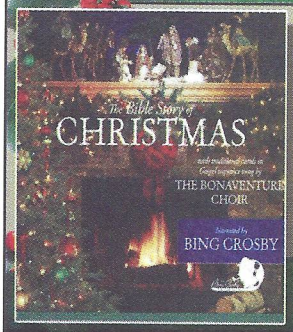

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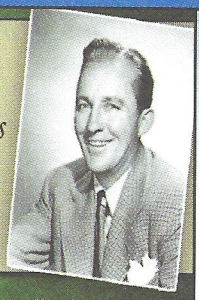

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