



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.



HISTORIC

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JOURNEY TO THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B

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 / Maint. Mgr.
Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance

Office Hours:

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

March 18, 2018



March 10/11, 2018



**Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B
Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day**

A month ago, we received ashes on our foreheads as Lent began. We may have chosen to give up something or to do something special during this penitential season. Where do we stand now with that commitment we made? Have we slid back into our old ways from time to time? Have we totally forgotten about it? Well, it's not too late. Always the Lord is calling us to follow him, no matter what has come before. **Third Scrutiny:** As we enter the final weeks of Lent, we take the time to appreciate the momentousness of the events that we approach, from Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the Last Supper to the trial and crucifixion, to his death and resurrection. Let us see this journey through the eyes of the catechumens, who will be completing their own journey of preparation and initiated into the Church as we all celebrate the rising of Jesus from the dead.

Offertory	\$ 5403.00
Special Collection: Cath. Relief Svcs.	\$ 410.00



All Masses: In loving memory of Frank Chappell, Jr. on the anniversary of his birthday (03/16). *Anne Chappell & Family.

5:30pm: For the repose of the soul of Prince A. Jackson, Sr. on the anniversary of his passing.

For the repose of the soul of Deacon Prince A. Jackson, Jr. on the anniversary of his birthday.

For the repose of the soul of Mattie Glover on the anniversary of her birthday.

*All the above Intentions requested by Prince A. Jackson, III.

9:00am: In Loving memory of Leroy W. Simmons on the anniversary of his birthday. *Ruth & Jayden Simmons.

The 1st & 2nd Readings on Page 406. The Gospel from Year A; Third Scrutiny found on page 221 (John 11:1-45)

From Fr. Romanus:

Key point of today's Reflection

"When I am lifted up from the earth, shall draw all people to myself":

God is a covenant-maker who draws men and women to himself in a bond of peace and friendship. God established a covenant with his people when he freed them from slavery in Egypt and brought them to his holy mountain at Sinai. "I will be your God, and you will be my people" (Exodus 6:7; Leviticus 26:12). But his people time and again broke covenant with him and did not follow his ways (Jeremiah 31:32) - "each did what was right in his or her own eyes" (Judges 17:26 and 21:25). God, nonetheless, continued to send his prophets to draw his people back. At the appointed time, he sent his only begotten Son as a new covenant who would draw all people to himself in a bond of peace and friendship. In today's Gospel, Jesus confirms his mission to restore that bond of friendship between God and his people, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, shall draw all people to myself" (John 12:32). Has this statement of Jesus been fulfilled in my life? Has Christ's love for me and all that we went through for my sake drawn me to him so as to give my life to him without reservation?

Pineapple for the week:

"We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

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

Readings for This Weekend:

Jeremiah 31:31-34 I will make a new covenant and remember their sin no more. Psalm 51 Create a clean heart in me O God. Hebrews 5:7-9 Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation.

Readings for Next Weekend: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: Isaiah 50:4-7 My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting knowing that I shall not be put to shame. Psalm 22 "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Philippians 2:6-11 Jesus emptied himself, and accepted death on a cross. Mark 14:1-15:47 The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ or 15:1-39

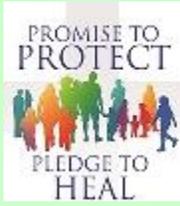
HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



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:

- Joe Battle,
- M. Marie Blue,
- Ida Branch,
- 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,
- Kelvin Lee,
- Richard Mack,
- Janice Quinn,
- Edward Robinson,
- Albertha Smith,
- Kathy Stewart,
- Felix Walden,
- Frankie Washington,
- Margaret Weston,
- Arlene Wiley,
- Ellen Williams,
- Tambra 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, Willie Potter & Family, Esther Jackson & Family, Jessie Owens & Family, Mildred Dogan & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Otis Smith. Kelly Berry, Dorothy Brown, Priscilla Brown, Narvia Williams.



“A **VIRTUS** class have been scheduled in your area at (Location) for (date and time). This training is required for Safe Environment Compliance for any adult who will come into contact with youth as part of their ministry (a listing of those ministries can be found at

<http://bit.ly/1yU4Yk6>), and must be completed before they begin ministry. Seating is limited, and you must pre-registration online to save your seat. To register, go to www.diosav.org, and find the training listed on the Upcoming Events Calendar.”

March 21, 2018 5:30pm – SAVH, Blessed Sacrament School
April 5, 2018 5:45pm – COLUMBUS, St. Anne Church



Stations of the Cross will be held every **Friday at 6:00pm**

Make this service a part of your Lenten journey!

March 23 – Traditional & Family Choir, Bible Study Group

March 30 – Gospel Choir, Legion of Mary, Youth



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.

INFANT BAPTISM



The next infant baptism will take place on Sunday April 15, 2018 at 11:30am Mass. Please contact Theresa Garvin (912-507-7553) or Sharon Carson (912-656-02866) for further information.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kanisha Bailey who received an award on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at The Honors Convocation at Fort Valley State University for having a cumulative average of 3.5 - Keep up the good work!

LEGION OF MARY



WHAT: Annual Legion Mass, Acies Ceremony and Benediction

WHEN: Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 1:30pm. **WHERE:** Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

WHO: All members of the Legion of Mary: Active, Auxiliary, Former and all who have a devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please join us!



Throughout our lives, we can find ourselves either closer to or further from God depending on our circumstances. Sometimes we are

the prodigal; sometimes we are the faithful one. Either way, God loves us and longs for us to be even closer to Him. We will never find ourselves in a flawless relationship with God until we are with Him in heaven for eternity. Until then, we will continue the cycle of turning away and then returning to Him. He will continue to run towards us each and every time.

► Where am I today in my relationship with God?

Try **Living the Eucharist**; **Living the Eucharist** is a parish-based program for enhancing our Lenten journey. Come out and see how this Lenten season can reawaken our spirits. During Wednesday night Bible Studies and after Friday night Stations of the Cross.

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.

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.

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.



St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church
441 E. Broad St.
Schedule of Lent & Holy Week Services

Wednesday, March 21 Penance Service @ 6pm

Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday – **Vigil Mass** begins @ 5:15pm outside the Church.



***Sunday services:** Procession from school yard begins at 8:45a.m. (for 9:00am Mass) and 11:15a.m. (for 11:30a.m. Mass)

Tuesday, March 27 Chrism Mass at Cathedral of St. John the Baptist at 7:00p.m. with Bishop Gregory Hartmayer presiding, and area priests concelebrating. Everyone is welcome!



Holy Thursday, March 29 5:30p.m. Passover Meal – Parish Hall – followed by Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00p.m.



(with Washing of the Feet)

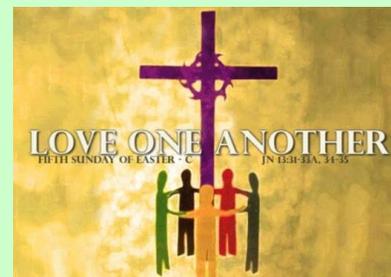


Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 12 mid-night.

Good Friday, March 30 3pm Stations of the Cross; Good Friday Ceremonies at 6pm.

Holy Saturday, March 31 8:30p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday Mass, April 1 at **10:00a.m.**
(Note: There will only be **ONE MASS** on Sunday).



FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

March Calendar

18 Sun. Third Scrutiny of the Elect
19 Mon. Solemnity of St. Joseph
20 Tue. Spring begins
23 Fri. Memorial of St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

LECTORS' SCHEDULE

March 17/18

530 A. Perry / Y. Williams
9am B. McGhee / M. White
1130 Faith Formation

March 24/25 Palm Sunday

530 S. Carson / E. Mason
9am J. Carter/ A. Carter
1130 M. Poole/ J. Brown

ST. VINCENT'S ACADEMY: MARTINIS & MASTERPIECES

Join us on Thursday, April 19th for St. Vincent's Academy's Martinis & Masterpieces Event! The event will be held from 6pm - 9pm at the Knights of Columbus on 3 West Liberty Street. Enjoy live jazz music by the Fabulous Equinox Orchestra, signature martinis and fabulous appetizers while perusing 100 pieces of artwork before the art raffle begins! Tickets are \$150/person to participate in the art raffle, \$200/couple with one art raffle ticket and one guest ticket, and \$50 for a guest ticket. Purchase your tickets today at: www.svaga.net/masterpieces. Please email christina.winters@svaga.net with any questions. All proceeds benefit St. Vincent's Academy.

MEMORIAL CROSSES TO HONOR DECEASED VETERANS



Each year, the Catholic War Veterans (Post 1943, Savannah) places Memorial Crosses (bearing the Veteran's name, conflict and branch of service) within the Catholic Cemetery at 1720 Wheaton St.

The crosses will be put in place on 23 May. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 6:00PM Thursday, 24 May, at the base of the Holy Cross. If you would like to honor a deceased Veteran in this manner, contact Bart Picasso, (912) 856-3512, bart.picasso@comcast.net, by 15 April.