



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.



This training is required for Safe Environment Compliance for any adult who will come into contact with youth as part of their ministry and must be completed

before they begin ministry. To register, go to www.diosav.org, and find the training listed on the Upcoming Events Calendar."

WELCOME TO HISTORIC
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December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent, Year C

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
Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance

Office Hours:
Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00p.m





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Third Sunday of Advent, Year C
Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Christmas is only nine days away now. Children—and the young at heart—can feel the excitement building. Gifts will soon be under the tree. We have been preparing for Christ’s coming for two weeks. Retailers and radio stations have been preparing for Christmas for over a month. The nearness of the holy day is palpable and so today—Gaudete Sunday—we rejoice. We rejoice in God’s gift to us, not to be found under a tree, but in a manger and in our hearts.

Today’s Readings are found in the **Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book** beginning on Page 543.



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.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

December Calendar

21 Fri. Memorial of St. Peter Canisius* Winter begins



December 8/9, 2018

Offertory	\$ 3849.00
Immac. Conception	\$ 581.00
School	\$ 30.00
Bus	\$ 60.00
Special Collections:	
Religious Retirement	\$ 472.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 50.00

“Thank you for your generosity”

2018 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of SAVANNAH

The St. Benedict the Moor BAA Committee would like to remind everyone to please contribute towards our 2018 Campaign. Envelopes are available at the front of the Church. It is the request of Fr. Romanus that we use these envelopes to submit your donations here at the Church.



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.

From the Pastor's Desk

From Fr. Romanus:

Key point of today’s Reflection

What shall we do?

John proclaimed the coming of Christ, urging the people to prepare for His come and to repent from their sins. The people wanted to know what this repentance was all about, and what was exactly expected of them for this preparation. John’s message of renewal and repentance was very practical. He told the people three things: First, every follower of God must share what they possess (their personal goods and resources) with their neighbors, especially with those who lacked the basic necessities of life. John recognized that this was a key duty for every individual and an outward expression of the great commandment to love one’s neighbor as oneself (Leviticus 19:18). Second, John pointed out the sacred duty to give each and every person what is their due and to not take from them what rightfully belongs to them. God commands that each person be treated with respect and that honor be given where honor is due. John told the tax collectors that they must not coerce people to pay more tax money than what was rightfully due. (Tax collectors often made handsome profits for themselves by overcharging other people.) John instructed soldiers to not abuse their authority or power to compel people to give or do things for them beyond what was rightful and their due. (It was not uncommon for soldiers to abuse their position to force people to carry their heavy equipment for them or to rob them of their goods.) John did not tell them to leave their profession, but to be good, honest, and respectful soldiers. We are called to live a life that reflects Christ wherever we are!

Your “Pineapple” for the week:

“Bloom wherever you are planted.”

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



Mariah Bailey, Joe Battle, Georgetta Blair, Ida Branch, Carmen Broussard, Anne Chappell, Josefa Citizen, Lorraine Debnam, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, Anthony Hall, Laura Harris, Jessica Jackson, Charlotte Jenkins, Clevon Johnson, Richard Mack, Margie McNeal, Suresh Persad, Evelyn Porter, Janice Quinn, Ruth Simmons, Albertha Smith, Margaret Weston, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tambra Williams. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Dawud Patterson, M. Marie Blue, Michael Allen, McKenzie Jenkins, Willie Potter & Family, Esther Jackson & Family, Jessie Owens & Family, Mildred Dogan & Family, Julie Porter-Winfrey, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Otis Smith. Kelly Berry, Dorothy Brown, Priscilla Brown, Narvia William, Nathaniel Wiggins, A. Joseph Bryan.



PARISH CONDOLENCES

Parish sympathy to Mrs. Rosemary Walden and Ms. Taylor Walden on the loss of son and brother, Mr. Matthew Walden, who passed away Saturday, December 8, 2018. Funeral Mass and Services were held Friday December 14, 2018 at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. Our heartfelt prayers are with the family.

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. To be considered an active, participating member of the parish, St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church takes into account a family's or individual's Mass attendance and ministry involvement. Since weekly offertory envelopes are the primary means of determining if parishioners are regularly attending Mass, we ask you to place your envelope in the collection basket each Sunday even if you cannot make a monetary contribution to show your attendance. Attendance at Mass is the most meaningful way we model and live our Catholic faith. We will then be aware of your continued participation and you will not be moved to inactive status.

OUR PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Exciting News! A New Approach to our Parish weekly

Bible Study!



We are now using "Lectio Divina" method in our weekly bible study. **Lectio Divina** (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word. It treats scripture as the Living Word. In order to prepare ourselves spiritually for the Sunday Liturgy, we are studying the readings for the coming Sundays - we read the Sunday scriptural passages, meditate, pray and share the Word. Please join us at Bible Study every Wednesday at 6pm in the Parish Hall! - Fr. Romanus.

THANK YOU

A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus Council 10274 for their generous donation to the Church from their efforts form their Yard Sale Project. The Knights have always been a constant support to St. Benedict and we appreciate all that they do!

A sincere "Thank You" to the St. Benedict the Moor Council of Catholic Women for their generous donation. The CCW has donated \$500 to the Old School Restoration Project and another \$500 to our Heritage Loan Repayment Project. Your continuous support of the Church is always appreciated!



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.

THANK YOU

We, the Robert & Evelyn Porter and Winfrey families wish to thank Fr. Romanus and the parishioners of St. Benedict the Moor for your love, kindness, and prayers during the time of loss of our son/grandson, Ivory L. Winfrey (Tre'). May God continue to bless each and every one of you. -The Porter & Winfrey families.

TOWN HALL MEETING:



The first of two annual Town



Hall meetings for our parish will be held January 5, 2019 at 4:00pm in the Family Hall. Your interest and concerns for the church is very valuable to the growth of our faith community,

therefore the Town Hall meeting committee has placed a box at the entrance to the church for any questions that you would like to have addressed at the Town Hall. The box will be in place this weekend or you may drop your questions off to the church's office. On behalf of the Town Hall Meeting committee, thank you in advance for your participation!



COMING SOON:

St. Benedict the Moor Parish Census! It is important that ALL Families are counted. Additional information will be presented in the upcoming weeks!



Lectors

Dec 15-16	
5:30pm	T. Garvin/Y. Williams
9:00am	J. Carter/A. Carter
11:30am	"Faith Formation"
Dec 22-23	
5:30pm	A. Perry/D. Jackson
9:00am	B. McGhee/R. Marshall
11:30am	M. Jenkins/J. Brown
Dec 24th Christmas Eve	
Youth Mass @ 6pm "Faith Formation"	
Midnight Mass	T. Garvin/Y. Williams
December 25th Christmas Day Mass	
10:00am	S. Carson/A. Perry
Dec 29-30	
5:30pm	D. Jackson/E. Mason
9:00am	M. White/T. Udowana
11:30am	R. Locke/J. Jones



A VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED TO JOIN OUR PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL (GOD'S WORK, OUR

WORK):

We are searching for a parishioner who has accounting background, and who will be generous with his/her time and talent to join the Parish Finance Council.

Please, any of these two categories may not be helpful:

- 1) Those who have accounting background, but do not have the time to attend Finance Council monthly meeting(s).
- 2) Those who have the spirit to serve, but do not have accounting background.

Please we need a dedicated Parishioner who has the spirit to serve as well as accounting background. If you can do this for us, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Romanus.

UNITY CHOIR REHEARSAL

Unity Choir rehearsal will take place on Tuesday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Please make every effort to attend these important practices.



TRAVELING MOORS CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

The Traveling Moors' Christmas Sale will take place on Saturday December 22, 2018. All treats will be sold from the Parish Hall between the hours of 10am & 2pm, or whenever all items are sold (whichever comes first). Don't miss out on some delicious treats!

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 February 28, 2019.

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.



The Youth Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 23rd in the Parish Hall from 5-8pm. There will be food, games, music, and lots of fun, fun, fun!

All Youth of the Church are invited to come out and have a Great Time! See you there!

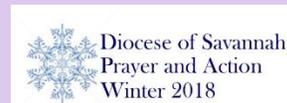
RESCHEDULED DATE 12/23



CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL

TEENS - The Savannah Deanery Youth will be helping with

the Children of Forsyth Christmas Carnival on December 23. We are expecting 125 children who are homeless or experiencing extreme hardship, and their parents. We will be serving lunch and having carnival games. All volunteers are asked to be at the tennis court end of Forsyth Park at 12:30. We will provide a late lunch for our teens after the program is over. Parents can pick up at 3:00. Thank you for sharing your gifts and your time. Merry Christmas!!!



The Diocese of Savannah will be hosting Prayer and Action on December 27-29. Prayer and Action

offers a mission experience close to home and provides 12 service hours. It is open to all high school teens and will be hosted at Saint Peter the Apostle in Savannah. For more information and to register, visit the Diocese web site at: diosav.org/ooyamprayerandaction.

