



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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

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*May 28, 2017*

*The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Year A*

The Ascension of the Lord

Let us pray on this day of Ascension as we watch and wait for Jesus' return: Father in heaven, our minds were prepared for the coming of your kingdom when you took Christ beyond our sight so that we might seek him in glory. May we follow where he has led and find our hope in his glory, for he is Lord forever. Amen

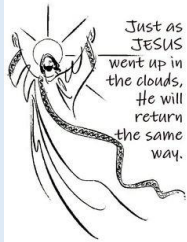
Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor  
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education  
Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson  
Franklin Williams, Finance Chairperson  
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Bobbie McIver, Bldg /Maintenance

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

May 28, 2017

**The Ascension of the Lord, Year A**

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day**



Today we hear a commandment and a reassurance from the ascending Christ: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations," and "I am with you always." We cannot do the first without the second. In ascending to heaven, it becomes possible for Jesus Christ to be with the Church

always and everywhere, rather than in just one place and time. May our prayer today be one of thanksgiving for this wonderful gift of his presence.

**\*Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 253.**

**Fr. Romanus':**

**The key point of today's Gospel:**

Even though Jesu appeared in human form to his disciples after his resurrection, they still doubted if it was truly the Lord. Perhaps his appearance did not resemble the Jesus they used to know. This is true in our Christian life; it is very difficult to recognize the Lord in every situation of our lives. Like the disciples, Jesus often appears to use in disguise. We need spiritual "eyes", not physical eyes to recognize him. We have to look carefully with our spiritual eyes to see beyond what we see with our physical eyes.

**Your "Pineapple" for the week:**

"We walk by Faith, not by Sight"



**9:00am:** For the repose of the soul of Margie Jackson Soeltner on the anniversary of her passing.

\*Prince A. Jackson, III.

For the repose of the soul of Ernest Otto Soeltner on the anniversary of his passing. \*Prince A. Jackson, III.

**11:30am:** For the repose of the soul of Elizabeth "Candi" Moran-Houston on the anniversary of her passing (05/23) and her birthday (05/28). \*Marion Poole & Family.

**May 20/21, 2017 - Stewardship**

<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 5144.00
<b>Deanery School</b>	\$ 15.00
<b>Parish Bus</b>	\$ 50.00



**Altar Flowers**

Altar Flowers donated by the SBM Council of Catholic Women.

**TAKE TEN & CONNECT**

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

**Readings for This Weekend:**

Acts 1:1-11 Lord Jesus ascends into a cloud.

Psalms 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.

**Readings for Next Weekend: (Pentecost)**

Acts 2:1-11 As on Sinai, the Lord descends in fire and wind.

Psalms 104 "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, The Spirit calls the baptized to ministry 12-13 for the common good.

John 20:19-23 On the first day of the week the risen Christ imparts the Holy Spirit.

**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, Clevon Johnson, Lester Johnson, Janice Quinn, Bernice Rivers, Edward Robinson, Albertha Smith, Catherine Spann, Edith Washington, Margaret Weston, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tandra Williams, Gertrude Rivers Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

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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 Margartes, 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.



**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to ShaDayzsha Leachman Granddaughter of Jerome and Beautine Grayson who graduated from Sol C. Johnson High School on Tuesday May 23, 2017. ShaDayzsha is planning to attend Savannah State University in the winter.

Congratulations to George Manning son of Marvin and Barbara Manning and the Grandson of Jerome and Beautine Grayson who graduated from Robert W. Groves High School on Thursday May 25, 2017. George is planning to attend Fort Valley State University in the winter.



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](http://www.diosav.org), under Upcoming Events Calendar.



We welcome into the Body of Christ, Kristen Denise Rivers (daughter of Theodore & Shaquierra Rivers), and Akande Oladele (son of Hamed and Telisha Odums Oladele) who was baptized Sunday May 21, 2017 at St. Benedict

the Moor Catholic Church.

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER**

The youth of the parish will sell variety dinners on Saturday, June 10th in the parish hall from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dinners are \$10 each for chicken or fish and \$12 for ribs including sides and dessert. Order forms are available at the front entrance of the church or from any youth member. Get your order in early!!

**FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**May Calendar**

- 28 Sun. World Communications Day
- 29 Mon. Memorial Day
- 31 Wed. Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**June Calendar**

- Jun. 1 Thu. Memorial of St. Justin
- 2 Fri. Memorial of Ss. Marcellinus and Peter; First Friday
- 3 Sat. Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga & Companions; First Saturday



**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 31<sup>st</sup> at St. Benedict the Moor and June 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 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 rehearsal June 1 at 6:00pm in the Church. Thank you - Areatha Scott, Coordinator.

**The Four Groups of Parishioners**

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***\*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.**

**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.



***The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each Mass. Please come a little early and join in.***

### **PARISH SYMPATHY**

Parish condolences to the Family and friends (his children: Amelia, Joseph, and Matthew) of Mr. Johnnie Marvin Jenkins who passed away Monday May 22, 2017. A Wake service was held Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> and a Funeral Mass Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.



### **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.

### **~News from Other Parishes & Organizations ~**

### **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/ooyam-prayerandaction>. Apply under the "leader" tab. For questions, please contact Leigh Ebberwein at [ebberwein@aol.com](mailto:ebberwein@aol.com)



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 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 4<sup>th</sup> - 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.**



### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

***“Love is an act of unending forgiveness”***