

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Week in Our Parish - September 20, 2020

Website: [www.stmartincolumbia.org](http://www.stmartincolumbia.org)

MONDAY, September 21, Fr. Michael's Day Off

TUESDAY, September 22, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: Szillat Family

WEDNESDAY, September 23, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Crawford Family

THURSDAY, September 24, No Mass

FRIDAY, September 25, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: Hink Salley

SATURDAY, September 26, 5:00 pm Mass

Mass Intention: † Vashti Woodson

SUNDAY, September 27, 9:00 am and 11:30 am Mass

No Soup Kitchen until further notice

† Denotes deceased

### MASS INTENTIONS September 19-20, 2020

5:00 pm – † Lorna Breen

9:00 am – † Uriel Hyland

11:30 am – People of the Parish

### MASS ATTENDANCE September 12-13, 2020

Adults – 95 Children – 12

### FINANCIAL MATTERS – September 12-13, 2020

Regular Collection	\$6,531.00
SMDP School	\$75.00
Mortgage Reduction	\$600.00
Miscellany	\$95.00
Parish Charity	\$100.00
Catholic University	\$120.00
Bishop Stewardship Appeal	\$105.00
MAP/Bicentennial	\$30.00
Bank Fess	\$47.60
	\$7,703.60

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

### SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

September 20 – Catholic Miscellany

September 27 – Bicentennial Campaign

October 4 – Mission Fund

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 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 Newson, 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 in wildfires, hurricanes, or 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](mailto:stmartincolumbia@charlestondiocese.org)

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to Judith M. James 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: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;

Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9;

Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;

Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];

Mt 21:28-32

### 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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Matthew  
Tuesday: Autumn begins  
Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)  
Saturday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian;  
Blessed Virgin Mary

### FROM FR. MICHAEL



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.

### Padre Pio's Prayer for Trust and Confidence

O Lord, we ask for a boundless confidence and trust in Your divine mercy, and the courage to accept the crosses and sufferings which bring immense goodness to our souls and that of Your Church.

Help us to love You with a pure and contrite heart, and to humble ourselves beneath Your cross, as we climb the mountain of holiness, carrying our cross that leads to heavenly glory.

May we receive You with great faith and love in Holy Communion, and allow You to act in us as You desire for your greater glory.

O Jesus, most adorable Heart and eternal fountain of Divine Love, may our prayer find favor before the Divine Majesty of Your heavenly Father.



### HUMILITY

No human being is too big to be humble, but some human beings are too small.

—Anonymous

**Be Safe. Blessings, Fr. Michael Okere**

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

### SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (1887-1968)

Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Pio actually “bilocate” in Italy, the Holy Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified? Or “read hearts” before penitents spoke? What of the *stigmata*, Christ’s wounds imprinted on Padre Pio’s hands, feet, and side?

John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of “trials accepted with love,” referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio’s faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vatican; of Pio’s offering his sufferings in union with Jesus’ passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio’s prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his House for the Relief of Suffering, a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today’s holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us ordinary Christians, this extraordinary saint’s most frequent advice: “Pray, hope, and don’t worry!”

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## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Saturday, October 3, 2020** 8:30 a.m. Corpus Christi Church  
2350 Augusta Hwy, Lexington, SC 29072

**Mass of Remembrance** for our children who were miscarried, stillborn, early induction, aborted or any infant loss. The Celebrant: Fr. Joseph Romanoski, and Rosary to follow, For more information contact Christy Brown 803-554-6088  
[grace4healing@gmail.com](mailto:grace4healing@gmail.com)

### 8th Marian Eucharistic Conference

**Saturday October 24 - Sunday, October 25** -- It will be a free virtual conference; however, everyone needs to register to receive a log-in code to participate. For more information, or to register, go to [www.meconferencesc.net](http://www.meconferencesc.net). Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

**Nov. 3 Vote! For information on absentee and touchless voting click on links below**

<https://www.scvotes.gov/>

<https://noexcuses.com/>

The South Carolina Catholic Conference (SCCC), in conjunction with other state Catholic Conferences, has produced this election's [Presidential Comparison 2020](#), a side-by-side analysis of the two major party presidential candidates and where they stand on issues. The chart is drawn from the candidates' campaign websites and news accounts. It is available to download in English and Spanish, and additional voter education resources are also available at the link.