



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

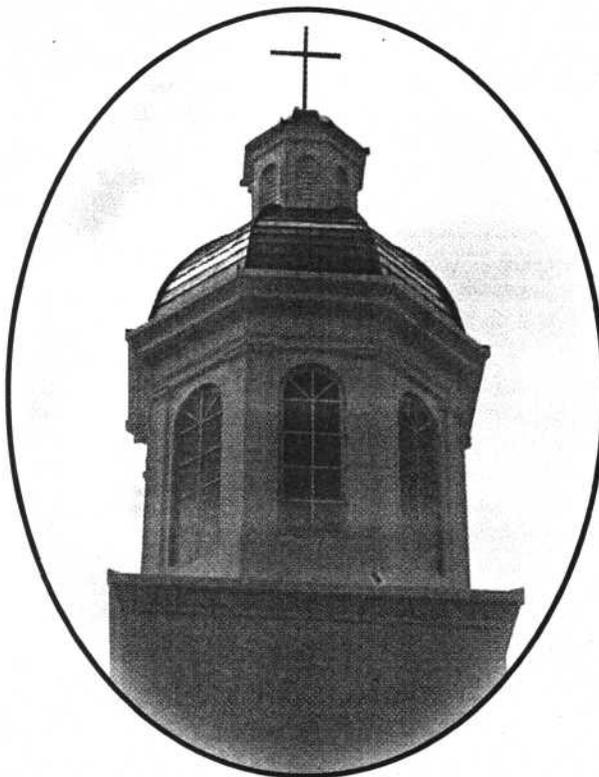
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

12:00 Noon

September thru May

Thursday: 9:30 AM

Check calendar for changes.



Parish Staff

Rev. Michael Okere

Administrator

Rev. Mr. Carl Johnson,

Deacon

Mrs. Ardrina Scott Elliott

Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Doris Arvelo,

Director of Religious Education

Sr. Roberta Fulton, S.S.M.N.,

School Principal

Parish Council

Dr. Gerald Wilson, Chairman

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Sr. Roberta Fulton, ssmn

Doris Arvelo

Hank MacDonald

Lin Wright

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.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 7, 2014

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This Week In Our Parish

Website: smartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, September 8

Father Michael's Day Off

TUESDAY, September 9

12:15 pm Mass Intention: + Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, September 10

Noon Mass Intention: William Oscar & Mary Jane Shipley

5:15 pm – Legion of Mary

THURSDAY, September 11

9:30 am Mass Intention: +Phillip Johnson

FRIDAY, September 12

Noon Mass Intention: +Olga Phillips

SATURDAY, September 13

4:15 pm – Confession

5:00 pm Mass Intention: +Laura Elizabeth Reed & Rose Isabel Hill-Hutchison

SUNDAY, September 14

9:00 am Mass Intention: William Oscar & Mary Jane Shipley

11:30 am Mass Intention: The People of the Parish

5:00 pm - Vietnamese Religious Ed Classes

5:00 pm - SOUP KITCHEN: Rosary Altar Society

6:15 pm - Vietnamese Mass

Important Dates in September/October

September 27 – KPC Trip to Cherokee

October 4 – Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

October 5 – Parish Picnic

October 11 – Pastoral Council Leadership Retreat

MASS INTENTIONS

For September 6 and September 7, 2014

5:00 pm – +Fr. Fred Masad

9:00 am – Grovetta White, Cindy Deneal & Drake Elliott

11:30 am – The People of the Parish

+ denotes a deceased intention

Today's 2nd Collection:

The second collection today is for *the Catholic University of America*. Please give generously.

FLOWERS



Thank you to the generous donor who is sponsoring flowers for the month of September.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 13, 2014 – 5:00 pm

Lectors: Tracy Dunn
Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Herty & Hank MacDonald
Altar Servers: Delaney Dunn

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 14, 2014 – 9:00 am

Lectors: Sr. Roberta Fulton
Eucharistic Ministers: Tara Dixon & Janice Coleman
Altar Servers: Elijah Garcia & Carmen Garcia

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 14, 2014 – 11:30 am

Lectors: Judith James
Eucharistic Ministers: Claudia Cooper & Andrea Perry
Altar Server: Tymia Boles
Collection Counters: Cynthia Deneal, Sam Henry, Ed Sutton

“Lord, Hear Our Prayer”

For the healing of: Donald Miller, Elizabeth Hart Murphy, John Arceneaux, Doretha Glymph, Ezekiel, Jr. & Doris Trezevant, Terri Greene, Johnnie Glymph, Sr., Miguel Aidar, Sheila Cooper, Harriet McKie, Agnes Toomer, Jane Rienzie, Floria Dial, Nellie Brown, LeRoy Henry, Robert Pearson, Theodore Pearson, Sallie M. Boykin, and Jaimie Smith.

For the safety of: all our family and friends, mission and military personnel living abroad

For the souls of: Pernell Leon Johnson, Annie Rebecca Lewis, and all our departed brothers and sisters in Christ.

Assisted Living: Alexzenia Hebert, Dora Brooks
Nursing Home: Byron Weston; Charlese Fischer

If you have someone you would like to include in our prayer list, kindly call the office at 254-6862.

MASS ATTENDANCE August 30 and 31, 2014

Adults: 218 Children: 58

\$\$ FINANCIAL MATTERS \$\$

August 30 and August 31, 2014

Total General Collection:	\$4,779.56
Parish Charity Appeal	648.85
Maintenance	25.00
Building Fund	85.00
Total Offerings for the week:	\$5,538.41

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to all students! May God's blessings be upon you and your family during this school year. Remember to use all your talents to grow in faith, mind and body.



EVENTS/ACTIVITIES/UPDATES

KPC JR. DAUGHTERS' ACTIVITY

October 4 – Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Applebees, 4505 Devine Street, 8 – 10 am. Tickets are \$7.99. Please contact Lady Alexander at 755-1945 or see Lady Donnie Ashford.

PARISH DIRECTORY

The following persons can pick up their portrait from the church office – Sam Alston, Stanley Buccolo, Marilyn Catone, J. Michelle Childs, Darren Gourdine, Patricia Mincer, and Terrence Ramseur.

KPC – “SOUUUUL BUS” TO CHEROKEE

Trip: September 27, 2014.

SAVE THE DATES

October 5, 2014 - Parish Picnic

Weston Lake, Ft. Jackson, SC

Please sign-up in the vestibule area to bring a dish or two to share.



October 11, 2014 – Pastoral Council Leadership Retreat

Delegates to the retreat are asked to complete and submit your Leader's Presentation Form to the church office by Friday, September 26, 2014. Thank you.

CHURCH ACCESS:

In response to a growing demand for accountability and good stewardship, all locks *and* security codes will be changing. For access to the church, please contact the Church Office for relevant information.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Catholic Charities of the Midlands is recruiting new volunteers for their *Clean of Heart* ministry. Clean of Heart is a laundry and shower facility which serves the downtown Columbia homeless population. Volunteers, along with a Catholic Charities staff member, operate the ministry Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays mornings with plans to expand to Tuesday and/or Thursday afternoons. For more information, please call Cathy Hood-Pittenger at [855.377.1357](tel:855.377.1357) ext. 61.

MASS INTENTIONS

It is a Catholic custom of long standing to have a Mass celebrated for the repose soul of deceased friends and relatives, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, or other special intentions. Please contact the Parish Office to have a Mass said for your intention. A nominal fee of \$10.00 will be assessed.

*** ANNOUNCEMENTS ***

Bulletin announcements are to be submitted to the parish office no later than Tuesday for the pastor's consideration. Our email address:

stmartincolumbia@gmail.com For public announcements in the congregation, please seek permission from the pastor a week prior to the Sunday Mass. THANK YOU.



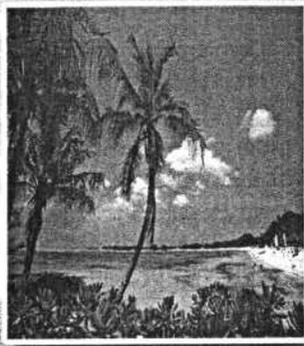
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We know for certain that the sacrament of penance was a fairly rare event in the life of a Christian in the early centuries, but that everyone had a duty to admit their sins and ask forgiveness before giving thanks in the Sunday Eucharist and receiving Christ's Body and Blood at the table. Everyone today is familiar with this same ancient pattern. We also know about Lent and its journey of renewal, and even those who are returning from summer vacations may speak of a fresh perspective on life and a resolve to do better. Saint Augustine spoke of a third kind of penance, beyond the turning of the catechumens to a different life, beyond the normal everyday fresh starts, to a form that is severe and serious.

Certain sins broke faith with the community: the sinners were obliged to give their names to the bishop and were barred from participation in the Eucharist. Augustine mentioned sacrilege, adultery, and murder as the culprits, great wounds for the perpetrator, wounds that were serious, deadly, mortal. Penance was such a frightening prospect that many people delayed their baptism for fear that they would sin, a practice with which Augustine was well acquainted. Pastoral need would eventually call the church to reconsider its practice..

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7, 2014

“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”
— *Matthew 18:19*



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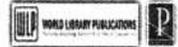
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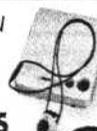
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THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

September 2, 2014



Dear Sisters in Christ,

As followers of Christ we are called to be servants of our brothers and sisters; and, in so doing, to spread the Faith. As Bishop of Charleston for the past five years I have had the pleasure of interacting with a fine group of ladies whose stated goals to “render definite assistance...to give service to the Church”, and “to assist in the furtherance of the faith and well being of the people of our diocese.” This organization is known as the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW) and it is present in all five deaneries and many parishes in the Diocese of Charleston.

SCCCW is a member affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW), and membership is open to all Catholic Women in the State. Founded in 1930, the SCCCW continues to grow in strength and numbers. SCCCW Members include parish affiliates (women’s clubs), deanery councils or individual members if there is no parish or deanery group nearby.

Activities are coordinated on National, State and deanery/parish levels on issues of concern to Catholic Women including church and legislative topics, family concerns, community concerns, international concerns and leadership.

If you would like to get involved in this critical areas which affect our faith and culture I encourage you to consider joining the SCCCW. You may do so by contacting any member of the SCCCW or by visiting their website (www.scccw.org).

In the Lord’s Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of Charleston

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Discover SCCCW!

The **South Carolina Council of Catholic Women** was founded in 1930 by Bishop Emmett M. Walsh, then Bishop of Charleston. This Council unites all Catholic women in our state who wish to belong to a strong, thriving women's organization through parish affiliates and deaneries that have come together to serve the Church in the geographical boundaries of a diocese. SCCCW serves not only the Church but also the people of South Carolina with programs that reach out with Christian love! Our mission is carried out through the works of 3 Commissions: "**Spirituality, Service and Leadership**". Each Commission supports and enhances activities at all rings of council, focuses on the issues of concern to Catholic women and empowers women to respond in faith and with compassion. It is the "**Voice of Catholic Women**" in South Carolina! Membership is open to all Catholic women in the diocese.

Membership in our Councils of Catholic Women will help you...

- Grow spiritually, enriching your faith
- Understand Catholic social teaching
- Advocate for a culture of life and social justice
- Promote moral solutions to societal ills
- Develop leadership skills
- Form lasting friendships, and
- Nurture family values



SCCCW is recognized by the **United States Council of Catholic Bishops** and **The Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone**. Below is a photo of Bishop Guglielmone attending the SCCCW Convention as Celebrant for the Mass in which he formally installs the SCCCW officers.



SCCCW is also a part of the **National Council of Catholic Women** and **World Council of Catholic Women**. You can learn more about each council by visiting their websites at www.scccw.org and www.nccw.org. Does your parish have a Women's Group or would you like to become an Individual Member? Contact one of the following for more information!

Coastal Deanery President, Maria Stephens, 843-437-8731 or mariastephens1958@gmail.com

Columbia-Midlands President, Steffhanie Laurel, 803-447-7908 or slaurel@sc.rr.com

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