

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Week in Our Parish - July 26, 2020

Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, July 27, Fr. Michael's Day Off

TUESDAY, July 28, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Moffatts Living & Deceased

WEDNESDAY, July 29, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Kelly Preston

THURSDAY, July 30, No Mass

FRIDAY, July 31, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Leo Landau

SATURDAY, August 1, 5:00 pm Mass

Mass Intention: Parks Family

SUNDAY, August 2, 9:00 am and 11:30 am Mass

No Soup Kitchen until further notice

MASS INTENTIONS

July 25-26, 2020

5:00 pm – † Regina Okere

9:00 am -- † Daria Castillo

11:30 am – † Daria Castillo

MASS ATTENDANCE

July 18 & 19 2020

Adults – 80 Children -- 13

FINANCIAL MATTERS – July 19, 2020

Regular Collection	\$3,778.00
SMDP School	\$10.00
Soup Kitchen	\$10.00
Mortgage Reduction	\$115.00
Maintenance	\$10.00
Mission Fund	\$10.00
Parish Charity	\$217.00
Infirm Priest	\$125.00
Seminary	\$25.00
MAP/Bicentennial	\$40.00
Bank Fess	\$12.44
	\$4,352.44

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

July 26 – St. Martin de Porres School

August 2 – Soup Kitchen

August 9 – Diocesan Bicentennial Year

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/stmartindepores/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 Bellingier, 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., Laurreta 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@charlestondiocese.org

ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to the People of the Parish for sponsoring this week's Altar Flowers

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 is seeking a Spanish Teachers for the 2020-21 school year**

- **Position is for 1-day week for grades Pre K3 to 3rd**
- **Experience in teaching the language to students**
- **Teacher may be retired**
- **Contact the school for more information, 803-254-5477**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27
or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34;
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18;
Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

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: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Martha
Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus
Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola
Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori; First Saturday

FROM FR. MICHAEL

Safe Access to Flexible Education (SAFE) Grants is a program to address the educational needs of eligible K5-K12 students who attend a participating independent school in South Carolina. It will provide critical support for working families to stabilize their child's education journey during the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure students can access an education environment of their choice. SAFE Grants may be used to cover tuition costs at our own St. Martin de Porres School. Families can receive up to \$6,500 per student. Please check out the website: <http://mysceducation.org>. Register to receive information and check with St. Martin de Porres School for details on applying.

Investing in your child's education as a Catholic shouldn't be limited by cost.

You can receive
\$6,500 per student
for Catholic School!

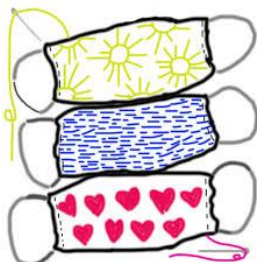
For families earning
less than 300% of the
federal poverty level

68% of S.C. households qualify!



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saintmartindepores.org

Be Safe.
Blessings, Fr. Michael Okere



Continue to stay safe and wear your mask!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most parishes are now aware of the catechumenate and the journey of new faithful in the RCIA, but this form of sacramental initiation disappeared from view in the thirteenth century along with many other ancient practices. Life back then was hard, and often too short, and priests were increasingly insistent about the responsibility of parents to baptize children in danger of death. Since everyone in that society was under unimaginable threat from famine, warfare, and plague, the liturgical rites changed quickly. Everyone was in danger of death all the time. No longer were babies immersed in fonts, being lowered into the water, although the ritual books never backed down from immersion. Infusion was the new way, a simple pouring of a few drops of water on the child's forehead.

The catechumenate collapsed, being reduced to the recitation of the Creed and an Our Father at every baptism. Amazingly, any provision for adult baptism was shelved, so that as late as the 1950s, a person being baptized was presumed to be an infant, unable to answer for him or herself. Questions of creed and commitment were put to the godparents, not to the person being baptized. Even Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton, famous adult converts, remained mute at their baptisms while their sponsors answered for them. In hindsight all this appears strikingly odd, yet it was accepted as the way things were. We have good reason to give thanks for the vigorous reforms of the last fifty years!

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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: sctmarriage.org