



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 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.

Welcome

HISTORIC

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3rd SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 17th, 2017, Year B

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Zachary Scott, 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.

December 17, 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent, Year B

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, gaudete meaning rejoice in Latin. We rejoice this Sunday, knowing that we are over halfway through this period of preparation and that Jesus' coming is so close that we can feel it in our very being. We will sing, "My soul rejoices in my God" in the responsorial psalm. Let us take a moment today to put all the Christmas planning and worries aside and reflect on the wonderful gift God gave us in Jesus.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 358.

From Fr. Romanus:

Key point of today's Reflection

John's identity and our identity is derived from God's Son - Jesus Christ

John the Baptist bridges the Old and New Testaments. He is the last of the Old Testament prophets who points the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. He is the herald who prepares the way for Jesus and who announces his mission to the people: *Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!* (John 1:29). John saw from a distance what the Messiah would come to accomplish - our redemption from slavery to sin and our adoption as sons and daughters of God, our heavenly Father. Do you recognize who you are in Christ? The Lord Jesus has come to restore us to friendship with God and he has made us citizens of heaven - his everlasting kingdom of peace and justice.

Your "Pineapple" for the week

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him" (1 John 3:1)



December 9/10, 2017

Offertory	\$ 4985.00
Parish Bus	\$
Deanery School	\$
Special Collection:	
Religious	\$ 165.00
Retirement	

GIVING TREE THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Giving Tree project. It was a great success! May each of you be blessed as you have blessed others this holiday season. Your generosity is an inspiration to us. Again, thank you. *Youth Ministry



(*indicates requested by)

All Masses: In loving memory of Zeline B. Foster on the 1st Anniversary of her passing.

***Fred Foster & Family**

5:30pm: For the repose of the soul of Mattie Glover on the anniversary of her passing.

***Prince A. Jackson III**

For the repose of the soul of Hattilyn Slocum on the anniversary of her passing.

***Prince A. Jackson, III**

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Ernestine Rountree on her 90th birthday. (12/22)

***Sharon Carson & Family**

In loving memory of Edward M. Robinson, Jr. on the anniversary of his passing, December 1999.

***The Robinson Family**

9:00am: In memory of Mrs. Willie Mae Graham on the anniversary of her passing.

***Renee Mosley, Karen Smalls, & grandchildren.**

For the peaceful repose of Leroy W. Simmons on the 10th anniversary of his passing (12/20).

***Ruth Simmons & Family**

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Dennis Clarence Bailey on his birthday (12/16)

***Mariah Bailey and 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 61:1-2a, 10-11 I rejoice heartily in the Lord. Luke 1 "My soul rejoices in my God." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 May you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. John 1:6-8, 19-28 There is one among you whom you do not recognize.

Readings for Next Weekend:

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, The kingdom of David shall endure for ever before the Lord. 14a, 16 Psalm 89 "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord." Romans 16:25-27 The mystery kept secret for long ages has now been manifested. Luke 1:26-38 Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

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, 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, Richard Mack, Janice Quinn, Edward Robinson, Albertha Smith, Felix Walden, Edith Washington, Frankie Washington, Margaret Weston, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tandra Williams, Gertrude Rivers Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey, Sharon Wingster.

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, 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.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER SAVE THE DATE!!

On Sunday, January 14, 2018 the Youth Ministry will have mouth-watering variety dinners for sale. Menu items include fried and baked chicken, fried fish and a special surprise with all the trimmings. Details to follow soon.



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.



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. 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

*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.

1969 GRADUATES OF ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL

All graduates of the Class of 1969 from St. Pius X Catholic High School are asked to contact Ida Wright Sidney (idasidney51@yahoo.com) or Sharon Shellman Hampton (sharonh43@comcast.net) for the purpose of hosting the 50th year reunion of the Class of 1968, which will take place in the Summer of 2018. If you are in contact with ANY of your former classmates, please let them know the news and contact information.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK
December Calendar
21 Thu. Memorial of St. Peter Canisius* Winter begins
23 Sat. Memorial of St. John of Kanty*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - LECTORS' SCHEDULE
Weekend of December 16/17, 2017 12/16 - 5:30pm - A. Perry & E. Mason 12/17 - 9:00am - R. Marshall & T. Garvin 11:30am - "Faith Formation"
Weekend of December 23/24, 2017 12/23 - 5:30pm - D. Jackson & Y. Williams 12/24 - 9:00am - B. McGhee & M. White 11:30am - J. Jones & J. Brown
December 24 - 6pm Children's Mass December 25 - Midnight Mass D. Jackson & E. Mason December 25 - Christmas Day Mass D. Perry & Y. Williams
Weekend of December 30/31, 2017 12/30 - 5:30pm - A. Perry & Y. Williams 12/31 - 9:00am - B. McGhee & R. Marshall 11:30am - P. Hamilton & R. Locke



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.

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.

UNITY CHOIR REHEARSAL

Unity Choir Rehearsal will take place Thursday, December 21st at 6:00pm in the Church. Please make every effort to be there. - Areatha Scott, Coordinator.

ANNUAL WINTER COAT DRIVE



Time to pull out the Fall & Winter coats and let go of the ones we no longer wear. Our Annual Coat Drive is now in effect and will continue through January 25, 2018. Please donate! Adult & children coats are needed. Every gently worn coat will be appreciated. A bin will be placed at the front of the church. For further information, please contact Georgetta Blair-Simmons. Thank you.

MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST NEEDED

Blessed Sacrament Church, in Savannah, GA, is seeking a part-time Music Director and Organist, to lead the musical component of all parish Masses, including but not limited to weekend Masses and Masses for Holy Days of Obligation, in accordance with the liturgical calendar. In collaboration with the Pastor, the Music Director recruits and trains the musicians and cantors, coordinates music for special events (e.g., weddings and funerals), leads the adult and children's choirs of the parish, selects music for pastor approval, and enhances the parish's celebration of the Catholic faith. Qualified candidates are invited to email resume and cover letter to Paige Ryan, Parish Administrator, at PRyan@mbschurch.org.



December 16, Parish Christmas Party (Adults)	7:00pm
December 17, Youth Christmas Party	6:00pm
December 23, Saturday Vigil Mass	5:30pm
December 24, Sunday Regular Mass Times	9:00am 11:30am
December 24, Sunday Christmas Eve Youth Christmas Caroling & Mass Youth Nativity Play	6:00pm
December 24, Sunday Midnight Mass (Caroling will be done for 30 mins prior to Mass)	12midnight
December 25, Monday Christmas Day Mass	10:00am
December 31, Sunday New Year's Eve Mass (A New Year's Eve party will be held in the Hall immediately following Mass.)	11:30pm
January 1, Monday New Year's Day Mass	10:00am

THE DEFINITION OF "ACTIVE CATHOLIC" for parish verification, required for Baptisms, Marriages, Catholic School attendance, etc., requires that a person must be registered, attend Mass regularly and involved in Time, Talent & Treasure (Stewardship.) Participation through parish offertory envelopes is one means of verification. If you choose not to use envelopes or are unable to contribute, please make a notation of your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the offertory. We will then be aware of your continued participation and you will not be moved to inactive status.

JANUARY UNITY RECEPTION MEETING

A planning meeting for the January unity reception will be held on Monday, December 18th at 6 p.m. in the parish hall. Contact Wilma Brown (659-8941) or Georgene Jones (604-7394) for more information.