

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Week in Our Parish - July 19, 2020

Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, July 20, Fr. Michael's Day Off

TUESDAY, July 21, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Geri Lacey

WEDNESDAY, July 22, Noon Mass

THURSDAY, July 23, No Mass

FRIDAY, July 24, Noon Mass

SATURDAY, July 25, 5:00 pm Mass

Mass Intention: † Regina Okere

SUNDAY, July 26, 9:00 am and 11:30 am Mass

No Soup Kitchen until further notice

MASS INTENTIONS

July 18-19, 2020

5:00 pm – Elizabeth Steadman

9:00 am -- † Mrs. Vickie Thomas

11:30 am – † Bill Baylis

MASS ATTENDANCE

July 11 & 12 2020

Adults – 54 Children -- 0

FINANCIAL MATTERS – July 12, 2020

Regular Collection	\$6,545.00
SMDP School	\$100.00
Soup Kitchen	\$120.00
Mortgage Reduction	\$550.00
Maintenance	\$45.00
Parish Charity	\$50.00
Peter's Pence	\$5.00
Infirm Priest	\$152.00
Father's Day	\$130.00
Bank Fess	\$49.85
	\$7,746.85

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

July 19 – Parish Charity Appeal

July 26 – St. Martin de Porres School

August 2 – Soup Kitchen

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

OR USE:

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 Bellingher, Kelvin Brown, Mary Beth Callais, Irma Coleman, Janice Coleman, Savi Culbertson, 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, Margaret Martin (aunt of Geraldine Arceneaux), Eugene Mincer, Elizabeth Murphy, John Roland Neal, Sr. (Tyrone Neal Sr.) Arthur Newson, Robert Pearson, Helen Pellicci, Joyce Poulard, Veronica Ramseur, Maria Reyes, Linda Rocano, Jane Rienzie, Tripp Roche, Royce Rosemond, Judith Scott, Brenda Singleton (Pheobe Malloy), Patricia McDermott Sinnott (Gerald/Sandra McDermott), Jaimie Smith, Brenda Easley Webb (mother of Cynthia Joseph), Robert Webb (Cynthia Joseph), Leroy White, Jr., Laretta Williams, and Marcia Wilson.

Assisted Living: Dorothy "Nana" Paul

For the Souls of: Margaret Martin (aunt of Geraldine Arceneaux), Mrs. Vickie Thomas, Mr. Walter Sinnott, and for those who have died from the Coronavirus COVID-19, 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@charlestdioocese.org

ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to Edward W. Robinson for sponsoring this week's Altar Flowers in memory of James and Ellie Hampton Robinson

SMDP SCHOOL NEWS

Diocesan's schools are scheduled to open the third week in August. Our date for the midlands Catholic Schools is August 19th with that week being 12 p.m. dismissal. August 24, 2020 is the first full week. **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@charlestdioocese.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17;

Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11;

Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13;

Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77,

127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

SPIRITUAL READING

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

—St. Athanasius

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Apollinaris

Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene

Thursday: St. Bridget

Friday: St. Sharbel Makhluf

Saturday: St. James

FROM FR. MICHAEL

You can watch the Mass Sunday mornings on



Safety is the greatest challenge in all we do during this period. All individuals attending Mass **MUST** wear their masks during the Mass, except when they are reading or cantoring.

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.

Fema.gov/coronavirus

Federal agency that provides official sources for accurate information on Coronavirus.

<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.

HASfit.com

An exercise site that has programs ranging from 15 minutes for seated seniors to hour long cardio, muscle building, etc. for the most fit among us. The coach and his helper demonstrate each move and encourage you during every set of exercises.

If you want peace, work for justice.

—Pope Paul VI

Be Safe.

Blessings, Fr. Michael Okere

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the dawn of the fourteenth century, the sacrament of confirmation was ripe for a rescue, since vast numbers of the faithful never received it, and when it was celebrated, it was done so in isolation from baptism and Eucharist. A bishop named William Durandus set out to reclaim this liturgy, but he had a creative touch and added some things into the mix that had never been thought of before. One was a slap. Oddly, he replaced the kiss of peace at the end of confirmation with a slap on the cheek that endured to modern times. This “wake-up call” was related in his imagination to a custom in the military, wherein ceremonies of knighthood and investiture involved a symbolic wound as a sign of willingness to suffer.

Within every congregation today there are people who have memories of fretting through their confirmation liturgies, anxious to know how enthusiastic a slap the bishop would bestow. Durandus loved symbolism and had a reason for every ritual and practice, but his creative spin on the celebration shows how sadly adrift confirmation was from its anchorage in baptism, how far off-course from its home port of the eucharistic community.

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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Bible Study



Prepare yourself to join in our intro to Parish Bible Study on Wednesday, July 29 from 6:00 -6:45 via ZOOM.

Sister Hope, a free chat service providing encouragement and strategies on how to manage everyday stress and anxiety using Chatbot technology. Sister Hope is anonymous, private, faith-based, emotional and mental support service. To get started, text “Hi” to Sister Hope at 315-276-3157, or visit facebook.com/SisterHopeSC. If you are experiencing suicidal thoughts, please contact the Suicide Hotline 1-800-273-8255.



Are you looking to strengthen and enrich your marriage? **3RE -- Restore, Rekindle, Renew**, is a virtual experience course. There are 7 sessions and each will last approximately 2 1/2 hours. The sessions will be held **August 6th and ending August 27th** Monday and Thursday evenings from 7 - 9:30pm. For more information or to apply online go to: scmarriagematters.org

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, July 19 – 25, celebrates God's vision for marriage and promotes Natural Family Planning. Learn about NFP by visiting <https://charlestondiocese.org/marriage/natural-family-planning/> or contact jflorendo@charlestondiocese.org. Please like our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/NFPSC/>

