



### 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 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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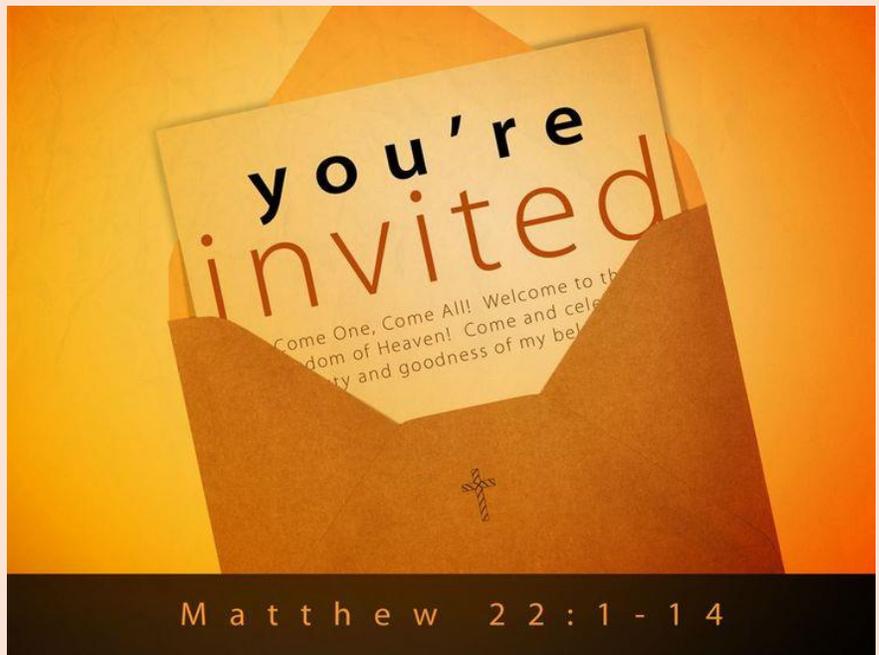
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**October 15, 2017 Year A  
28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor  
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education  
Zachary Bailey, Parish Council Chairperson  
Franklin Williams, Finance Chairperson  
Shirley West, Administrative Secretary  
Bea Betworth, Accounts Secretary  
Bobbie McIver, Bldg / Maintenance

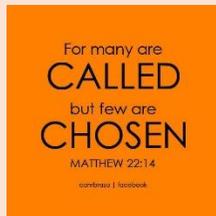
### Office Hours

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



October 15, 2017

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day**

God has invited us to this banquet today in order to remind us of our invitation to the heavenly banquet. We each received our invitation at our baptism. What have you done with your invitation? Have you set it aside?

Lost it? Are you preparing for the banquet? Today would be a good day to rediscover our invitation to the banquet of God's kingdom, and to assess what we are doing to prepare ourselves.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 336.

*From Fr. Romanus:*

**Key point of today's Reflection**

Whose interests come first – God or mine?

Why does Jesus' parable of the marriage feast seem to focus on an angry king who ends up punishing those who refused his invitation and who mistreated his servants? Jesus' parable contains two stories. The first has to do with the original guests invited to the marriage feast. The king had sent out invitations well in advance to his subjects, so they would have plenty of time to prepare for coming to the feast. How insulting for the invited guests to then refuse when the time for celebrating came! They made light of the King's request because they put their own interests above his. They not only insulted the King but the heir to the throne as well. The king's anger is justified because they openly refused to give the king the honor he was due. Jesus directed this warning to the Jews of his day, and to all of us both to convey how much God wanted us to share in the joy of his kingdom, but also to give a warning about the consequences of refusing his Son, our Messiah and Savior.

**Your "Pineapple" for the week**

*"He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:11-12).*



(\* indicates requested by)

5:30pm: For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Shirley Fisher. \*Ann Antol & Family.

**TAKE TEN & CONNECT**

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

**Readings for This 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!

**Readings for Next Weekend:**

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 We are to worship God alone, the God who calls us by name. Psalm 96 "Give the Lord glory and honor." 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b We have received the gospel not only in word, but in the power of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 22:15-21 "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

**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, 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.

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**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 Helmlly, 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 7/8, 2017

<b>Offertory</b>	\$5740.00
<b>Deanery Schools</b>	\$25.00
<b>Bus</b>	\$52.00
<b>Special Collection:</b>	
<b>Southern Cross</b>	\$214.00

**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.

**HERITAGE PROJECT SECOND COLLECTION**

The monthly second collection for the Heritage Project will take place on the weekend of October 28 /29 due to a Diocesan collection on October 21/22. Thank you for your ongoing support to the loan repayment.



**UPCOMING VIRTUS TRAINING:**

This class has content not suitable for young children. Childcare is NOT provided, so please make arrangements accordingly.

**No one under age 18 will be admitted due to sensitive subject matter - no infants, no toddlers, no children, no teens.**

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 6:00 pm. **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. A list of those ministries can be found here. Space is limited to and registration is required by registering online at VIRTUS Online.

Please arrive early - no admittance once the session begins. Latecomers will be asked to reschedule.

**Tuesday, October 17, 2017 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm**

The VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children for Adults" training will be held at St. Michael Church in the church meeting room (801 Butler Ave.).

**Wednesday, October 18, 2017 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm**

The VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children for Adults" training will be held at Blessed Sacrament School.



**YOUTH CONFERENCE 2017**

All youth from fifth grade through high school are strongly encouraged to attend this year's youth conference on Saturday, October 21st in the church. Time is 10 a.m. - 12 noon. We want to hear from our youth and help you to build up St. Benedict the Moor Church. Please come with your ideas and be prepared to work with others. Thank you.

**RCIA NEWS**

Sessions for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) candidates take place on Sundays, 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

**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.

<b>LITURGICAL MINISTERS - LECTORS' SCHEDULE</b>
<b>Weekend of October 14/15, 2017</b> 10/14 - 5:30pm - E. Mason & S. Carson 10/15 - 9:00am - B. McGhee & R. Marshall 11:30am - "Faith Formation"
<b>Weekend of October 21/22, 2017</b> 10/21 - 5:30pm - D. Jackson & A. Perry 9:00am - T. Garvin & T. Udowana 11:30am - R. Locke & A. Broxton
<b>Weekend of October 28/29, 2017</b> 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 November 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.

**WHITE MASS**



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 reception will follow in Boland Hall. Please make plans to attend.

## RED MASS



Attorneys, judges, clerks, law students and others engaged in the legal profession, family and friends! 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. One does not need to be a member of the Guild, nor Catholic, to attend. The Mass requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice, and offers the opportunity to reflect on what Catholics believe is the God-given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession. Kindly RSVP to [bbroker@gl.s](mailto:bbroker@gl.s).

## ST. VINCENT'S 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. Tickets (\$45 per person). For more information, call (912) 236-5505.

## SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

Are you seeking a deeper relationship with God and a deeper response to the dear neighbor? Please consider coming to an afternoon of information about the Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph. We invite you to gather with Sr. Jackie Griffith, Sr. Donna Loeper, and Sr. Rita Woehlcke, our Director of Associates, on Sunday October 22 from 2 - 4 PM at 411 E. 48<sup>th</sup> St. For questions and further information please contact Sr. Donna at (912) 484-7860 or [donnaloeper@comcast.net](mailto:donnaloeper@comcast.net).

## 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 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. 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.

## 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](mailto:kthaze@mac.com)



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.



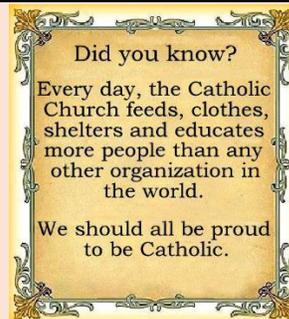
## UPCOMING MINISTRY RETREAT

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.



Did you know?

Every day, the Catholic Church feeds, clothes, shelters and educates more people than any other organization in the world.

We should all be proud to be Catholic.

## FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

### October Calendar

16 Mon. Mem. of St. Hedwig; Mem. of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

17 Tue. Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch

18 Wed. Feast of St. Luke

19 Thu. Memorial of Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions

20 Fri. Optional Memorial of St. Paul of the Cross

21 Sat. Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## 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.