



MASS SCHEDULE

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

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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THE LORD DELIGHTS IN
THOSE WHO FEAR HIM,
WHO PUT THEIR HOPE
IN HIS UNFAILING LOVE.
PSALM 147:11



HAPPY
Mother's
Day

May 14, 2017
Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

Nourished by the word of God and Eucharist, we gather as one family, to grow in faith, and bring the loving presence of Jesus Christ to all.

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 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day



As our Easter season progresses, we find ourselves focusing less on the early church and more on what we are to do now. Jesus gives us a roadmap in today's

Gospel if we are willing to listen to him. As we gather for our celebration today, let us give thanks for Jesus our guide and pray for the faith to follow as he asks.

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

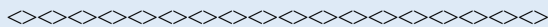
Happy Mother's Day to Our Mothers!



Some of us have a misconceived idea of what motherhood is all about. We often attribute motherhood to only those who have biological children. However, Motherhood in its broad meaning includes, but not limited to the women who have biological children.

Motherhood encompasses all women of good will who, in their instinctive compassion as women, feel compelled to help in the development of any child. As goes the saying, "it requires two to have a child, but it takes the whole village to raise a child". In a nutshell, if you are a woman and you are contributing or have contributed in the development of a child, whether your biological child, or another woman's child – you are part of the "Village" and you are a **MOTHER!** Today is your day! We thank you, the Mothers for your love and care, and we wish you a warm Happy Mother's Day!

---Fr. Romanus.



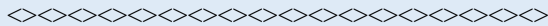
Key point of today's Reflection:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith in God, have faith also in me".

(John 14:1).

Your "Pineapple for the week":

"Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age"
(Matthew 28:20)



Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers donated by the SBM Council of Catholic Women.



(*=indicates requester)

5:30pm: In memory of Jackie Cain on Mother's Day. *New Horizon of Women & Men.

9:00am: For Fr. Romanus, as he gives his life in your service, may God's grace follow him always and all MSP Priests, as they continue their work in the Lord's vineyard. *AMSP.

In memory of Jackie Cain on Mother's Day. New Horizon of Women & Men.

In loving memory of Marie White, Dora Luke, And Patricia L. Gathers on Mother's Day. *Dorothy Luke & Family.

For the repose of the souls of Marilyn Jackson, Lucille Striggles, Mattie Glover, and Helen White on Mother's Day. *Prince A. Jackson, III.

In memory of Maude Jordan on Mother's Day. *Emma J. Preer.

For the repose of the soul of George G. Kent who passed away May 9th. *Emma Preer.

<p>TAKE TEN & CONNECT With God & with others, your faith & daily life. Spend 10 minutes reflecting on God's Word.</p>
<p>Readings for This Weekend: <i>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."</i></p>
<p>Readings for Next Weekend: <i>Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Peter and John laid hands upon them. Psalm 66 "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy." 1 Peter 3:15-18 Christ suffered for sins to lead us to God. John 14:15-21 I will give you another Advocate, the Spirit of truth.</i></p>

<p>FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK</p>
<p>April Calendar 14 Sun. Mother's Day 15 Mon. Memorial of St. Isidore 18 Thu. Memorial of St. John I 20 Sat. Memorial of St. Bernardine of Siena; Armed Forces Day</p>

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, Christopher Williams, Ellen Williams, Tamba Williams, Gertrude Rivers Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.



Parishioners, Family & friends who have requested prayers: 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 Helmy, 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.

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.

INFANT BAPTISM

The next infant baptism will take place on Sunday, May 28th during the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Contact Theresa Garvin (507-7553) or Sharon Carson (656-0286) for more information. Thank you.

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

Rehearsal of the Youth Choir will take place Saturday, May 20th @11:00am in the Church. Please make every effort to attend. - Kathy Stewart.

Come early and pray the Rosary before each Mass!

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.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal: Thanks to those parishioners who have submitted their pledges to the 2017 appeal. If you are unable to locate the pledge card that was mailed to you, appeal envelopes are available in the back of church or parish office.



2017 ANNUAL SAVANNAH DEANERY REVIVAL OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLICS

The 2017 Revival will begin on Monday, June 19 through Wednesday, June 21, 2017.

Fr. Jason P. Adams is the revivalist.

Monday June 19 @ Sacred Heart

Tuesday June 20 @ St. Benedict the Moor

Wednesday June 21 @ Resurrection of our Lord

Praise & Worship begins at 6:30pm

Everyone is invited to come out & enjoy these three evenings of spiritual uplifting!

-Rev. Robert E. Chaney.

*Note: The 2017 Revival Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 6:30pm at Resurrection of Our Lord Church.

REVIVAL CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Rehearsals will take place on Wednesday May 24th & 31st at St. Benedict the Moor and June 7th & 14th at Resurrection of Our Lord. The youth will begin practice at 6:30pm and adults practice takes place immediately after for all dates. - Kathy Stewart.

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?

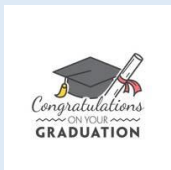
"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve

. You only need a heart full of grace, and a soul

generated by love." — Martin Luther King Jr.

JUNE BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

It is time for us to start planning for the June Unity Mass reception. All June celebrants, please contact persons are Phoebe Williams (912-232-8215) or Sharon Wingster (912-484-3805).



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Mario Lemon who graduates Cum Laude with a degree in Accounting from Savannah State University on May 13, 2017. Mario is the son of Elaine & Maurice (deceased) Lemon. Mario is currently working as an Accounting Clerk and plans to pursue his Master's Degree.

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.

the "leader" tab. For questions, please contact Leigh Ebberwein at ebberwein@aol.com

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

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.

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.



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! WATCH Bishop Hartmayer throw

out the first pitch! HEAR our very own Catholic Schools sing the national anthem! ENJOY bottomless sodas and all-you-can-eat concessions all night long!

TICKETS INCLUDE:

\$5 Donation to the Social Apostolate of Savannah
All you can eat concessions (chicken sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs, popcorn, dessert) and bottomless sodas
An evening of family fun with your Catholic friends and neighbors
Purchase your tickets through the Diocese of Savannah to support the Social Apostolate.

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - LECTORS' SCHEDULE

WEEKEND OF May 13/14, 2017

- 5/13 - 5:30pm - E. Mason & S. Carson
- 5/14 - 9:00am - R. Marshall & M. White
- 11:30am - D. Perry & M. Jenkins

WEEKEND OF May 20/21, 2017

- 5/20 - 5:30pm - D. Jackson & Y. Williams
- 5/21 - 9:00am - J. Carter & A. Carter
- 11:30am - Faith Formation

Weekend of May 27/28, 2017

- 5/27 - 5:30pm - A. Perry & E. Mason
- 5/28 - 9:00am - B. McGhee & T.
- 11:30am - S. Ingram & J. Jones

PRAYER IN ACTION



Catholic College Students Needed: Prayer and Action is looking for holy, energetic, Jesus-loving college students to assist a team with leading this summer's high school mission program in Savannah, Ga. It will be a

4-week commitment from June 3 - July 1. Some travel and training will be involved and a weekly stipend is included. To find out more about Prayer and Action, look under <https://diosav.org/oyyam-prayerandaction>. Apply under