

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Week in Our Parish - September 27, 2020

Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, September 28, Fr. Michael's Day Off

TUESDAY, September 29, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Margaret Sullivan

WEDNESDAY, September 30, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: Conway Family

THURSDAY, October 1, No Mass

FRIDAY, October 2, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, October 3, 5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, October 4, 9:00 am and 11:30 am Mass

No Soup Kitchen until further notice

† Denotes deceased

MASS INTENTIONS

September 26-27, 2020

5:00 pm – † Vashti Woodson

9:00 am – † Carmen S. Diaz Rivera

11:30 am – Ginny Whittiker

MASS ATTENDANCE

September 19-20, 2020

Adults – 80 Children – 12

FINANCIAL MATTERS – September 19-20, 2020

Regular Collection	\$3,128.00
SMDP School	\$50.00
Mortgage Reduction	\$10.00
Miscellany	\$330.00
Maintenance	\$10.00
Mission Fund	\$10.00
Youth	\$25.00
MAP/Bicentennial	\$65.00
Bank Fess	\$20.40
	\$3,648.40

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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/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 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), Hank MacDonald, Mary McLawrence (sister-in-law Rosa Garcia), Samuel Marshall, 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, 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: Londell Williams, Sr. (father-in-law of Johnathan Kirkwood), 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

ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to Pat Sullivan for this week's Altar Flowers in memory of Eugene and Margaret Sullivan

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15;
Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14;
Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10,
13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75,
91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9;
Mt 21:33-43

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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Migrants and Refugees; Priesthood Sunday; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset
Monday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus
Tuesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Wednesday: St. Jerome; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset
Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

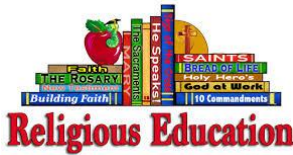
FROM FR. MICHAEL

Bicentennial Campaign at St. Martin de Porres

It has been over a year since our parish completed our participation in the *Bicentennial Campaign*. As a reminder, your support and generosity helped us raise **\$612,881.30** in pledges. To date, **\$125,602.25** has been received from these pledge payments.

We recognize the financial uncertainty that COVID-19 has caused for many in our community. We are still amazed at the support parishioners continue to show for our parish in the form of continued payments on their Bicentennial Campaign pledges. It is your devotion that will allow our spiritual home to persevere and flourish through these difficult times.

Fulfilling your pledge strengthens our parish family. If you have made a pledge and need to make an adjustment, please contact our parish staff at 803-254-6862 at your earliest convenience.



Religious Education Classes will begin Sunday October 4, 2020 at 11:00 am. Contact the Director of Religious Education, Doris Arvelo for instruction materials and more information.

Holy Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God
My guardian dear
To Whom His love
Commits me here
Ever this day
Be at my side
To light and guard
To rule and guide.
Amen



GUARDIANS FOR VALUABLE SOULS

So valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human soul that every member of the human race has a guardian angel from the moment the person begins to be.

—St. Jerome

*** Thank you to Charles Green and Stanley Lopez for maintaining the church lawn and grounds. Special thanks also to Charles for cleaning the roof gutters. ***

Be Safe. Blessings, Fr. Michael Okere

SMDP SCHOOL NEWS



We are still seeking a **Spanish and substitute teacher** for this school year. There is still space available for Pre-K3 and K4 as well as in the first and second grades classes. Contact the school for more information, 803-254-5477.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sacrament of Penance

The sacrament of penance has a long and difficult history. The Church sometimes struggles with how best to be faithful to the image of an all-forgiving God. Once a very public rite with publicly visible participation on the part of the penitent, it became in time a very private matter. By the fourteenth century, when a prayer of absolution and a laying on of hands was still required in sacramental confession, theologians were saying that even that was too much liturgy. All that was required was confession itself, and the sacramental words *Ego te absolvo*, or "I absolve you."

In 1614 the Council of Florence tried to flesh out this bare skeleton, requiring that if possible, the priest should wear a stole, that the confession should be in church, and that there be questions about the person's state in life, occupation, and last confession. This is the first time the Church recommended that the penitent and priest be separated by a grill, thereby eliminating the ritual laying on of hands once so central to the sacrament, substituting the priest's raised right hand in blessing. This is the rite that remained in force until the sacrament became the subject of very stormy debates at the Second Vatican Council, leading to a major reform in 1974 that is still only partially received.

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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

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. Any donation 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.