December 11, 2011
3rd Sunday of Advent

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church

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Parish Information

Regular Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am, 12:30pm Tridentine (Latin) Mass
5pm Youth Mass (Seasonal)
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday
7:00am, 8:30am & 5:30pm
Saturday Daily Mass: 8:30am
Holy Days:
7:00pm Vigil (evening before),
7:00am, 8:30am, 5:30pm
Holy Hour, Charismatic Mass
with Healing Prayer:
1st Wednesday of the Month (Sept-May)
Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession:
Saturday 3:00 - 4:00pm & By Appointment.
Novena to Our Lady:
Saturday, after 8:30am Mass
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:
(In the Chapel)
Midnight Monday through Noon Saturday

*Parish Office Hours:
Mon., Wed., Fri.
9:00am - 12:00pm
Closed 12pm-2pm
2:00pm - 4:00pm
*Closed Tuesdays & Thursdays
*Please Note: If there is a holiday that
falls on a weekday, please check the bulletin for Parish Office Hours for that week.

Caritas Gift Shop Hours:
Tues., Wed., Thurs. & Fri.: 9am-5pm
Saturday & Sunday 9am-1pm
Closed Monday

St. Martin’s Parish Family Welcomes You!
Regardless of whether you are here for a few days, weeks, or months, we are pleased that you have
chosen us to be your parish away from home. If you are new to the parish, or just visiting, please stop in
and introduce yourself. We are delighted to have you share in the celebration of the Eucharist.

New Parishioners
Every parishioner in the parish should be properly registered. New families are asked to register as soon as possible. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office, from ushers before or after Mass, or online. Families moving out of the parish should notify the Parish Office.

Parish Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism
All families seeking Baptism of a child should be registered and active members of the parish for at least 3 months prior to the date of the Baptism. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class before scheduling the Baptism. The class is held on the first Saturday of every month.

Sacrament of Confirmation
Contact Nicole Aitken at the Parish Religious Education Office for more information at 334-4492. Adult candidates wishing to be Confirmed must first complete an Adult Religious Education Program.

Sacrament of Marriage
Weddings are celebrated on Friday at 6:30pm, and Saturday at 10:30am & 1:30pm. Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office a minimum of 6 months before the wedding date to complete their preparation. If an annulment of a previous marriage (Catholic, non-Catholic or civil) is required, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
See Parish Information for times. Seasonal Reconciliation Liturgies are held during Advent & Lent. Children in the second grade make their “First Reconciliation.” For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament Of Anointing
The Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated every first Saturday after the 8:30am Mass. The Sacrament is also conferred upon special request. Please contact the Parish Office.

Visitation of the Sick
Home or hospital visitation by a member of the clergy or by an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can be arranged upon request. Please contact the Parish Office.

Sanctuary Candle
12/11 - 12/16
For: St. Anthony
From: Mario Lombardi
In Honor of: The People of St. Martin

Book of Intercessions
Given by: Anonymous
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2011

Mass Intentions For the Week

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Please Pray...
For the Members of our Parish Family who are ill...
May the Intercession of Our Blessed Mother grant them consolation and complete healing.

For the Deceased Members of our Parish Family...
May he rejoice forever with the angels and Saints before the Heavenly throne of God.

Sunday's Gospel
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Readings for the Week of December 11, 2011

Sunday
Third Sunday of Advent
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1;
Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 1; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday
Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday
Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85; Lk 7:18b-23 0

Thursday
Is 54:1-10; Ps 30; Lk 7:24-30

Friday
Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday
Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday
Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Parish Calendar

12 Monday
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
Begins at Midnight
Chapel
K of C Annual Christmas Party
San Mart’ Inn
6:30pm EDGE Class
7:30pm Adult Choir Practice
Church Choir Room

13 Tuesday
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
Chapel
K of C Annual Christmas Party
San Mart’ Inn
6:00pm Hand Bell Choir Practice
Church Choir Rm.

14 Wednesday
SOUP KITCHEN
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
Chapel
10:00am Home School Co –Op
1:00pm CDA Monthly Meeting
Siena Room
6:30pm Confirmation Class

15 Thursday
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
Chapel
2:00pm Knitting Angels
Siena Room
6:00pm Emmaus Monthly Meeting
Tuscany Banquet Room
7:00pm Men of St. Martin Mtg.
Siena Room

16 Friday
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
Chapel
6:15pm Communal Penitential Liturgy
Church

17 Saturday
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
Until noon in the Chapel
9:15am Novena to Our Lady
Church
12:00 pm Matthew 25:35
Christmas Party
Tuscany Banquet Room

18 Sunday
Regular Mass Schedule
10:00am R.C.I.A. Meeting
Siena Room
6:15pm Life Teen
As we prepare to celebrate the Nativity of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior, I pray God’s Grace stir within us to an ever deeper sense of gratitude that will effect within each of us an on-going conversion of heart, mind and soul. And then as we draw closer to the threshold of the New Year of Grace, let us be awakened by a renewed sense of faith and expectant Joy that recognizes the richness of God’s Abiding Love and Mercy.

Advent is truly a time for waiting, reflection and hope. Without the Incarnation … the coming of the Promised Messiah, the Christ, into the world … we could not be offered the fullest means of the Gift of Salvation Who makes it possible for us to be free from sin and capable of loving God and our neighbors as ourselves. Without the Mystery of Christ’s Passion, Death and Resurrection, that intimately unites the Wood of the Cross with the Wood of the Crib, we would be incapable of transcending the finite and limited created goods of this life in order to possess the “pearl of great price” that enables and empowers us to love as we are Loved and to faithfully and generously steward all that God has bestowed upon us. Without Christ and His Church, we would be a pilgrim people wandering still in darkness … bereft of Truth and Light to guide us along the “narrow path” that leads not to death but to life eternal! The theological virtues of faith, hope and love continue to be held out to us much like the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh were extended to the Christ Child in honor of His Messianic Royalty. Used wisely and generously, they can lead us to the fulfillment of the plan begun in us from the earliest moments of salvation history … to be counted among the good sheep on the Lord’s right for faithfully living this blessed life of beatitude and thereby gaining the beatific vision in Heaven.

Stewardship demands of each of us a right, proper and ordered use of all that has been given us as well as a right, proper and ordered attitude towards the disbursement of all goods, both temporal and spiritual. Since God is the Creator of all that we are and all that we have, it is essential that we first render back to God our time, talent and treasure in a measure that meets or better yet, exceeds, the measure which has been measured to us. Biblically, God’s people apportioned a tenth of their first fruits to God in gratitude and thanksgiving for the produce yields at harvest as well as for God’s ineffable mercy. Like our ancient Israelite brothers and sisters in faith, we too must apportion back to God our “first fruits” and not simply a token measure from our surplus. At times, we may be called to give from our need, much like the widow whom Jesus recognizes in the Gospel. And like the servants in today’s Gospel, we too will be asked to make an accounting upon the Master’s return.

In our ongoing efforts to be faithful stewards of the temporal gifts entrusted to us in our mission as Church, our Parish Finance Advisory Council and I continuously reevaluate and assess what is necessary in order to provide the absolute best services to you, our Parish family, while at the same time attempting to meet the manifold and myriad needs of our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the larger community. As our detailed financial reporting has shown, we continue to make strides in our efforts to reduce our budget as well as the cost of doing business on a daily operational basis. Consequently, we have had to suspend capital improvements over the years due to the economic downturn, inflation and hence the inability to maintain funds in reserve for these extraordinary expenditures. As of now, we are in dire need to replace 1 air conditioning unit in the church and to prepare for a 2nd replacement either in the Parish Hall or the Education Building, both of which are beyond being repaired again and to upgrade our host server and computers along with peripherals and assorted software. The cost of replacing each a/c unit is approximately $30K and the total cost of IT improvements is $15K. Additionally, we are $24K short of our DSA assessment which must be remitted in full less we are imposed with a loan for any shortfall. As you can see, we are in imminent need of raising $100K minimally. I stand before you today to humbly implore your generosity, knowing that for some of you this request may be a sacrifice of financial hardship. But like so many of you, I also know that our generosity can never outdo that of God’s and that the Lord returns to a joyful and trusting giver “thirty, sixty or a hundredfold.” I pray God in His Mercy and Love to be most abundantly bountiful in His blessings upon you and yours as you prayerfully consider the amount of your stewardship today and in the weeks, months and years ahead until the Lord comes in Glory!

If you would like to make a contribution by check, please note in the memo portion “Capital Fund.” Or if you prefer making a donation by cash, there are envelopes available in each pew for your convenience. Once again, please write “Capital Fund” on front of envelope. You may also contribute electronically through Parish Pay or by credit card in the Parish Office during normal business hours. If you have any questions, please contact Lorie Shekailo, our Director of Finance and Operations either in person or phone at extension 11.

Thank you and God bless you!
Fr. James
NEW MISSAL CHANGES

Beginning with the Vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011, we are using the New Roman Missal for all Mass parts for both the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. As a means of furnishing a resource to assist all of our Parishioners with the proper Prayers and Responses, we have decided to provide easy-to-read Pew Cards rather than Missalettes due to both cost and the wastefulness since it is a disposable product.

We also will have a permanent hard-bound Hymnal that will provide a very broad range of Traditional and Contemporary Music for all Mass settings. These two resources should provide us with years of service without the expense of having to replace them annually.

Since the new Hymnals will not contain any Mass Readings, we encourage our Parishioners to listen to the Word proclaimed rather than read along. But for those who are hearing impaired or feel they comprehend better by reading, we would like to suggest that the Scripture Readings are read prior to coming to Mass or to purchase and bring a missal such as the St. Joseph Missal. Either a Sunday Missal or a Daily Missal can be purchased in our Caritas Gift Shop at the end of December.

Thank You and God Bless!

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace and strength."

~Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

It’s that time of year when we hustle and bustle, to and fro, pull out hairs and collapse in exhaustion. How wonderful that we can all experience the same peace and strength as the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity. Jesus in Calcutta IS the same Jesus in Jensen Beach! Just as He calls the Sisters to spend an hour in prayer with Him in their Chapel, He calls each of us to do the same in the Chapel at St. Martin de Porres. Just as HE renews the Sisters, He will renew us! Our Chapel, with Jesus exposed, is available from Sunday, midnight, through Saturday, noon (entry code required at certain times). We are in need of adorers at all times, but the hours in most need are:

Monday, 3am
Wednesday, 12am (also known as Tuesday midnight):
Friday 11pm

Call Lisa at 772-215-7123 or email her at JMJJife@gmail.com to begin your personal mission of Charity with the Lord.

SEASONAL FRIENDS!!! Welcome back! We are thrilled you are here! Please call so we know you are back and add you to the schedule.

R.C.I.A.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Are you an adult who would like to receive Baptism, Communion, Reconciliation or Confirmation?

Do you have questions about the Catholic Church? We are here for you!

Every Sunday at 10:00 am we meet in the Siena Room of the San Mart' Inn located behind the church. We would love to meet you!

You can also contact Nicole at nicole@stmartindp.com or 334-4214, ext 25. We would love to help you wherever you are in your faith journey.

We are traveling on our journeys together!
It’s that time of year again when our Parish Family will purchase gifts for children in our community whose parents are experiencing difficult times. In the tradition begun over 25 years ago by Paul & Peggy Kohler, we have trees decorated with hand-made ornaments for you to choose from. As in years past, each ornament will contain the age, gender and requested gift item. **We ask that your gift purchases are returned no later than December 18 to the Church or Parish Office.** Please ensure the paper ornament is securely attached to your gift and kindly ask that batteries are included with your gift if necessary.

We will also be participating in the Bibles for Africa program and there will be ornaments on the tree requesting donations to help supply bibles for the catechists in the villages of West Africa.

Let us together make this years gift-giving especially bright and warm as we remember that “God always loves a cheerful giver”.

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**RESPECT LIFE CORNER**

**Planned Parenthood “NO-No” Boycott List**

This is the updated list of Planned Parenthood supports:

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- **LIFE QUOTE** “The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those WHO look on and do Nothing” (Albert Einstein)
- Planned Parenthood the #1 abortion business in the US is taxpayer funded in the amount of $363,000,000 (NRL).
- Please Listen to CATHOLIC RADIO FM 100.1 2AM-2PM Daily
- Subscribe to the FREE Copy of Christian Action News a monthly Pro-Life Publication Email your Request to: lifecan@bellsouth.net Or call 772-219-1144.

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**Join us in a Peaceful Prayerful Vigil in front of Planned Parenthood (Emerald Plaza Rt#1) Wednesday 3-5 PM & Friday 8-10 AM**
Volunteer of the Month
Lisa Wiswell

Lisa Wiswell was born in Pittsburg, PA. She also lived in Philadelphia, PA and Mogadore, OH before moving to Jacksonville in 1986. Lisa worked as a Dining Room Supervisor and met her husband, John, who was a Chef. They married in 1988 after John went through the RCIA program at Holy Family Catholic Church in Jacksonville. Lisa and John have been blessed with five children, 3 sons and 2 daughters. The Wiswell family have been parishioners for 10 years and have always tried to be as involved with the Parish Family as possible. According to Lisa, “I will always expose my children and myself to opportunities of serving God within the Parish.” Lisa teaches the 4th and 5th grade Religious Education classes, facilitates Emmaus meetings, is an Adorer for Eucharistic Adoration and a member of the Vocations Ministry. The Wiswell kids are Altar Servers, LifeTeen volunteers and members of the Children’s Choir. You can usually see Lisa and her family at the 9:00am Family Mass. Professionally, Lisa works with her husband in the newest branch of his business, Treasure Coast College Planning. Lisa says, “Our faith is to be merciful and to fill our hand with good deeds and to rest our trust in Jesus for he can do all things.’ I am so grateful for my parish and the people within it; we share a common goal to strive to always do His will.”

Thank you, Lisa, for all you do….

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Christmas Nativities, Gifts & Cards
Plus

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Communal Penitential Liturgy
Friday, December 16, 2011 at 6pm following 5:30 pm Daily Mass.
There will be no Confessions on Saturday, December 24 before the 4 pm Vigil Mass.

Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Eve Masses
Saturday, December 24, 2011
4 pm, 8 pm, and 12 am (Mass at Midnight)
There will be no Confessions on Saturday, December 24 before the 4 pm Vigil Mass.

Christmas Day Masses
Sunday, December 25, 2011
7:30 am, 9 am, 10:45 am, and 12:30 pm Tridentine Latin Mass
There will be no 5 pm Youth Mass on Christmas Day.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God
New Year’s Eve Masses
Saturday, December 31, 2011
4 pm Vigil and 12 am (Mass at Midnight)
There will be no Confessions on Saturday, December 31 before the 4 pm Vigil Mass.

New Year’s Day Masses
Sunday, January 1, 2012
7:30 am, 9 am, 10:45 am, and 12:30 pm Tridentine Latin Mass
There will be no 5 pm Youth Mass on New Year’s Day.
St. Martin de Porres Choir needs YOU!
We need Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and Basses.
Practice a little in the shower, then come practice with us in the Choir Room (behind the altar) on Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Ray Myslakowski
586-944-8344

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
Jensen Beach, Florida

Capital Fund

Last week’s collection was $5,617 bringing the total to $9,617!

Please see Father James’ Advent letter for further details about this fund.
Thank you to all who contributed thus far!

St. Martin de Porres
Knight of Columbus Council #8048
Christmas Party for special education children will take place on December 12th and 13th at 10:00 am at the San Mart’Inn. Volunteers are welcome.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

K of C
Children’s Christmas Party
Monday & Tuesday
December 12 & 13
11:00am—San Mart’Inn

Adult Choir Practice
Monday, December 12
7:30pm - Church Choir Room

Hand Bell Choir Practice
Tuesday, December 13
6:00pm - Church Choir Room

Home School Coop
Wednesday, December 14
10:00am - Rel. Ed. Bldg.

CDA Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, December 14
1:00pm—Sienna Room

Confession
Every Saturday
3:00pm OR by appointment.

Communal Penitential Liturgy
Friday—December 16,
6:15pm—Church

Knitting Angels
Thursday, December 15
2:00pm - Siena Room

Emmaus
Thursday, December 15
6:00pm—Tuscany Banquet Room

Men of St. Martin
Thursday, December 15
7:00pm—Siena Room

Communal Penitential Liturgy
Friday—December 16
6:15pm—Church

R.C.I.A.
Sunday, December 18
10:00am—Siena Room

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
Jensen Beach, Florida

Goal
$100,000

$9,617
Boxes of offertory envelopes for 2012 for registered Parishioners will be available for pick up under the portico after the Vigil Mass on December 17,th all Masses on the 18th and in the Parish Office after that. Please help us by picking up your envelopes at Mass next weekend.

Thank you for your cooperation.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON AT MARY’S SHELTER!

You are cordially invited to attend

A Home for the Holidays
Open House

Mary's Shelter
1033 SE 14 Street, Stuart

Sunday, December 11
10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a tour of the Shelter, meet the staff and enjoy a beautiful audio/visual presentation highlighting our lifesaving work.

Our Angel Tree will also be on display, where you can help new mothers or mothers-to-be this season!

Cookies and punch will be served.

RSVP: 772.223.5000
The Season of Advent:
A Fruitful Time for the Christian Steward

Probably nothing challenges a Christian steward’s use of time as much as the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Each year, we marvel at the irony of it: a time to honor and ponder God’s great mystery, the Incarnation, some-how falls prey to a time of stressful shopping, endless “to do” lists, strained checkbooks, and guilt over what’s not getting done. Sometimes those non-stop Christmas tunes begin to grate on our senses.

How does the Christian steward answer this challenge to devote time to reflection and prayer while incorporating the best and most fruitful of our cultural traditions into this festive season?

One suggestion would be to set aside a special time of reflection right at the beginning of Advent for determining what our priorities for the season will be. Set aside an hour and begin by rereading the Christmas story in the Gospel of Saint Luke. Ask God to help you know what is the most generous and beneficial use of time in God’s service during this season. Ask for help in setting aside time for prayer each day. Don’t be afraid to cross things off your “must do” list if they add stress to what should be a peaceful time.

Only you and God can determine the best use of your time. For instance, some people find annual Christmas cookie baking a reflective, creative time and a wonderful way to share. For others, it’s a self-imposed burden and a sure-fire way to a messy kitchen and a calorie overload. Likewise, that extra party may be just what someone needs to unwind and commune with friends while for another it may be the gateway to exhaustion or a temptation to overindulge in food or drink. Ask God which traditions are life-giving for you, and be bold enough to leave the others behind.

“I just don’t have time,” is the frequent lament of the holiday season. But the Christian steward is aware that we all have the same amount of time, and to each is given an opportunity of returning the first fruits of that time back to God. The season of Advent offers just such a grace-filled opportunity.

From the International Catholic Stewardship Council December 2011 Newsletter

Dear God, help us to be good stewards of these Advent days. In this precious time of hope-filled waiting, help us to seek you more intentionally and more often. Teach us to look for you in the faces of the needy we will be invited to help and the lonely ones we may be called to accompany in new and unexpected ways. Help us to be still now and then, even in the midst of our busyness, and see you in the beauty of your creation – in the shimmer of sunlight on snow or the crystal blue of the desert sky. Each morning, may we wake, knowing that you love us, and rejoice that you have given us another day in which to share our lives and our blessings. And each night, before we close our eyes, may we remember to thank you for the gifts and graces of the day. Make us mindful of your presence, Lord, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of your Son. In his holy Name, we pray. Amen.

2011 DSA

LESS THAN ONE MONTH TO GO!

We are $23,779 short of our goal. Can you help?

Any shortfall must come from Parish operating funds!
AROUND OUR DIOCESE…..

Check out the Diocesan Calendar of Events
Did you know the Diocese of Palm Beach keeps a Calendar of Events on its website? Many events that take place within the five counties of the diocese are listed. This is a good resource to find fellowship events or special activities. Look for it on the top right of our home page – www.diocesepb.org
Are you with a ministry and have a special event coming up? Submit it to the Office of Communications via e-mail at communications@diocesepb.org
If you have an event flyer, submit that, too. All submissions are given thoughtful consideration and placement.

Upcoming Events
Catholic Charities served over 10,000 people last year. Please visit the Catholic Charities website at www.diocesepb.org/charities for program information or contact 561-775-9560.

January 15, 2012:
Catholic Charities Inaugural Caritas Dei Gala Contact: Catholic Charities at (561) 775-9560
February 23:
Elder Affairs Annual Banquet Contact: Jackie Hart at 561-775-9560 ext. 19

The Guardianship Training schedule is available at www.diocesepb.org/charities/elder_affairs.htm

WATCH THE CATHOLIC MASS EACH SUNDAY
Tune in each week for the televised Catholic Mass which airs Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on Ion Television Networks (local cable channel 8). Priests from around the five-county Diocese along with the local Bishop bring the Mass to the sick, homebound and all the people of God on a weekly basis. The televised Mass is produced by the Diocesan Office of Communications. Please visit www.diocesepb.org and go to the online calendar for the weekly schedule as well as the multimedia page where with just one click you can hear the weekly homilies. To support the televised Catholic Mass contact 561-775-9529 or write to Office of Communications, 9995 N. Military Trail, Post Office Box 109650, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Televised Christmas Mass
Thanks to local media, the Diocese of Palm Beach televised Catholic Christmas Mass will air on four local television stations allowing the sick, homebound and many others in our community to celebrate this Holy Mass. The Mass will air Christmas Day morning on the following stations and at these times:

5 a.m. – 6 a.m. on CBS12; WPTV NewsChannel5 (NBC) from 7 a.m. – 8 a.m.; WPBF Channel 25 (ABC) from 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.; on ION Television Networks (local cable channel 8 for many cable/systems) at 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Pray for our Priests
By popular request, we continue to maintain and update the monthly calendar which originally appeared on the Diocesan website, www.diocesepb.org, during the Year for Priests (June 2009 – June 2010.) The prayers of all the faithful in support of the dedicated priests of the Diocese of Palm Beach are much appreciated by our priests. Please continue to pray daily, using the monthly calendar as a guide. A prayer for priests also appears on the website.
Welcome Homeschooling families!
St. Martin hosts a Homeschool Co-op each
Wednesdays from 10 am to Noon in the Education Building

Our Co-op is a weekly opportunity for Catholic homeschooling families to come together to pray, play, learn and grow. We have children of all ages from birth to High School and parents who strive to provide a strong network of Catholic fellowship and enrichment for their children. We will be visiting a nursing home to sing Christmas carols on December 14. For more information, please contact Nicole at nicole@st.martindp.com or 334-4214, ext 25.

PRE K-5 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are the children of the world......

Answering His Call!

Mass Participation
On December 11th at 9:00 am Mass, our 2nd grade Sacrament Class will be our lectors, gift bearers and ushers. A big thanks to Miss Natalie, Miss Helen Miss Lisa and our 2nd graders for a job well done! God’s blessings to all!

Happy Birthday Jesus!
On December 18, during Religious Education, we will be having a Birthday Party for Baby Jesus. Let us know if you can help. Sign up sheets for contributions will be in your child's classroom this Sunday.

Living Nativity and "Line to See Jesus"
On December 17th, There will be a Living Nativity at the Treasure Coast Mall from 10- 4pm by the JCP mall entrance. A local organization has initiated a Living Nativity and a "Line to See Jesus" in an effort to bring Christ back into Christmas. They are asking that the children bring an unwrapped toy to present to Baby Jesus. All donations will go to Toys for Tots!

Class Dismissal
Please continue to come into the Religious Education Building to pick up your children. There is plenty of parking in the grassy area in the front of the Religious Education Building facing Savanna Road.

Schedule
There will not be classes on December 25th and January 1st. Regular classes will resume on January 8th.

If you have any questions regarding our Religious Education Program, please contact Julie Breen at Julie@stmartindp.com or 334-4214 ext. 17.

Merry Christmas
Most of us are getting accustomed to the new language in the Roman Missal. In the Nicene Creed, we use the word **Incarnate**. This is a very Catholic word, meaning simply but not entirely, that Jesus was born. **Incarnate**, by the Holy Spirit; of the Virgin Mary. But, when and where? Well, two thousand and eleven years ago in **Bethlehem**, **at the Church of Nativity**. We are a pilgrim Church, with specific events that took place at certain locations and points in time. When St. Helena came to the Holy Land to build churches where Jesus ministered, it was easy to find these locations since the local Christians kept Vigil at these spots. We are blessed to have the entire **ministry of Jesus documented and commemorated by parishes**. We are equally blessed that until today, there remains a Christian Palestinian community bearing witness at these Churches, against all the odds. These Christians are waiting to greet you, just like they greeted St. Helena. I ask you in a very special way to **remember in your prayers these First Christians**, who remain in the Holy Land. The Middle East is in true turmoil, and the Christians are a mere 2% of the population. Please pray for Christianity to survive where it began. I wish you a very joyous journey through Advent and a very Merry Christmas.

Next year hopefully in **Bethlehem**! Peace,

Rami Qumsieh,

a concerned Catholic Palestinian from Bethlehem.
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