

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.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph ~ December 29, 2019

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

This Week in Our Parish

Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, December 30

Fr. Michael's Day Off

TUESDAY, December 31

WEDNESDAY, January 1 Solemnity of Mary 10:00 am

Mass Intention: † deceased Phillips family

Office Closed

THURSDAY, January 2

FRIDAY, January 3, Noon

Eucharistic Adoration until 3:00 pm

Mass Intention: † Sophie & Wilbur Grooms

SATURDAY, January 4, 5pm

SUNDAY, January 5

7:00 am - Vietnamese Mass

5:00 pm Soup Kitchen – Our Lady of Hills

MASS INTENTIONS

December 28 & 29, 2019

5:00 pm – People of the Parish

9:00 am – † August Clouse

11:30 am – People of the Parish

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MASS ATTENDANCE

December 22 & 23, 2019

Adults – 209 Children – 56

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Dec 29 – Parish Charity Appeal and SMDP School

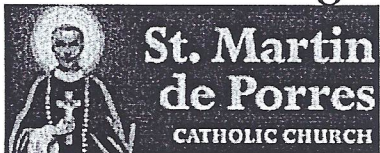
Jan 5 – Parish Charity Appeal

Jan 12 – SMDP School

Jan 19 -- Maintenance

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Liturgical Ministry Schedule

SATURDAY, January 4, 2020 – 5:00 pm

Lector: Michael Culbertson

Altar Server: Gavin Mincer

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Holloway & Hank MacDonald

Sacristan: Hank MacDonald

SUNDAY, January 5, 2020 – 9:00 am

Lectors: Marsha Taylor & Kishinda Covington

Altar Servers: BryNeir Seymore & Danika Covington

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Glymph & Hector Garcia

Sacristan: Ed Sutton

SUNDAY, January 5, 2020 – 11:30 am

Lector: Judith James

Altar Servers: Favour Nzewi & Kwylq Wise

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry & Rose Bailey

Sacristan: Barbara Johnson

**Pick up a copy of the January-March 2020
Ministry Schedule in the vestibule**

*Collection Counters for today December 29:
Jerel Arceneaux, Patricia Wilson, Marilyn Catone*

“Lord, Hear Our Prayer”

For the healing of: Terrell Alexander, Adren Bailey (brother of Larry Bailey), Pearl Bartley, Rose Bailey, Paula Baylis, William Baylis, Paulette Bradley (mother-in-law of 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, Judith James, Keddrick Jones, Sandra Joseph (mother of Harrison Joseph), Vivian Kates, Dawn Lance, Maxine Lloyd, Joseph McKenzie, Hank MacDonald, Samuel Marshall, Eugene Mincer, Gavin Mincer, Elizabeth Murphy, Arthur Newson, Robert Pearson, Helen Pellicci, Veronica Ramseur, Marie Reyes, Linda Rocano, Jane Rienzie, Tripp Roche, Royce Rosemond, Judith Scott, Jaimie Smith, Laurie Tollefsen, Brenda Easley Webb (mother of Cynthia Joseph), Robert Webb (brother of Cynthia Joseph), Leroy White, Jr., Lauretta Williams, Marcia Wilson, and Vashti Woodson.

Assisted Living: Alexzenia Hebert, Dorothy “Nana” Paul

For the Souls of: James Felder, 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



Thank you for your gifts, prayers and good wishes during this Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who helped decorate and make our church beautiful. A special thanks to those who donate gifts for the Angel tree, especially the KPC men for their significant contribution. May God Reward you all abundantly. Wishing you a Prosperous New Year!

Fr. Michael

SMDP SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year!

Many Blessings from the students, faculty, and staff at
St. Martin de Porres School

- School's Winter Break: December 23-January 3, 2020
- School Resumes on Monday, January 6, 2019
- Interested in St. Martin de Porres Catholic School for the 2020-2021 School Year, call and get your name on the list. Early registrants could be considered for a scholarship.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Baptism

Baptisms should be scheduled 6 months before the baptism date. 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: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I;
New Year's Eve

Wednesday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord;
Mary, the Holy Mother of God;
World Day of Peace; New Year's Day

Thursday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Friday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Friday

Saturday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Saturday



Please check church website calendar for events and activities:

www.stmartincolumbia.org

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

Hope for the Future

The First readings in the Advent chiefly from the book of Isaiah, confirm and express our hope in God's involvement in the future: "He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks: (Is 2:4, First Sunday of Advent). A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom: (Is 11:1 Second Sunday). "Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you" (Is 25:4, Third Sunday). "The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Is 7:14, Fourth Sunday). All point to the coming and the reign of the Messiah and God.

Indeed, the Church is in crisis. However, as long as we recognize God as creator and sovereign ruler, as long as we see God's glorious presence in the worked and seriously discern the mystery and transcendence of God, as long as we recognize the fullness of God's solidarity with those who suffer, we have a future.

—2019 Fr. Vien Nguyen- The Priest Magazine

EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

2020 Offering Envelopes are available in the vestibule

▶ YouTube Watch the *Diocesan Christmas Special* on the Diocese YouTube channel -

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR_eSxFBVn0pBjj2Y0aOapQ

Have an idea to celebrate Black History Month? A meeting to plan activities will be held Tuesday January 7th from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the church conference room. There is a signup sheet in the vestibule.

February 22, 2020 – Save the date, Black Catholic Heritage Celebration from 10:00am until 4:00pm in Columbia



SMDP Mugs are again available just in time for your holiday shopping! Available in White or Cobalt blue, SALE PRICE \$8.00. Mugs available after mass or during office hours.

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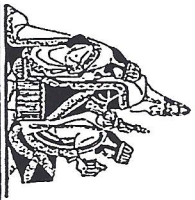
Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on Friday, January 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Gregg Park Clubhouse 71 Gregg Parkway in Columbia. Please RSVP by December 30 to the church office.

Prayer Calendar

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church

January 2020

Please join our Parish in Prayers



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Family of: Chioma Ubah	2 Family of: Stephen Moses	Adoration -- 3 Family of: Lily Moreland	4 Family of: Vivian Mitchell
5 Family of: Maxine Lloyd	6 Family of: Rev. Edward Kelley	7 Family of: Jayne Rowe	8 Family of: Cyntrel Jones	9 Family of: Barbara Johnson	10 Family of: William & Paula Baylis	11 Family of: Innocent Emeafor
12 Family of: Charletta Felder	13 Family of: James Felder	14 Family of: Sheri Felder	15 Family of: Fr. Barron Foster, Jr.	16 Family of: Yvonne Murray-Boyles	17 Family of: Rosalyn Smith	18 Family of: Katina Wise
19 Family of: Fr. Timothy Gahan	20 Family of: Kim & Traci Gatson	21 Family of: Lauwana Glymph	22 Family of: Doretha Glymph	23 Family of: Marie & Arthur Norz	24 Family of: Michael & Michelle Myer	25 Family of: Joel Husbands
26 Family of: Gloria Lacayo	27 Family of: Dcn. Leland & Arnetha Cave	28 Family of: Veronica Craig	29 Family of: Doris Arvelo	30 Family of: Loyce Harrison	31 Family of: Ava Marie Njoku	

Parish Events:

- January 1 - Mass at 10.am (Solemnity - Holy Mary, Mother of God)
- January 3 - Eucharistic Adoration
- January 5 - Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)

Please see weekly Bulletins for updates

Welcome new members and visitors to St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church.

Whether you are a new parishioner or visiting, we hope you feel welcome and hope you will join us in our parish activities. Registration forms are available in the parish office. Office hours are Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Friday 9:30 a.m. until noon. Visitor envelopes are in the church vestibule.

We are glad that you have joined our celebration today!

Organizations Ministry Contacts

Altar Servers, Deacon Leland Cave	803-254-6862
Bereavement/Repast, Joyce Poulard	803-736-3109
Bulletin Editor, Vern Garcia	803-254-6862
Campus Ministry, Fr. Michael Okere	803-254-6862
Church Environment, Rick Harrison	240-593-1155
Collection Counters, Cathy Chiles	803-786-5855
Director of Religious Education, Doris Arvelo	803-360-8626
Eucharistic Ministers, Parish Office	803-254-6862
Finance Council, Cathy Chiles	803-786-5855
Knights of Peter Claver, Rick Harrison	240-593-1155
Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Aux, Sister Roberta Fulton	803-606-1808 864-704-6559
Lectors, Parish Office	803-254-6862
Legion of Mary, Barbara Holloway	803-542-7569
Maintenance, Jerome Brown	803-315-4883
Music Ministry, Libba Anderson Frank Graham	803-799-4096 803-988-5111
Parish Nurse, Dr. Leslie Hodges-Jackson	803-361-6096
Pastoral Council, Dr. Gerald Wilson	803-707-2685
RCIA, Fr. Michael Okere/Deacon Leland Cave	803-600-2316
Religious Education, Doris Arvelo	803-360-8626
Rosary Altar Society, Malorie Harrison	803-331-2378
Sacristans, Dr. Janice Coleman	803-727-7997
St. Martin de Porres School	803-254-5477
Ushers, Roosevelt Cummings	803-255-0936
Vietnamese Ministry, Khue Nguyen	803-727-6216
Young Adult Ministry, Emma Hellerman	609-480-8190
Youth Ministry, Vern Garcia	803-254-6862

Contact Information is for Parish Use Only!

*Please consider
sharing your time
and talents*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Is the first Friday of each month, during the noon Mass until 3:00 pm. Come spend time with the Blessed Sacrament.

BAPTISMS

To schedule your child's baptism you must first ensure you are registered with the Church. Parents are required to attend a Baptismal Prep Class. To schedule the class, contact the Director of Religious Education (DRE). A Baptism Questionnaire must be filled out and returned to the DRE. The DRE will then contact the church office to schedule the baptism. We ask that you try to schedule at least 6 months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office to keep us informed of those who are homebound or hospitalized, especially during a serious illness.

Community Contacts

American Red Cross	803-540-1242
Birthingright of Columbia	803-765-0165
Catholic Charities-Midlands	855-377-1357
Family Shelter	803-771-7040
Habitat for Humanity	803-252-3570
Homeworks of America, Inc	803-781-4536
Interfaith Community Services	803-252-8390
Lexington Medical Center	803-791-2000
Palmetto Health Baptist	803-296-5010
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