



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.

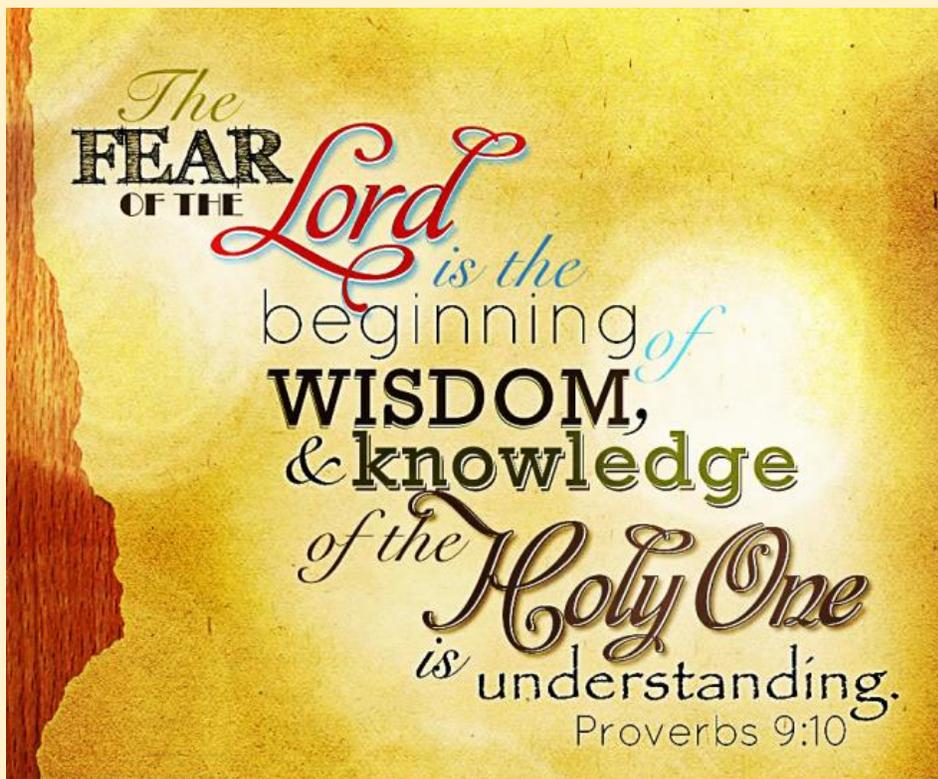
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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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July 30, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
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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

WELCOME, VISITORS. We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today.

July 30, 2017

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day**



Today is about wisdom. Solomon and Jesus both agree that it is important to set our priorities to match what is most important to God. As we gather for worship today, let us pray for the wisdom to learn what it is that God wants for us and what God wants us to do, and for the grace to live our lives accordingly.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 310.

From Fr. Romanus

Key point of today's Reflection:

The man in the parable "went in his joy" to sell everything, because he found a treasure worth possessing above all else he had. In the same way, he who has a clear knowledge of the sweetness of heavenly life gladly leaves behind all the things he loved on earth. Heaven is an ultimate treasure that God is offering us!

Your "Pineapple" for the week:

"What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived - the things God has prepared for those who love Him" (1Cor. 2:9).



July 22/23, 2017 -- Stewardship

"How can I make a return to the Lord for all the good things He has given me?" Psalm 116

Offertory	\$ 5265.00
Deanery School	\$ 40.00
Parish Bus	\$ 20.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

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

Readings for This Weekend:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Solomon asks for an understanding heart.
Psalm 119 "Lord, I love your commands."
Romans 8:28-30 God predestined us to be conformed to the image of the Son.
Matthew 13:44-52 "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."

Readings for Next Weekend:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Daniel sees One like a Son of man.
Psalm 97 "The Lord is king, the highest over all the earth."
2 Peter 1:16-19 The beloved, in whom God is well pleased
Matthew 17:1-9 Jesus is transfigured.

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:

Hazel Bellamy, M. Marie Blue, Perdetha Brantley, Carmen Broussard, Anne 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, Tambra Williams, Gertrude Rivers Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

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

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

July Calendar

31 Mon. Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola

August Calendar

Aug. 1 Tue. Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori 2 Wed. Optional Memorial of St. Eusebius of Vercelli
Optional Memorial of St. Peter Julian Eymard 4 Fri. Memorial of St. John Vianney First Friday 5 Sat. Optional Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary First Saturday



This training is required for Safe Environment Compliance for any adult who will come into contact with youth as part of their ministry. It must be completed before ministry starts. Registration required: www.diosav.org, under Upcoming Events Calendar.

The VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children for Adults" training will be held at:

- The Catholic Pastoral Center Thursday, August 3, 2017 - 4:30pm to 7:30pm and ...
- Wednesday, August 9, 2017 - 12:00am to 3:00pm at St. James Church.

PARISH SYMPATHY

Parish condolences to Mr. & Mrs. Otis and Lillie Mae Charlton on the loss of her sister, Mrs. Nellie Ruth Hayward who passed away on Wednesday July 19, 2017. A Funeral Service was held Tuesday July 25, 2017 at the Adams Chapel.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

**Our Lady of the Rosary Queen of Peace
Centennial Anniversary**

Fourth Apparition: Our Lady appeared on August 19th, delayed from August 13th, due to the town council administrator's trickery. He told the children he wanted to witness the apparition and would take them there in his own horse-drawn wagon. He brought them first to his home and then to the jail. Scare tactics and threats such as being boiled in oil were used in attempts to make the children reveal Our Lady's Secrets. The children resisted and courageously stated they would rather die. While in jail the children showed their willingness to suffer and offer sacrifices to God. The thieves in jail were so moved, they prayed the Rosary on their knees with the children. Later they sang and danced together. The children were finally released on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15th.

On August 19th, Our Lady appeared to them and again asked for a Rosary every day and also mentioned that the October miracle would have been greater if the authorities had not prevented August 13th. Then she added, "Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because there are none to sacrifice themselves and to pray for them."

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.



Please come & join us in asking the Virgin Mary's help as we pray the Rosary before each Mass. Through the Rosary, the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Our parish target is \$28, 135.00.

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.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 10274**

The SBM Knights of Columbus will be having a membership drive after each Mass this weekend.

So please take a moment to hear about all the great benefits that comes with being a Knight of Columbus. Members will be in the front of the Church.

UPCOMING MINISTRY RETREAT



There will be a retreat for all ministries and volunteers on Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 10am to 2pm inside the Church. If you belong to any of the ministries posted on the board at the entrance of the Church, please save the date. Please be advised that this retreat is not optional. We are working for the Lord and we need this time together for reflection and prayer. Thank you and God bless you for all you do. - Fr. Romanus.

CHURCH BULLETIN DEADLINE: The bulletin deadline is 12 noon on Wednesday. Short announcements can be emailed to stbenedict@bellsouth.net. Please note that the deadline is subject to change around holidays and submitted announcements are subject to editing.

"Human dignity is the same for all human beings: When I trample on the dignity of another, I am trampling on my own." — Pope Francis, "Message for the Lenten Brotherhood Campaign in Brazil." © 2014 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. <https://goo.gl/JElrMo>

**DON'T FORGET NEXT SUNDAY UNITY MASS
@ 10AM!**



August 11, 2014 by Jenae

In Wisdom

Lord, we pray that you will allow our kids to grow in wisdom this year. We pray that they will learn everything they are expected to know academically. We pray that they will be successful in their studies and that they will be diligent workers in what is asked of them. Most of all, Lord, we pray that you would allow them to grow in YOUR wisdom. Help the scriptures and stories we have been sharing with them from your Word to be a lamp to their feet and a light to their path. Above all else, help them learn to love You more.

In Stature

Lord, we thank you for the lives of our children. We thank you that they are healthy. We pray that you will protect their bodies and help them to continue to grow strong. Protect them from illness and harm, Lord. Help them to know that they are priceless gifts to us and most importantly, to You ... so much so that you sent Your Son for them.

In Favor with God and Man

Lord, we pray that you would allow them to be a light for you. We pray that they will be obedient to their teachers and kind to their classmates. We pray that they will show kindness and compassion to *everyone*, but especially those who are treated poorly by others. We pray that they will have integrity to do the right thing even when no one is looking. Help them to surround themselves with people who will help them grow closer to you. We pray that they will be both a leaders *and* followers- a follower of yours but a leader for his peers. Help his words and actions to be pleasing to you.

All this I ask in the name of your son Jesus. Amen.



UNITY CHOIR REHEARSAL

There will a rehearsal for all choir members on Tuesday August 1, 2017 at 6:00pm in preparation for our upcoming Unity Mass on Sunday, August 6th. Please be present! - Areatha Scott, Coordinator.



Are you as smart as a 5th grader? What is the difference between Evangelization and Ecumenism?

Evangelization is the process of sharing your faith. Ecumenism is the dialogue between Christians, building on the unity of common faith in Jesus Christ.



We are all called to be disciples of Christ. He calls us to go out and to share the Good News. Maybe each of us could invite a friend or neighbor to join us for Mass. They could be waiting for an invitation from a friend like you!



LECTORS MINISTRY

We are blessed to have many talented people who lend their dedication and skills as readers of the Liturgy. You see them every Sunday proclaiming the Word of God in readings from the Old Testament and the New Testament. Since we Catholics hold Scripture to be the Word of God, each Sunday God speaks to us through them. Their conviction, preparation, and their reverence towards the Scriptures is clear in the manner in which they proclaim the Word. And it makes a difference in the celebration of the Mass. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Torrance Garvin (Coordinator).