



MASS SCHEDULE

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| 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.

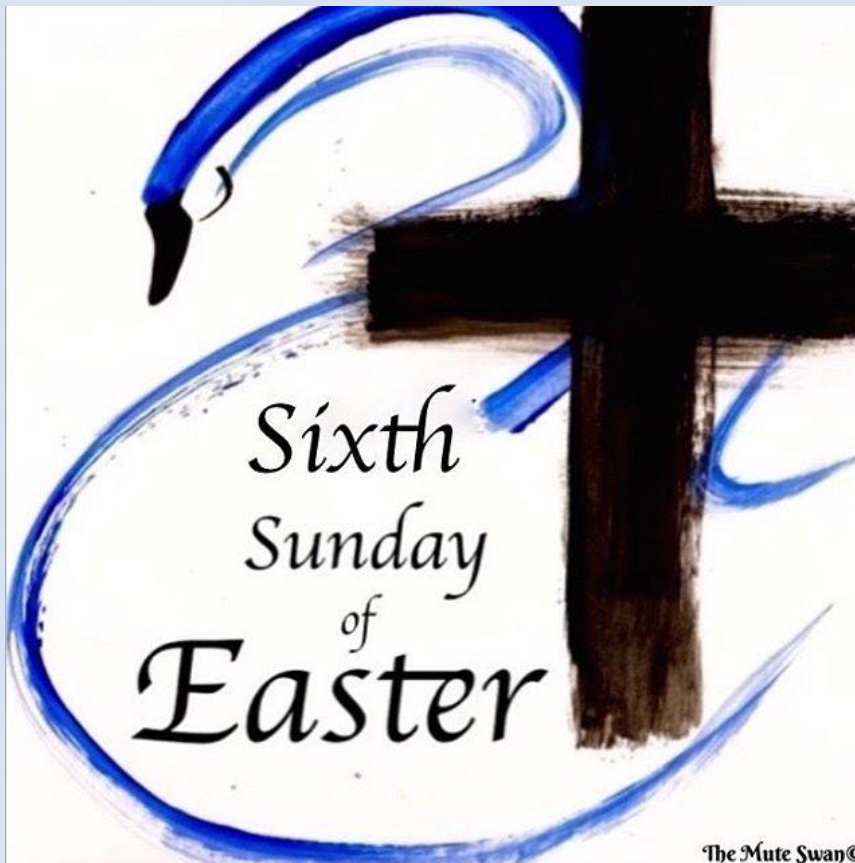
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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 21, 2017
Sixth 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 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

As we continue our Easter season reflections on the meaning of Christ's resurrection in our lives, we begin to hear more and more frequent mentions of the Spirit, in preparation for our coming Pentecost celebration. As we gather for worship today, let us pray for the coming of the Spirit every day into our lives, and for our openness to receiving that same Spirit.

*Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 251.

Fr. Romanus':

Key point of today's reflection:

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments ...On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you". The real question is this; how do we know that Jesus is in us? The answer is simply; by the way we live our lives!

Your "Pineapple" for the week:

"By their fruits, you shall know them". (Matthew 7:16)



9:00am: For the repose of the soul of Julia R. Jackson. *Prince A. Jackson, III.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

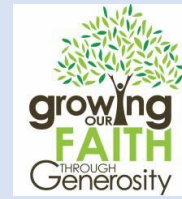
April Calendar

- 22 Mon. Memorial of St. Rita of Cascia
25 Thu. Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Holy day of obligation in some dioceses)
26 Fri. Memorial of St. Philip Neri
27 Sat. Memorial of St. Augustine of Canterbury



Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers donated by the SBM Council of Catholic Women.



May 13/14, 2017

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Rows include Offertory (\$5432.32), Deanery School (\$22.00), and Parish Bus (\$37.00).

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

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

Readings for This Weekend:

Acts 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.

Readings for Next Weekend: (Ascension of Our Lord)

Acts 1:1-11 Lord Jesus ascends into a cloud. Psalm 47 "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord." Ephesians 1:17-23 Christ is the head of the church; where he is we are called to follow. Matthew 28:16-20 Jesus commands us to go and baptize.

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, Clewon Johnson, Lester Johnson, Janice Quinn, Bernice Rivers, Edward Robinson, Albertha Smith, Catherine Spann, Edith Washington, Margaret Weston, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tambra 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

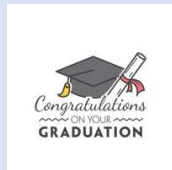
Cohen, Shirley Davis, George Foxworth, Lewis Jackson, Elizabeth Mungin, Damon Peter, Cyrus Riley, Jr., Wendy & Gary Thomas, Nathaniel Wiggins, Johnny Mae Spaulding, Lucille Singleton, Bertha Sorey, Rose McCoy, Priscilla Brown, Wms. McWalters, Natasha Simon, Delores Jivens, Narvia Williams, Eva Daniels, Cheryl Edwards, Wade Brown, Niah Hatcher, Helen McWalters, Cheryl Riley, Estelle Hogan, Jeremy Margarttes, Debbie 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.



The VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children for Adults" training will be held at St. James Church on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 from 10am to 1pm. You **MUST** log in through VIRTUS website to receive credit for session (do so by clicking on the VIRTUS pre-registration link below).The class will start promptly at 10:00 am. **Once doors are closed no late admittance will be allowed.**

This training is required for all who provide either paid or volunteer ministry in our diocese who in the course of their ministry come into contact with minors. 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.
Questions? Please contact Pam Dufrain (912) 925-9172.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Alexis Rooks on her graduation from Clark Atlanta University on May 22, 2017. Alexis received her degree in Biology and Business. She is the daughter of Demetrice & Carzelle Rooks, and granddaughter of Edward & Delores Robinson.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

Please give to the Catholic Communication Campaign collection **June 3-4**.

Your support of the Catholic Communication Campaign will help fund initiatives throughout south Georgia:

- Bishop Hartmayer's Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas video messages.
- Livestream of Sunday Mass from the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.
- Videos of priests, religious and lay staff explaining the tenets of the Faith.
- Livestream of important diocesan events from anywhere.

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.

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.



UNITY CHOIR REHEARSAL

All choir members are asked to attend rehearsals on Thursday May 25 and June 1 at 6:00pm in the Church. Thank you - Areatha Scott,

Coordinator.

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.**

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.



THE MONTH OF MARY

Our Blessed Mother told the 3 children of Fatima: “Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war.” Mary’s message of hope is still valid. If enough people prayed the rosary every day, there would be peace in our homes, our families and in the world. Pope Francis encourages everyone to get a rosary and begin to pray. If you need a quick refresher on how to pray the rosary, go to this site: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/how-to-pray-the-rosary.cfm>

JUNE BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

A year goes by so quickly! -It is time for us to start planning for the Unity Mass reception on June 4th. Our second meeting will take place Tuesday May 23, 2017 at 6pm in the Parish Hall. All June celebrants, please contact persons are Phoebe Williams (912-232-8215) or Sharon Wingster (912-484-3805)

~News from Other Parishes & Organizations ~



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.



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!

When: June 8, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Purchase your tickets through the Diocese of Savannah to support the Social Apostolate.



Ascension of the Lord - May 27/28
Memorial Day - Monday, May 29
*Parish office will be closed.

Pentecost Sunday (Unity Mass) - June 4

*Note: Bishop Hartmayer will be celebrating Mass

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - LECTORS' SCHEDULE

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. Udowana
11:30am - S. Ingram & J. Jones

Weekend of June 4th- 10:00am Unity Mass
M. Poole & P. Hamilton

Weekend of June 10/11, 2017

6/10 - 5:30pm - D. Jackson & E. Mason
6/11 -9:00am - R. Marshall & T. Garvin
11:30am - J. Jones & D. Perry

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.