



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.

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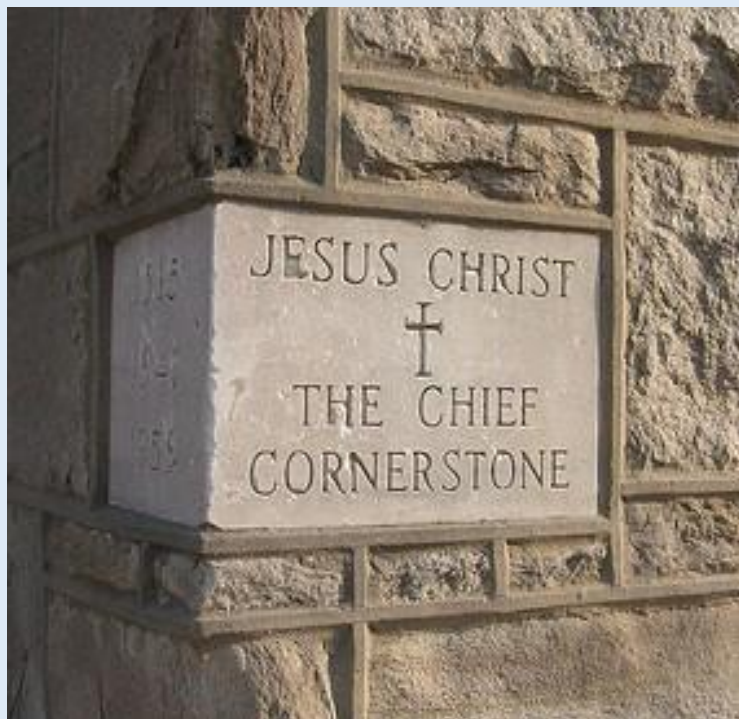
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October 8, 2017 Year A
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time,



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

As autumn progresses, we hear more harvest images at our Sunday celebrations. Today we hear two readings about tending vineyards and yielding grapes. Ours may no longer be an agrarian economy, but surely these images resonate in our lives all the same. What are we doing to cultivate the reign of God in the fields where we are living and working?

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 333.

From Fr. Romanus:

Key point of today's Reflection

What is the message of the parables of the vineyard in the first reading, and the absentee landlord and his wicked tenants in the Gospel? The two stories point at us! The vineyard is the world that God so beautifully created. The choicest vine that He planted in it is human beings that He created in His own image and likeness. He expects us to bear good fruits, but all He can get is wild grapes – sin! This parable in today's Gospel richly conveys some important truths about God and the way he deals with his people. First, it tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God, likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end.

Your "Pineapple" for the week

Do not take God's love and mercy for granted!



All Masses:

For the repose of the soul of Mr. Prince A. Jackson, Jr. on the anniversary of his passing. *Prince A. Jackson, III.

5:30pm: For the repose of the soul of Eloy Lugo on the 2nd anniversary of his passing. *Mariela Lugo.

9:00am: For the repose of the soul of my father Harry Polk on the anniversary of his birthday. *Barry & Karen Polk.

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

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

Readings for This Weekend:

Isaiah 5:1-7 *The Lord seeks a harvest of justice.* Psalm 80 *"The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel."* Philippians 4:6-9 *Dwell in thoughts of purity and justice and you will know peace.* Matthew 21:33-43 *"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."*

Readings for Next Weekend:

Isaiah 25:6-10a *We rejoice in the salvation of the Lord who saved us.* Psalm 23 *"I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life."* Philippians 4:12-14, *In whatever circumstances we find ourselves, 19-20 our needs will be met in Christ Jesus.* Matthew 22:1-14 *The invitation is issued; everything is prepared, or 22:1-10 come to the feast!*

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.

HOMEBOUNDED 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, Clevon Johnson, Lester Johnson, Evelyn Porter, Janice Quinn, Edward Robinson, Albertha Smith, Catherine Spann, Felix Walden, Edith Washington, Margaret Weston, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tambra 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:

Michael Allen, Kelly Berry, Dorothy Brown, Priscilla Brown, Wade Brown, Henrietta Bulloch, Ivan Clark, Ruth Cohen, Eva Daniels, Shirley Davis, Cheryl Edwards, Mamie Farmer, George Foxworth, Niah Hatcher, Debbie Helmly, Estelle Hogan, Lewis Jackson, Delores Jivens, James Johnson, Jeremy Margarttes, Rhonda McCary, Rose McCoy, Helen McWalters, Elizabeth Mungin, Brenda Owens, Damon Peter, Cheryl Riley, Cyrus Riley, Jr., Natasha Simon, Lucille Singleton, Bertha Sorey, Johnny Mae Spaulding, Wendy & Gary Thomas, Nathaniel Wiggins, Sarah Wiley, Narvia Williams.

If you would like a name to appear for a time on our bulletin prayer list, please call or email the office.



October 1, 2017 Unity Sunday

Offertory \$6553.97



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.

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be an important meeting of the Youth Fundraising Committee on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Members, please attend. Thank you.

BELK CHARITY SALE

The fall version of the Belk Charity Sale is fast approaching. Please see any member of the Youth Ministry to purchase tickets. Thank you.

PARISH SYMPATHY

Parish condolences to Mrs. Ann Antol and Family on the loss of her sister, Mrs. Shirley Fisher, who passed away on Sunday, August 6, 2017 in Silver Springs, Maryland. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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.

NEW PPC OFFICERS

Congratulations are extended to the newly elected Parish Pastoral Council Officers:
Zachary Bailey – Chair
Fletcher Cross – Vice-Chair
Ruth Simmons – Secretary
Thank you to each of you for accepting to carry on these very important roles.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - LECTORS' SCHEDULE

Weekend of October 7/8, 2017
10/7 – 5:30pm – D. Jackson & Y. Williams
10/8 – 9:00am – J. Carter & A. Carter
11:30am – S. Ingram & J. Jones

Weekend of October 14/15, 2017
10/14 – 5:30pm – E. Mason & S. Carson
10/15 – 9:00am – B. McGhee & R. Marshall
11:30am – “Faith Formation”

Weekend of October 21/22, 2017
10/21 – 5:30pm – D. Jackson & A. Perry
9:00am – T. Garvin & T. Udowana
11:30am – R. Locke & A. Broxton

Weekend of October 28/29, 2017
10/28 – 5:30pm – S. Carson & Y. Williams
9:00am – R. Marshall & B. McGhee
11:30am – J. Jones & M. Poole

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

All parishioners who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of October are asked to call Barbara Manning at (912) 224-0995 to donate items or money to the upcoming Unity reception on Sunday November 5, 2017. Thank you.

YOUTH MASS

Savannah Deanery High School Youth Mass with Bishop Hartmayer will take place on October 8 at 5:00 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 2170 E. Victory Drive. It will be followed with dinner in Boland Hall. All high school teens and Youth Leaders are welcome.

ST. FRANCES CABRINI FLEA MARKET

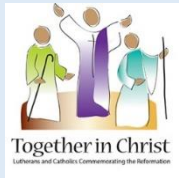
IT'S ALMOST HERE!!! Cabrini's CCW is having their annual Flea Market October 14th in the Parish Hall from 8AM to 1PM. Bring the treasures you've been collecting this summer or unearthed because of Irma. Starting October 9th during office hours until 6PM on October 13th you can drop items in the Parish Hall.

WHITE MASS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Health care workers, friends, family, and patients of health care workers!
In honor of the feast month of Saint Luke, a White Mass with Bishop Hartmayer will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 17 @ 6:00 pm in St. Mary's Chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 2170 East Victory Drive, Savannah. A White Mass, so named for the white coats worn by providers, recognizes all health care workers who serve under the patronage of Saint Luke, a physician. A reception will follow in Boland Hall. Please make plans to attend.

ST. VINCENT'S 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! 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 co-preside. The preacher for the service will be Rev. Fleming Rutledge, Episcopalian priest, scholar, author, and noted homilist. Please plan to join us on October 22 at 5:00pm at the Cathedral.

CATHOLIC LAWYERS GUILD-ANNUAL RED MASS

The Annual Red Mass will be held in St. Mary's Chapel at the Pastoral Center Thursday, October 26 at 5:30 p.m. A reception will follow during which the St. Thomas More Award will be presented. Immediately prior to the Mass, a short business meeting will be held at 5:00. This event is open to all attorneys, judges, clerks, law students and others engaged in the legal profession. One does not need to be a member of the Guild, nor Catholic, to attend. Kindly RSVP to bbroker@glsp so the Guild we will know how many to expect.

SOCIAL APOSTOLATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 17th annual Social Apostolate Open Golf Tournament will be held November 6, 2017, 9:00 AM on the Marshwood course at the Landings located on Skidaway Island. We hope you will be able to support us by playing in the tournament, sponsoring a hole or donating. If you would like more information, please contact Kate Haase at 912-604-9669 or kthaze@mac.com

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.



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.



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, Clareth Bivens/912-604-6059 or any member of the group.



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.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

October Calendar

9 Mon. Memorial of St. Denis and Companions;
Memorial of St. John Leonarda; Columbus Day
11 Wed. Memorial of St. John XXIII
14 Sat. Memorial of St. Callistus I; Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

