

Sixth Sunday of Easter

This Week in Our Parish - May 17, 2020

Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, May 18, Fr. Michael's Day Off

TUESDAY, May 19, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Ruth Corker

WEDNESDAY, May 20, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: Agnew Family

THURSDAY, May 21, No Mass

FRIDAY, May 22, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Short Family

SATURDAY, May 23, 5:00 pm Mass

Mass Intention: † Phillips Family

SUNDAY, May 24, 9:00 am and 11:30 am Mass

No Soup Kitchen until further notice

MASS INTENTIONS May 16-17, 2020

5:00 pm – † Souls in Purgatory

9:00 – Living and Deceased Moffatt Family

11:30 am – † Benny Fuller

FINANCIAL MATTERS – May 10, 2020

Regular Collection	\$7,809.00
SMDP School	\$35.00
Mortgage Reduction	\$2,515.00
Maintenance	\$10.00
Mother's Day	\$160.00
Catholic Charities	\$165.00
Parish Charity	\$570.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$10.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$25.00
MAP/Bicentennial	\$635.00
Bishop's Stewardship Appeal	\$25.00
E-giving Bank Fees	\$28.15
	\$11,987.15

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

May 17 – Bicentennial Campaign

May 24 – Catholic Communication Campaign

Parishioners are encouraged to post their offerings, so that we can continue to carry our parish responsibilities.

Post checks to:

**St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church,
2229 Hampton St., Columbia, SC 29204**



Online Giving

<https://abundant.co/stmartindeporres/give>

Download the mobile app: **Abundant Giving**

Text: **SMDP to 73256, click the link & follow the prompts to give**

“Lord, Hear Our Prayer”

For the healing of: Terrell Alexander, Adren Bailey (Larry Bailey), Pearl Bartley, Rose Bailey, Paula Baylis, Hermina Bellinger, Paulette Bradley (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, Leslie Hodges-Jackson, Amira Johnson (Barbara Johnson), Keddrick Jones, Sandra Joseph (Harrison Joseph), Vivian Kates, Dawn Lance, Maxine Lloyd, Wayne Lopez (Stanley Lopez), Joseph McKenzie, Hank MacDonald, Samuel Marshall, Eugene Mincer, Gavin Mincer, Elizabeth Murphy, John Roland Neal, Sr. (Tyrone Neal Sr.) Arthur Newson, Robert Pearson, Helen Pellicci, Joyce Poulard, Veronica Ramseur, Marie Reyes, Linda Rocano, Jane Rienzie, Tripp Roche, Royce Rosemond, Judith Scott, Brenda Singleton (Pheobe Malloy), Jaimie Smith, Brenda Easley Webb (mother of Cynthia Joseph), Robert Webb (Cynthia Joseph), Leroy White, Jr., Loretta Williams, and Marcia Wilson.

Assisted Living: Dorothy “Nana” Paul,

For the Souls of: Rev. William Jones (Pheobe Malloy cousin) Mr. Levon Nelson (Pheobe Malloy brother-in-law), and All of our departed Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to Jeanette Burton Gonzalez for sponsoring this week's Altar Flowers

Please provide notice of additions to our prayer list (hospitalizations, sick and homebound). Kindly call the office at (803)254-6862 or email

stmartincolumbia@charlestdiocese.org

SMDP SCHOOL NEWS

School Registration: Please share with your family, friends, and co-workers that we are accepting applications for the 2020-2021 School Year. Grades Pre K3, Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third.

**PreK 4 is open for all counties with tuition paid by First Steps for students 4-year-old by September 1 of each year!

1. First Steps: FREE4KSC.org
2. School Applications: www.saintmartindeporres.org
3. You may email for an application:

smdpschool@charlestdiocese.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NO Religious Education classes until further notice. Director of Religious Education is Ms. Doris Arvelo 803-360-8626.

Catechumens and candidates will be received into the Church at Pentecost.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. John I

Wednesday: St. Bernardine of Siena

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord
(unless transferred to Sunday);

St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions

Friday: St. Rita of Cascia

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise
Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16;
Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension)
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20

SPIRITUAL READING

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

—St. Athanasius

FROM FR. MICHAEL

Return to Mass

Safety is the greatest challenge in all we do during this period.

We must conform to these requirements:

- Attendance at Mass will be limited in order to comply with distancing requirements currently in place.
- Masses will be held at the usual times: Saturday – 5:00 pm and Sunday – 9:00 am and 11:30 am. In order to ensure orderly seating and dismissal of parishioners, **please arrive on time for mass** and comply with usher assisted seating instructions upon entrance and after mass. Social gatherings and assembly are not permitted before and after mass.
- The church will be cleaned and sanitized before and after each service. Members need to sanitize hands before and after Mass.
- Hand sanitizers is available and additionally you may bring your own sanitizer for use during attendance.
- It is recommended that essential personnel and **parishioners wear face mask during mass.**
- All communion will be given in the hands, and not directly in the mouth
- Collection plates and baskets will be available at entrance and exit points at the beginning and at the end of the mass. Please deposit collections in the plates and baskets.
- Deacons and Ministers of Holy Communion must Sanitize their hands prior to distributing communion to those attending mass.
- Communion under Precious Blood will not be offered this time.
- There will be no hymnals and missalette. We will try to provide these services on TV Screens for people to share.

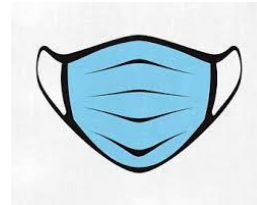
- Persons considered to be “high risk” and more vulnerable to the virus should consider not attending mass in the church. Special dispensation is granted by the Bishop in these instances. Safety is premium, so if you are not feeling well or are afraid that an existing condition you have may be compromised, please consider well before coming to Mass. Also, if you exposed yourself to COVID-19, please do not attend Mass.

Be Safe.

Blessings, Fr. Michael Okere



Rosary Altar Society wishes to recognize our **2020 graduates/retirees**, no later than **May 22, 2020** email Malorie Harrison, tweetrose29@gmail.com or the church smartincolumbia@charlestondiocese.org with graduates connect information (name, address, and email).



If you are able and wish to sew face masks for church members, please contact Ms. Carol Brooks at 803-699-4381 or email, designmanifest@bellsouth.net

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.scdhec.gov

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control-This agency gives you information on the number of Coronavirus cases in SC and what counties and hospitals they are in.

www.cdc.gov

Center for Disease Control-This Federal Agency website gives the President's guidelines for Coronavirus in America as well as information on what to do if you are sick or feel sick.

<https://divineoffice.org/register/>

This site prays The Liturgy of the Hours with a chorus of voices reading and singing. You are praying with the whole church around the world and the people audibly participating draw you in and make you feel part of a group which is wonderful in this time of precautionary isolation.