

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Week in Our Parish - August 2, 2020

Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, August 3, Fr. Michael's Day Off

TUESDAY, August 4, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: Lucas Family

WEDNESDAY, August 5, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, August 6, No Mass

FRIDAY, August 7, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Lydia Lackey

SATURDAY, August 8, 5:00 pm Mass

Mass Intention:

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

No Soup Kitchen until further notice

MASS INTENTIONS

August 1-2, 2020

5:00 pm – Parks Family

9:00 am – People of the Parish

11:30 am – People of the Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE

July 25 & 26 2020

Adults – 52 Children -- 2

FINANCIAL MATTERS – July 26, 2020

Regular Collection	\$4,583.00
SMDP School	\$332.00
Mortgage Reduction	\$45.00
Parish Charity	\$35.00
Infirm Priest	\$25.00
Flowers	\$130.00
Bank Fess	\$8.20
	\$5,158.20

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

August 2 – Soup Kitchen

August 9 – Diocesan Bicentennial Year

August 16 -- Maintenance

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 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), Jackie Weedon, Leroy White, Jr., Laurreta Williams, and Marcia Wilson.

Assisted Living: Dorothy “Nana” Paul

For the Souls of: 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

smartinolumbia@charlestondiocese.org

ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to Cynthia Caldwell for sponsoring this week's Altar Flowers in honor of Grovetta White and Cynthia Caldwell

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 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. John Vianney
Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord;
Hiroshima Memorial Day
Friday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan;
First Friday
Saturday: St. Dominic

FROM FR. MICHAEL

*Thank
you!*

I wish to send my sincere thanksgiving to God for all of our parishioners. God has been smiling at us. Thank you for your unflinching support; in sending in your tithes and checking on us at the parish. You are always in prayers. I pray that soon we will see each other again!

Thank you to all who participated in the recent Bible Study. We are looking forward to next one in August.

Bible Study



Be Safe.

Blessings, Fr. Michael Okere

Rx for Body and Spirit

For Your Body

Wash your hands often.

Avoid close contact with other people.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

Stay home if you're sick (except to get medical care).

Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue.

For Your Spirit

Make an Act of Spiritual Communion.

Pray the Rosary.

Participate in a televised or live-streamed Mass.

Take time for family prayer.

Practice Lectio Divina.

Don't forget to help your parish with donations.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the last several weeks, the history of confirmation has been set out as a rite following baptism and preceding First Communion. Eucharist was a sacrament of spiritual maturity, attuned to the legal age of majority, which was considered to be fourteen years or so. Medieval bishops were often generous, if not especially pious, in seeing to it that children were confirmed before adulthood.

A pattern more familiar to us surfaced in the Diocese of Toulon in France in 1748, where it was decreed that "children are to be confirmed only after receiving First Communion." This was an amazing shift in practice that undermined centuries of theology and tradition by which confirmation was seen as a bridge between font and table. The innovation swept through France and across Europe, despite constant complaints from Rome. French-trained bishops like Cheverus of Boston and Carroll of Baltimore, founders of the American church, established the practice here. The order of the sacraments was thus disrupted in France and in the United States and remained an eccentric exception to the rule until big developments in 1910.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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. Place your

marriage in His hands by attending the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Jan 29-31, 2021 in North Myrtle Beach, SC**. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803-810-9602.

Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes.

—St. Dominic