***Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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| ***This Week In Our Parish*** |

*Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org*

MONDAY*,* *February 18-Presidents’ Day*

Fr. Michael’s day off

TUESDAY*, February 19, Noon*

Mass Intention:  Bridgette Parker

WEDNESDA*Y, February 20, Noon*

Mass Intention: Families of Pat & Leann O’Brien

THURSDAY*, February 21, 10am*

Mass Intention:  Jean McPherson

FRIDAY*, February 22, Noon*

Mass Intention:  Domonic Amiker

SATURDAY *February 23:* 5:00 pm

Mass Intention:  Dorothy Longstaff

SUNDAY*, February 24*

*7:00 am or 6:00 pm -* Vietnamese Mass

*5:00 Soup Kitchen – St. Vincent de Paul*

**IGBO Mass** – 3rd Sunday of each month, 2:00 p.m. **(Mar 17)**

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| ***MASS INTENTIONS******February 17, 2019*** |

5:00pm –  Charlese Fischer

9:00 am –  Souls in Purgatory

 11:30 am –  Chinaemezu Okere

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| ***$$ FINANCIAL MATTERS $$******February 10, 2019*** |

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| Regular Collection | $7,822.00 |
| Mortgage Reduction | $145.00 |
| Parish Charity | $741.80 |
| Church in Latin America | $10.00 |
| Mission Fund | $90.00 |
| Candles | $100.00 |
|  | $8,908.80 |

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH!**

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| ***MASS ATTENDANCE******February 10, 2019*** |

***Adults – 249 Children*** *–* ***65***

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| ***SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE*** |

**Feb 17 --** Bishop’s Stewardship Appeal

**Feb 24** – Soup Kitchen

**Mar 3** – Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Please give generously

***\*\*SAFE ENVIRONMENT\*\**** *Our church and school participate in the Protecting God’s Children programs* ***(SAFE HAVEN)*** *as established by the Diocese of Charleston*

**Please check church website calendar for events and activities:** [**www.stmartincolumbia.org**](http://www.stmartincolumbia.org)

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| ***Liturgical Ministry Schedule*** |
| **SATURDAY, February 23, 2019 – 5:00 pm** |

Lector: Katrina Lorick

Altar Servers: Gavin Mincer and Jayden Rowe

Eucharistic Ministers: Marian Alexander and Barbara Holloway

Sacristan: Michael Myer

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| **SUNDAY, February 24, 2019 – 9:00 am** |

Lectors:  Etta Harrison and Rosalyn Smith

Altar Server: Matthew Cave and Mac Tollefsen

Eucharistic Ministers: Janice Coleman and Laurie Tollefsen

Sacristan: Donna Rock

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| **SUNDAY, February 24, 2019 – 11:30 am**  |

Lectors: Rick Harrison

Altar Servers: Tymia Boles

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Harrison and Hermina Bellinger

Sacristan: Loyce Harrison

***MINISTRY SIGN-IN REQUIRED:*** *Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Sacristans: please remember to sign in on your scheduled ministry day. Forms are located in the vestibule and the sacristy.*

*Collection Counters for today* ***February 17*:**

Hector Garcia, Johnathan Kirkwood, & Jackie Weedon

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| ***“Lord, Hear Our Prayer”*** |

***For the healing of***:Terrell Alexander, Donnie Ashford, Adren Bailey (brother of Larry Bailey), Pearl Bartley, Rose Bailey, Paula Baylis, Carol Ann Beard, Hermina Bellinger, Mary Beth Callais, Savi Culbertson, Floria Dial, Delores DiMaria, Leon Elliott, Clarence Foster, Damon Frazier, Doretha Glymph, Carla Gourdine, Robin Green, Ellen Greiner, Dierdre Harris, Leroy Henry, Frank Herty, Keddrick Jones, Sandra Joseph (mother of Harrison Joseph), Vivian Kates, Alvin Lorick, Barry Lynn, Hank MacDonald, Samuel Marshall, Eugene Mincer, Elizabeth Murphy (mother of Katrina Lorick), Robert Pearson, Marie Reyes, Linda Rocano, Jane Rienzie, Tripp Roche, Royce Rosemond, Percy Savoy, Judith Scott, Jaimie Smith, John Spells, Doug Stuhlsatz, Daniel Mark Waghelstein, Leroy White, Jr., Lauretta Williams, and Vashti Woodson.

***Assisted Living:***Alexzenia Hebert

***For the Souls of***: Julia Mae Poulard (mother of Michael Poulard), Lacetta Easley (grandmother of Cynthia Joseph), Dorothy Waghelstein and 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*

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| ***ALTAR FLOWERS*** |

Thank you to the people of the parish for sponsoring this week’s altar flowers.

**DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS IS**

**2:00 PM on TUESDAY**

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

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| ***SMDP SCHOOL NEWS*** |

* **We are accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 School Year! Please drop by the school for information!**
* Check out the school's website and Facebook page: [www.saintmartindeporres.org](http://www.saintmartindeporres.org) or [www.facebook.com/stmartindeporresschool](http://www.facebook.com/stmartindeporresschool)
* Save the Date! **April 27, 2019 is the 14th Annual Gala.** Tickets are $35, but the experience will be priceless!!! The committee will provide clues to all the excitement joy, and fun.

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| ***RELIGIOUS EDUCATION*** |

Fr. Michael has requested our youth (6th-12th grades) to write and share about a Black Catholic in our church who may have influenced or has influence to this day.

******Available for newcomers and those preparing to enter the church as well as parishioners looking to enhance their knowledge of the Catholic church and its teachings. Registration forms are available in the church vestibule. For additional information, contact Mrs. Doris Arvelo, Director of Religious Education at (803) 360-8626. Please share information with someone you think may need this program.

***READINGS FOR THE WEEK***

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26;

 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,

 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19;

 Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;

 Mk 8:27-33

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8,

 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

***SPIRITUAL READING***

*You will not see anyone who is truly striving after spiritual advancement who is not given to spiritual reading. —St. Athanasius*

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| ***SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES*** |

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Presidents’ Day

Thursday: St. Peter Damian

Friday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;

 Washington’s Birthday

Saturday: St. Polycarp



Support the church when you shop at **smile.amazon.com**. Select St. Martin de Porres as your charitable organization.

***Join Us for the next Bible Study Wednesday, February 20, 2019 @ 6:00 pm. We need volunteers to help facilitate with Fr. Michael and Deacon Leland.***

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| ***TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS*** |

***American Sign Language***

In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language. American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy.

 Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL.

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| ***EVENTS / ACTIVITIES / UPDATES*** |

If you suspect you are ill, the diocese recommends you refrain from the handshake/kiss of peace or receiving the chalice until the disease has subsided.

**Feb 21-Mar 21, 2019** – Each Thursday, a lecture series: A Dialogue with Climate Science and On the Care of Our Common Home (Laudato Si). Sessions are at Our Lady of the Hills from 1030 to 1130am and 7 to 8pm

**Feb 24, 2019** – Birthright will host a Ribbon Cutting and Open House from 1-3 pm at their new location 1316 Richland St. in Columbia

**Mar 6, 2019** – Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

**Mar 9, 2019** – Rite of Election Saturday at 10am at Our Lady of the Lake in Chapin.

**Mar 16, 2019** – Lenten Day of Retreat with Soul, guided by Sr. Roberta Fulton from 10am – 3pm at Rock Hill Oratory

**Apr 13, 2019** – Rosary Altar Society will host their Annual Retreat at The Chancery in Charleston, SC from 9am until 4pm, cost is $25, see Yvonne Pygatt or Bernetha Henry to register.

**Jul 19-21, 2019** – Worldwide Marriage Encounter in Charleston and **Nov 8-10** in Myrtle Beach. For more information visit <https://SCMarriageMatters.org>.

**Pick up your Envelopes**

**2019 Offering Envelopes are available**

Please check the tables setup in the vestibule.