Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church

3990 W. University Dr., Prosper, TX 75078
469-287-7624
www.saintmartindp.org

Welcome to St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church!
We are so glad you are here, and invite you to become involved in our parish. If you wish to become a parishioner, please pick up a registration form in our narthex, call the parish office, or download a form online by visiting our website. New parishioner welcome receptions are held several times throughout the year.

Celebration of the Mass
Saturday  5:00 p.m.
Sunday  7:30, 9:00, 11:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
Monday  8:30 a.m.
Wednesday  6:30 p.m.
Thursday  8:30 a.m.
Friday  8:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday  4:15-4:45 p.m.
         or by appointment

Parish Staff
Pastor: Rev. Stephen Hauck
       pastor@saintmartindp.org
Accountant
Jean-Marie Miesch, jean-marie@saintmartindp.org
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Alexis Campbell, alexis@saintmartindp.org
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Music Director
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RCIA & Family Life Director
Niki MacDougall, nicole@saintmartindp.org
Receptionist
Peggy Salas, peggy@saintmartindp.org

Parish office hours at 4000 W. University Drive in Prosper: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

REQUESTS FOR EUCHARIST FOR THE SICK, HOMEBOUND & HOSPITAL VISITS
Please call the parish office at 469-287-7624.

St. Martin de Porres Catholic School
469-362-2400
www.smdpiscopal.org
Susan Flanagan, Principal
sflanagan@smdpiscopal.org
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY’S READINGS
2 Kgs 4:42-44
Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18
Eph 4:1-6
Jn 6:1-15

Mass Intentions for the Week

July 28
Saturday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM  Father Richard Kirkham

July 29
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM  Benjamin and Magdalena Manglona (†)
9:00 AM  Pro Populo
11:30 AM  Father Richard Kirkham
4:30 PM  Phillip Coussons (†)

July 30
Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
8:30 AM  Bernie and Mary Semler (†)

July 31
Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

August 1
Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
6:30 PM  Henry Dutchover (†)

August 2
Saints Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;
Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
8:30 AM  Lynn Barrett

August 3
Friday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM  Lloyd and Gladys McGregor (†)

A great prophet has risen in our midst. God has visited His people!

This Sunday the entire Church begins a five week journey into the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Today begins the intense conversation on the Eucharist as true food and true drink for our salvation. Today begins the heart of the mass and will culminate in Holy Week and Easter Sunday. The multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is the entrance into what the Lord wishes to share with us. While we are tempted to focus on the miracle alone, it is the broader context which should catch our eye! The time of Passover, the people being drawn away from the city and to a mountain to be taught by a great prophet, and the feeding through a miracle should be a great reminder of the immediate history of the Jewish people after fleeing Pharaoh. The miracle they are reminded of is God providing manna in the desert. God provided for them in their immediate needs, but did so with the promise of true food in the promised land of heaven. When our Lord begins with this miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fish, He is signaling that the time for salvation is upon them. He has come to fulfill the ancient promise with the true bread of angels! God does not abandon us or abandon His promises. Miracles serve two functions - they validate the message, and they validate the messenger as being authentic. It is too easy to focus simply on the miracle and thus miss the message that God is among His people! In our own life, we will seek out God because of our immediate needs, but forget that part of the miracle is the ability to converse with God and know that He is with us even if we don’t understand His bigger plan for us. May we never forget that in the promise of the Eucharist, we have the promise fulfilled that God is with us always!

Stewardship Information
Week Ending July 22, 2018
(new fiscal year began July 1)

Offertory Collection:  $7,860.26
Faith Direct:  $8,451.00
Year to Date Collected:  $42,631.84

Last Week’s Mass Attendance
Saturday, 5:00 PM - 275
Sunday, 7:30 AM - 135
Sunday, 9:00 AM - 315
Sunday, 11:30 AM - 410
Sunday, 4:30 PM - 210
Total Attendance: 1,345
Our priests embody the spirit of generosity, for they give their lives as an offering to God, in service to us. Each year, the faithful of the Diocese of Fort Worth, have an opportunity to return that generosity by making a gift to the Priest Care Fund. Your generous gifts to this special collection help pay for medical and long-term care over and above what is covered by our priests’ insurance and other resources.

We shouldn’t be surprised to learn that the same growing health care costs that affect us, also affect our clergy. Nancy Eder, RN shares, “The high cost of medication co-pays and other needs mean that the clergy that have faithfully served our Diocesan communities need us now.” In 2017, more than $208,000 was collected to offset medical expenses for our clergy. Please respond in gratitude for their years of generous service by donating to the Priest Care Fund.

There are several ways to contribute to this special collection. In addition to the Sunday collection during weekend Masses on Aug. 4-5, donations can also be made online at https://bit.ly/PriestCare or text PRIESTS to 91999. Thank you for caring for those who care for us.
Welcome, Principal Flanagan!

St. Martin de Porres Parish is very excited to welcome Mrs. Susan Flanagan as the Principal of our school! A native of New Jersey, she has been in Catholic Education for the past 14 years, and is currently finishing her school year at Santa Cruz Catholic School in Buda, TX, part of the Austin Diocese. She has a BA in English from La Salle University, an M.S. Ed. in Special Education, and two certificates: Mid-Management from TWU and Gifted and Talented from UNT. She began her teaching career at St. Veronica Catholic School in Howell, NJ and continued teaching English until 2004 when she accepted the principalship at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School in Texas City, TX. In 2011, she moved to Santa Cruz Catholic School.

Mrs. Flanagan is impressive in many ways. In her past two principalships, she doubled the enrollment. Consequently, she was an integral part of the building process at Santa Cruz which involved a 1.7 million dollar expansion to accommodate the new students. Mrs. Flanagan has been the one to develop, maintain, and monitor the school budget, working closely with their business manager, but taking responsibility herself for forecasting a viable budget that has always ended in the black. She has an outstanding understanding of curriculum and is excited to work with the diocese as we continue to move towards a more classical approach to education. Mrs. Flanagan already has ties to North Texas, as she has 4 of her 5 children living in the area. She and her husband of 21 years are thrilled to be living closer to several of her grandchildren with this transition to Saint Martin de Porres.

Please help us welcome Mrs. Flanagan to St. Martin de Porres after all of the weekend masses on August 4th and 5th!

You will have an opportunity to introduce yourself, your family, and welcome her to our parish family. We are blessed to have her with us!
ST. ANDREW BREAKFAST
FOR YOUNG MEN IN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE
RSVP by August 16, 2018 to Vocations@fwdioc.org or by calling 817–945–9321
at Saint Patrick Cathedral
8:00AM MASS
8:30AM BREAKFAST
1206 THROCKMORTON STREET
FORT WORTH, TX 76102
The **School Advisory Council** is seeking new members from the parish community (who are not current school parents) to join this important board that engages in matters pertaining to the mission of St. Martin de Porres Catholic School.

The School Advisory Council is a consultative board, established by the pastor, to assist him, the school principal, and the school’s administration in the governance of the school through support, guidance, and advice - not oversight. The school administration and faculty are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the school. Council members provide input, often drawn from their own professional experiences and backgrounds, in areas such as:

- formulation of school policy (it does not, however, provide final approval or enact policies);
- planning, development, finance, and institutional advancement; and
- public relations, and evaluation of board and mission effectiveness.

A candidate for the St. Martin de Porres School Advisory Council must be able to commit to one meeting per month for the full board, and participate in committee work as well. Interested parishioners should contact the school office at 469-362-2400 for more information, or to receive the board member information sheet. **Discernment for potential board members will be on Sunday, August 26th, in the school’s Chapel at 1:00 PM.**

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We currently have **openings for aides in our after-school program** from 2:45 - 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday. We are looking for energetic, friendly people who enjoy working with children. Qualified candidates will be 18 or older, and pass a background check. **Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Susan Flanagan, St. Martin de Porres Catholic School Principal, at sflanagan@smdpcatholic.org.**
PLANNED GIVING: Increase your retirement income and shape the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth Advancement Foundation’s future with a charitable gift annuity! The gift annuity rates are now the highest they’ve been in years.

HOW IT WORKS: With a charitable gift annuity, you make a donation using cash, marketable securities or other assets, and we, in turn, pay you a fixed amount for life. You can boost your retirement income AND feel secure because you will receive reliable, predictable payments for as long as you live. For a personalized illustration at no obligation, contact Renée Underwood at 817-945-9441 or runderwood@advancementfoundation.org

We invite you to join us for a new Adult Faith Formation series, Exploring our Catholic Faith. Each session will focus on a specific topic and how to live out our faith as the Body of Christ. Come join us to meet other parishioners, and have an opportunity to talk with Father Stephen as we explore our faith together! The Exploring our Catholic Faith series will be held on the first Monday of each month in the Parish Hall from 7pm-9pm. Our first session will be Monday, July 30 and the topic will be “Christ and the Priesthood”, led by Father Stephen Hauck. Questions and discussion are welcome, and will be a part of every session. Please send any advance questions you might have or topic suggestions to Niki MacDougall (nicole@saintmartindp.org). Registration is not required; we hope to see you there! (please note that childcare is not provided)

Thank you for being a part of our St. Martin de Porres family! We appreciate all that you do for our parish and community by sharing your God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure. Your active participation in the life of our parish helps us to fulfill our vision and mission.

This summer, we pray that you will have some quiet and restful time that includes the love, joy and peace of being with family and friends. Please consider that St. Martin de Porres continues to be open for Mass, even when you are away! During these summer months your generosity through Faith Direct can help provide the consistent resources we need to operate our parish and ministries.

Simply visit www.fathdirect.net and use our church code:TX706. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents as well as treasure!

Not already a volunteer? Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talent with your parish family!

Volunteering for your parish is a fantastic way to share your faith and gifts. With five Masses each weekend, it is essential to have enough volunteers so everything runs smoothly! If time commitment is a concern, don’t worry... YOU choose how often you would like to serve, and when. Plus, we have a very user-friendly Ministry Scheduling program that makes it easy to request a sub should you ever need one. If volunteering on the weekends doesn’t work for you, we have other opportunities and ministries (such as Homebound Ministry) that are during the week. Not sure where to start? Simply visit www.saintmartindp.org/ministries to see a list of opportunities, or you can call the parish office at 469-287-7624 to see what might be a good fit.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

St. Martin de Porres Catholic School still has openings for the 2018-2019 school year!

We serve students in PreK-3 through Grade 8, and currently have space in all grade levels except PreK-4 and Kindergarten, where we have wait lists.

I encourage you to schedule a tour of our beautiful facility! Our school provides a solid academic experience which focuses on the essential core areas of religion, reading, language arts, math, science and social studies. We are adding new curricula programs and materials this school year which are intended to enhance the classic educational experience. Most importantly, we will be focusing on our Catholic faith, values, and virtues throughout this academic year.

I am excited to bring my love for Catholic education and my continued desire to make a difference in the lives of those students entrusted to my care here at St. Martin de Porres. I look forward to meeting my fellow parishioners and school families!

Have a blessed week,

Susan Flanagan
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