



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
Mass @ 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

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September 17, 2017

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

WE ARE CHURCH

We take great pride in the quality and spirit of our liturgy, which is achieved through careful planning as well as a high level of active and enthusiastic participation on the part of each and every person. While acknowledging our individual and communal needs, we are primarily here to give thanks and praise to God, who continues to accomplish great things in our lives!

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 through Friday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

“Whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s,” says Saint Paul. As we gather today at God’s invitation, let us be mindful that we belong to the Lord, and pray for ways that we can be a reconciling presence in the world.

Today’s Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 325.

From Fr. Romanus:

Key point of today’s Reflection

The Psalmist tells us that “The LORD is kind and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in love” (Psalm 103:8). In today’s Gospel, Jesus gives us a glimpse of the image of God, the Father – His compassion and graciousness; His forgiveness and mercy. There is nothing anyone has ever done to us that is anything to be compared with what we have done to God. Yet, He is always willing to forgive us whenever we come to Him for forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation, without counting how many times we have offended Him. However, to whom much is given, much is expected. Jesus tells us to be merciful as our heavenly Father is merciful

(Luke 6:36). For us to obtain God’s boundless mercy and forgiveness, we must be ready and willing to show the same mercy and boundless forgiveness to our brothers and sisters. The servant in today’s Gospel who was forgiven a huge debt he owed to his master vehemently refused to forgive his fellow servant who owed him a little. He failed the test! God is willing to forgive us, but it depends on how willing we are in forgiving one another. The book of Sirach in the first reading makes it clear that, “The vengeful will suffer the Lord’s vengeance...” (Sirach 28:1).

Your “Pineapple” for the week

“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins” (Matthew 6:14-15).

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.



09/10/17

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.

May God bless Torrance & Theresa Garvin as they celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary. *Family

09/17/17

ALL MASSES:

In Memory of Solomon Myers, Jr. on the 9th anniversary of his passing. *Donna Myers Oliver.

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:

Parishioners: M. Marie Blue, Perdetha Brantley, Carmen Broussard, Anne Chappell, Lillie Mae Chisholm, Josefa Citizen, Thomas Dickerson, Lillian Dilworth, Juanita Fields, Anthony Hall, Annette Hall, Laura Harris, Jessica Jackson, Charlotte Jenkins, McKenzie Jenkins, Clewon Johnson, Lester Johnson, Janice Quinn, Edward Robinson, Albertha Smith, Catherine Spann, Felix Walden, Edith Washington, Margaret Weston, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tandra Williams, Gertrude Rivers Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

Prayer requests-Lord, hear our continued prayers for those dealing with an ongoing illness. May they experience fortitude and strength:

Rhonda McCary, Michael Allen, Kelly Berry, Dorothy C. Brown, Josefa Citizen, 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 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.



September 3-10, 2017

Offertory for the past 2 weekends unavailable due to hurricane evacuations

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

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

Readings for This Weekend:

Sirach 27:30–28:7 We cannot nourish anger and expect our own sins to be forgiven. Psalm 103 "The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion." Romans 14:7–9 Whether we live or die, we do so in Christ. Matthew 18:21–35 Jesus says we must forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Readings for Next Weekend:

Isaiah 55:6–9 The ways and thoughts of God are above our own. Psalm 145 "The Lord is near to all who call upon him." Philippians 1:20c–24, Saint Paul rejoices that to live is Christ 27a and to die is to gain. Matthew 20:1–16a "The last will be first, and the first will be last."

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

September Calendar

- 17 Sun. Catechetical Sunday
- 19 Tue. Memorial of St. Januarius
- 20 Wed. Mem. of Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Paul Chõng Ha-sang, & Companions
- 21 Thu. Feast of St. Matthew
- 22 Fri. Autumn begins
- 23 Sat. Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)



UPCOMING VIRTUS TRAINING:

Register at www.virtusonline.org 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.

RCIA NEWS



Sessions for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) candidates will begin on Sunday, September 24th following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All who are interested in receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation and/or are seeking full reception into the Catholic Church are invited to attend. Please come even if you are not sure but want to hear more about the faith. Sessions will take place in the old school building located next to the rectory. We look forward to accompanying you on your journey of faith.

*RCIA Team

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.



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.**



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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - LECTORS' SCHEDULE

Weekend of September 16/17, 2017
9/16 – 5:30pm – S. Carson & Y. Williams
9/17 – 9:00am – B. McGhee & T. Udowana
11:30am – "Faith Formation"

Weekend of September 23/24, 2017
9/23 – 5:30pm – A. Perry & D. Jackson
9/24 – 9:00am – J. Carter & A. Caret
11:30am – J. Tolbert & J. Brown



FRIENDS OF ST. BENEDICT TRIP

Travel with the Friends to Lancaster, PA July 18, 2018 to July 22, 2018 to see the play "The Story of Jesus". Cost is \$600.00. \$100.00 deposit due August 2017 and ten \$50.00 monthly payments from September 2017 to June 2018. Thanks, and look forward to seeing you on the bus. Ruth Simmons/ 912-713-9921, Alicia Carter/ 912-398-8995, Clarethia Bivens/912-604-6059 or any member of the group.



The Donna Summer & Barry White Experience

It's a trip back to the greatest disco and soul era when Rainere Martin (Donna Summer) and Jourdan Carroll (Barry White) bring their renowned act to the Alhambra on November 18, 2017 in Jacksonville, Fl. These two tribute artists have performed from Las Vegas to the Apollo, and This show promises to be a day of memories you do not want to miss. Tickets \$150, (taking deposits now) and must be paid in full by November 3, 2017. Cost includes bus trip, show, and dinner). Sponsored by the Traveling Moors. (We have managed to get some of the best seats in the theatre)! See any Traveling Moor member or sign-up at the Office.

LOURDES VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE



The Virtual Pilgrimage is a prayerful, interactive spiritual journey to the Grotto of Lourdes, "recreating" a pilgrimage experience without

leaving home. This is the first time the Pilgrimage has ever visited the Savannah area and St. Anne Catholic Church would love for you to join us. This is a free event and is perfect for all ages except very small children. Please join us on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 2pm - 4pm. If you have any questions or if anyone at your parish is interested in being part of the Pilgrimage Experience as a volunteer, please contact the coordinator, Mary Suddath, at 912-655-6147.

ST. VINCENT'S ANNUAL HISTORIC TOUR OF HOMES & TEA

St. Vincent's Academy hosts the 2017 Annual Tour & Tea on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of the 1845 Convent of St. Vincent de Paul. This popular, self-guided tour features the original 1845 Convent, seven private homes throughout historic downtown Savannah, and an elegant tea served on the Convent grounds. Buy tickets by September 30th and save \$5! Tickets may be purchased at one of the following locations:



E. Shavers, bookseller, Candler Wellness Center, St. Joseph's Gift Shop, or Saints and Shamrocks
Tickets are \$45 per person; \$40 per person if purchased by 9/3/17. For more information, call (912) 236-5505.



Commemorating the Reformation and Prayer for Unity



Sunday, October 22nd, the Catholic Diocese of Savannah and the Southeastern Synod of the

Evangelical Church in America will join for a Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and a Prayer for Unity. The service will take place here at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist at 5:00 PM. Catholic Bishop Gregory Hartmayer, OFM Conv, and Lutheran Bishop H. Julian Gowdy will copreside. The preacher for the service will be Rev. Fleming Rutledge, Episcopalian priest, scholar, author, and noted homilist. This is the first time since the Reformation that a centenary of that event takes place in an ecumenical atmosphere. Please plan to join us on October 22 at 5:00pm at the Cathedral.

SUNDAY MASS via LIVESTREAM

If you are homebound, ill or need to stay home with a loved one, you now have an opportunity to celebrate Mass home. Each Sunday, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist is being filmed and can be viewed via livestream on your computer. This service is intended especially for those who are ill or confined to their homes. The Mass can be seen by going to the Cathedral website savannahcathedral.org or the diocesan website diosav.org. Simply click on the link that says "Livestream" and the Mass will appear.

So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

MATTHEW 5:23-24

