



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	5:30 pm
SUNDAY	9 am & 11:30 am
Weekday Mass @ 8:00 am Wednesday-Friday in the Rectory	

**FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH
UNITY MASS @ 10AM**

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
Most Sacred Heart Devotion
@ 6:00pm**

**Christian Initiation:
Sacraments of Baptism,
Confirmation and Holy
Communion**

Preparation of each Sacrament is required. Baptisms are celebrated quarterly usually at 11:30 am Mass. Adults seeking to receive the sacraments for the first time should contact the Pastor for further information.

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday from 6-7 pm
Healing Mass every 3rd
Wednesday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:25 pm and
by appointment.

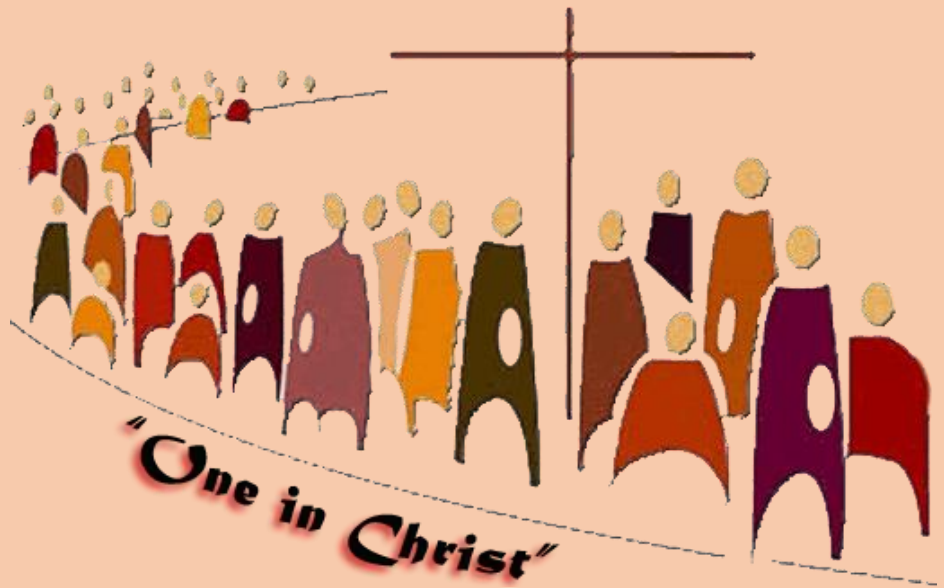
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Registration and participation prior to your wedding date is required. Arrangements should be made with the Priest before the wedding date is set; Instructions to begin at least four months before the wedding.

HISTORIC

ST BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH - *Since 1874*

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May 7, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

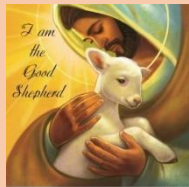
Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson
Franklin Williams, Finance Chairperson
Shirley West, Administrative Secretary
Bea Betworth, Accounts Secretary
Bobbie McIver, Bldg /Maintenance

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day



Our long Easter celebration continues today with what is traditionally known as "Good Shepherd Sunday," because the Gospel on the Fourth Sunday of Easter always relates one of Jesus' "Good Shepherd" sayings.

Today is a good day to reflect on and be thankful for all the people who have been good shepherds in your faith life, and to pray for all pastors and priests as well as for vocations for the future of our Church.

*Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 246.

Key point of today's reflection:

The early Christian Community "devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers" (Acts 2:42).

Your "Pineapple" for the week:

A mark of authenticity and vitality in a congregation is the quality of peoples' relationships and their efforts to include others in those relationships.



For all the Sick and Homebound of our Parish that they may have God's healing Mercy upon them.

May God place his healing touch on McKenzie Jenkins.

For the repose of the soul of Jackie Cain on the anniversary of her passing.

*New Horizons of Women & Men.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

April Calendar

- 7 Sun. World Day of Prayer for Vocations
10 Wed. Memorial of St. Damien de Veuster
12 Fri. Memorial of Ss. Nereus and Achilleus and Memorial of St. Pancras
13 Sat. Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima



April 29/30, 2017

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Rows include Offertory (\$ 4264.50), Special Collection: Catholic Home Missions (\$ 325.00).

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

With God & with others, your faith & daily life. Spend 10 minutes reflecting on God's Word.

Readings for This Weekend:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 The promise is made to all. Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." 1 Peter 2:20b-25 Jesus bore our sins upon the cross. John 10:1-10 Jesus is the gate for the sheep.

Readings for Next Weekend:

Acts 6:1-7 They chose Stephen. Psalm 33 "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you." 1 Peter 2:4-9 "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." John 14:1-12 "I am the way and the truth and the life."

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



In our parish, we don't see many members each Sunday. They are at home or in personal care or assisted living facilities, praying with and for us. Let us remember all those here at St. Benedict who are ill and in need of God's healing and comfort. Let us keep them in our prayers:

- M. Marie Blue, Perdetha Brantley, Carmen Broussard, Marsha Byrd, Ann Chappell, Frank Chappell, Lillie Mae Chisholm, Thomas Dickerson, Lillian Dilworth, Anthony Hall, Annette Hall, Laura Harris, Jessica Jackson, Charlotte Jenkins, McKenzie Jenkins, Clevon Johnson, Lester Johnson, Janice Quinn, Bernice Rivers, Edward Robinson, Albertha Smith, Catherine Spann, Edith Washington, Margaret Weston, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tamba Williams, Gertrude Rivers Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.



Prayer Requests: Theodore Martin, Sr., Rhonda McCary, Michael Allen, Kelly Berry, Dorothy C. Brown, Henrietta Bulloch, Ivan Clark, Ruth Cohen, Shirley Davis, George Foxworth, Lewis Jackson,

Elizabeth Mungin, Damon Peter, Cyrus Riley, Jr., Wendy & Gary Thomas, Nathaniel Wiggins, Johnny Mae Spaulding, Lucille Singleton, Bertha Sorey, Rose McCoy, Priscilla Brown, Wms. McWalters, Natasha Simon, Delores Jivens, Narvia Williams, Eva Daniels, Cheryl Edwards, Wade Brown, Niah Hatcher, Helen McWalters, Cheryl Riley, Estelle Hogan, Jeremy Margarttes, Debbie Helmlly, Mamie Farmer, Sarah Wiley, James Johnson. If you would like a name to appear for a time on our bulletin prayer list, please call or email the office.

THANK YOU ST. BENEDICT

To Fr. Romanus, St. Benedict the Moor Church family, and all Ministries of our Church: Thank you to everyone for your support, words of comfort, participation and kindness during the loss of our loved one during the loss of our loved one, Joseph Murray Rivers, Jr. We will keep each of you in our prayers and we ask that you continue to pray for us during this difficult time.

- Vergie Williams, Boyce & Jerl, Green, Rivers, Frazier and Jones Family.

VIRTUS -This training is required for Safe Environment Compliance for any adult who will come into contact with youth as part of their ministry (ministries list: <http://bit.ly/1yU4Yk6>). It must be completed before ministry starts. We also invite adults who are not currently volunteers to attend this training to learn tools they can use to help keep children safe. Registration required: www.diosav.org, under Upcoming Events Calendar.



**NEXT VIRTUS TRAINING:
Savannah – Catholic Pastoral Center 5-15-17**

+USHERS’ MEETING

Fr. Romanus would like to meet with all the Ushers during their next meeting on Thursday May 11th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Please be there if you consider yourself as an Usher. – Fr. Romanus.

INFANT BAPTISM

The next infant baptism will take place on Sunday, May 21st during the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Contact Theresa Garvin (507-7553) or Sharon Carson (656-0286) for more information. Thank you.

HANDMADE ROSARIES

The youth of the parish will be selling beautiful handmade rosaries after each Mass. These colorful rosaries would make a perfect gift for Mother’s Day, First Communion, Confirmation or any special occasion. They are a bargain at only \$5 each. Get yours before they are all gone! Thank you – Youth Ministry.

JUNE BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

Hi, June birthday & anniversary celebrants! It is time for us to start planning for the June Unity Mass reception. The 1st meeting will be held on Tuesday May 9th at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. Contact persons are Phoebe Williams (912-232-8215) or Sharon Wingster (912-484-3805).



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

The Cathedral Parish cordially invites you to attend the Mass of Thanksgiving Honoring **Monsignor William Oliver O’Neill**

On the occasion of his Golden Jubilee of Ordination on Sunday, the 4th of June 2017 at 6:00pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist with a reception following Mass in Sister Jude Walsh Hall. Please reply to 985.772.3695 before Friday May 12, 2017.

Well wishes for Monsignor may be mailed to Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 222 East Harris St., Savannah GA 31401.

Fr. Tom Healy will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Augusta. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 pm with a reception to follow. All are welcome to attend.

The Four Groups of Parishioners

****Those who make things happen***

****Those who watch things happen***

****Those who do not know what is happening***

****Those whose words and actions hinder anything good that is happening***

Where Do You Belong?

“Everybody can be great because everybody can serve

. You only need a heart full of grace, and a soul generated by love.” — Martin Luther King Jr.



MOTHER MATHILDA BEASLEY

The Mother Mathilda Beasley House on East Broad Street is ready to open and is in need of volunteers to be trained as docents (persons who act as guides). If you are interested in telling the beautiful story of Mother Mathilda to visitors, please contact Katy Pereira at the Diocese: kpereira@diosav.org or 912-201-4070. Mother Beasley ran an orphanage and school for African American Children in Savannah in the late 1800s, and left a significant legacy to the Catholic Church in Savannah. Her inspiring story is one that must be preserved and told, so come be a part of it!

CASINO CRUISE



One day Casino Cruise out of Cape Canaveral sponsored by the St. Benedict the Moor Knights of Columbus Council 10274 on Saturday, June 3, 2017. Cost \$85.00 per person. \$40 deposit due by Sunday April 30 & Balance by Sunday May 21, 2017. No refunds after May 21. For more information call: Fred Jones 236-8165 or Bobbie McIver 236-6068. A portion of all proceeds donated to charity.

The St. Pius X High School Alumni Association

(Savannah) will host its monthly meeting on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Savannah Classical Academy cafeteria. (705 East Anderson St.) Please enter from Grove Street (door with ramp). Park on Grove St. or Anderson St. Come spend an hour with your SPX Family. You do not have to be a graduate to attend or dues paying member. All attendees of St. Pius X High School are welcome. Enjoy meeting old friends and finding new ones.

***“How Good and Pleasant it is
When God’s people live together in Unity.”***

-Psalms 133:1

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH

The Diocese requires of the following of godparents:

- 1 They must be Catholics who are baptized, confirmed, and have received first Holy Communion.
- 2.They must present the certificates of the above Sacraments received issued no later than three months.
- 3.They must be practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church.
4. They must be at least sixteen years of age.
5. If married, the Godparent must be in a valid marriage in the eyes of the Church.
6. If the godparents are not from our parish, they must bring a letter of suitability from their pastor indicating that they have received the above sacraments mentioned in number one, and that they are in good standing with the Church.

Note: the required documents from the godparents must reach our parish office no later than a week prior to the celebration of the Sacrament in question.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS



The St. John Vianney Vocations Ministry of Savannah will be celebrating a special Holy Hour on Sunday May 7, 2017 at 4:00 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, Waters Ave. at 44th St. Fr. Brett Brannen will be the presider.

May 7 is the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Please join the Vocations Ministry to ask the Lord of the Harvest to send us many good and holy priests, deacons and religious to serve the people of God and the Life of the Church



The Vocation Office of the Diocese of Savannah invites all rising 7th to 12th graders to Vocation Camp this summer at the Georgia Primitive Baptist Youth Camp, 7159 Hillview Road, Collins, GA. Call to Holiness for girls will be from June 25th to June 28th and Vocatio Dei for boys will be from June 28th to July 1st. Cost is \$70 per camper and \$50 per extra camper from the same family. Registration opens on April 20th at www.diosav.org/vocations, follow the logo "Fire Within." Scholarships are available and spaces are limited.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal order of Catholic men whose core value is charity. K of C Council 10274 is involved in church and community efforts to include St. Benedict the Moor annual Lenten fish fry, grounds cleanup, event support and more. Call Robert Locke, Bobbie McIver, Fred Jones or any member of the KOC that you know for more information.

MEMORIAL CROSSES TO HONOR DECEASED VETERANS

Each year, the Catholic War Veterans (Post 1943, Savannah) places Memorial Crosses (bearing the Veteran's name, conflict and branch of service) along the drive within the Catholic Cemetery. The Crosses will be placed on 24 May. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 6:00PM Thursday, 25 May, at the base of the Holy Cross. The Crosses will remain in place through Memorial Day. If you would like to honor a deceased Veteran in this manner, contact Bart Picasso, (912) 856-3512, bart.picasso@comcast.net by 14 April.

Interment at the Catholic Cemetery is not required. There is a one-time only fee of \$25 for initial supplies. The Crosses will continue to be maintained and placed in the Cemetery each year.

Special Note: The 6:00 PM Memorial Service, on 25 May, is open to the public. Participants should allow time for parking and may bring a lawn chair.

Transitional Diaconate Ordination

May 27th, 2017 - Bishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv., will celebrate the ordination to the transitional diaconate of Chris Hassel and Patrick May, 10:00AM at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Savannah.

Catholic Night at the Ballpark

Join your Catholic friends and neighbors and HELP STRIKE OUT HUNGER as the Savannah Bananas take on the Lexington County Blowfish! Purchase your tickets through the Diocese of Savannah to support the Social Apostolate.



A PRAYER FOR THE SICK...

Father, your only son took upon himself the sufferings and weakness of all mankind; through His passion and cross He taught us how good can be brought out of suffering. Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul; may they know the consolation promised to those who suffer and be fully restored to health.

~ Through Christ our Lord. ~Amen.



"Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading."

— Oswald Chambers