

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Week in Our Parish - September 6, 2020

Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, September 7, Fr. Michael's Day Off, **Labor Day**

TUESDAY, September 8, Noon Mass

WEDNESDAY, September 9, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Norman Eiben

THURSDAY, September 10, No Mass

FRIDAY, September 11, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Gambardellas

SATURDAY, September 12, 5:00 pm Mass

Mass Intention: † Phillips

SUNDAY, September 13, 9:00 am and 11:30 am Mass

No Soup Kitchen until further notice

† Denotes deceased

MASS INTENTIONS

September 5-6, 2020

5:00 pm – People of the Parish

9:00 am – People of the Parish

11:30 am – People of the Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE

August 29-30, 2020

Adults – 77 Children – 8

FINANCIAL MATTERS – August 29-30, 2020

Regular Collection	\$4,557.00
SMDP School	\$15.00
Mortgage Reduction	\$70.00
Maintenance	\$0.00
Parish Charity	\$214.00
Bishop Stewardship Appeal	\$25.00
Bank Fess	\$8.20
	\$4,889.20

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

September 6 – Bishop's Stewardship Appeal
September 13 – Catholic University of America
September 20 – Catholic Miscellany

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 Bellinger, Kelvin Brown, Mary Beth Callais, Irma Coleman, Janice Coleman, Savi Culbertson, Dolores DiMaria, James T. Easley, Sidney Fomby (Ljubica Arceneaux), Damon Frazier, Carla Gouridine, 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), Hank MacDonald, Joseph McKenzie, Mary McLawrence (sister-in-law Rosa Garcia), Samuel Marshall, Eugene Mincer, Elizabeth Murphy, John Roland Neal, Sr. (Tyronne Neal Sr.) Arthur Newton, Robert Pearson, Helen Pellicci, Joyce Poulard, Veronica Ramseur, Maria Reyes, Linda Rocano, Jane Rienzie, Tripp Roche, Royce Rosemond, Judith Scott, Patricia McDermott Sinnott (Gerald/Sandra McDermott), Jaimie Smith, Brenda Easley Webb (mother of Cynthia Joseph), Robert Webb (Cynthia Joseph), Jackie Weedon, Leroy White, Jr., Laretta 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

stmartincolumbia@charlestdiocese.org

ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to Principal Delores Gilliard and St. Martin de Porres School for this week's Altar Flowers

SMDP SCHOOL NEWS



School is seeking a **Spanish Teacher** 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

We are also seeking **substitute teachers** for the school year 2020-2021. Contact the school for more information, 803-254-5477.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

SPIRITUAL READING

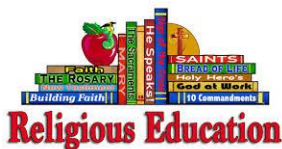
You will not see anyone who is truly striving after spiritual advancement who is not given to spiritual reading.

—St. Athanasius

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Peter Claver
Friday: Patriot Day
Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary;
Blessed Virgin Mary

FROM FR. MICHAEL



All Catechists and leaders of RCIA program are expected to join on a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m. We need to discuss resumption of our programs. Important matters we need to discuss include:

- Reports on previous year
- Discuss present pandemic and its impact on our Religious Education and difficulties it poses.
- Plan for future of Religious Education and RCIA in our parish

Please endeavor to tune in for this important Zoom meeting. Thank you!

Topic: Religious Education / Catechist Meeting
Time: Sep 9, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84820816999?pwd=V3EwR09vL3ViR1MwZSs2THBPTmdaQT09>

Meeting ID: 848 2081 6999

Passcode: 191351

Catechetical Sunday is Sunday September 20. We will impart blessings upon all Catechist during the Masses.



We are welcoming new members in the parish. **RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** will be done virtually. Individuals interested in becoming Catholics are requested to call the office for direction 803-254-6862.

Be Safe. Blessings, Fr. Michael Okere

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

St. Peter Claver

Nearly two hundred years before the Declaration of Independence proclaimed “that all men are created equal,” two hundred fifty years before the Emancipation Proclamation mandated an end to slavery, three hundred fifty years before Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream,” and four hundred years before the election of an American president boasting African heritage, Peter Claver left his native Spain behind to volunteer for the Jesuit missions in Colombia. There, he was horrified both by slavery as an institution and by the inhuman brutality inflicted upon the slaves. He solemnly vowed to become “the slave of the slaves,” and lived that vow heroically for close to forty years.

Not knowing their language, Peter began his ministry among the slaves by using the universal language of practical charity, providing medical care and a tangible though wordless assertion of their human dignity: “We spoke to them not with words but with our hands, kneeling beside them, bathing their faces and bodies, encouraging them with friendly gestures” (see *Liturgy of the Hours, Volume 4*, p. 2018). Then came evangelization and baptism. Holiness as human wholeness: Peter Claver’s enduring witness.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



The next Bible Study will be Wednesday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m, via Zoom.

3rd Annual SC Life Conference

Saturday, September 12, 2020 - 9:00am - 5:00pm
Learn more about the most important issue of our day, from the most knowledgeable and respected Pro-Life leaders in our State. To Register and for information please visit www.Charleston40days.com/pro-life-conference

September 19 St. Francis Catholic Shop, 649 St. Andrews Rd, will close for good. Stop in for some bargains. Call (803) 561-9733 for information and hours.

Say Thank you and Farewell to Sister Roberta

Fulton by sending a virtual hug

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