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Historic St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church

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March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B

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Shirley West, Admin Secretary
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Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson
Carl Hayes, Finance Chairperson
Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance

Please remember to follow our Parish Covid-19 safety guidelines:

- 1. Please read carefully the Covid-19 information provided at the entrance of the church.**
- 2. For your protection and for the safety of others, masks are highly recommended at Mass.**
- 3. Sanitizer is available for use at the entrance of the church. Please use it before coming into the church. There is also a sanitizer bottle in each pew.**
- 4. There is social distancing seating arrangement. Please it is critical that you follow the directions of the Ushers.**
- 5. Please observe social distancing also when leaving the church. Please do not socialize outside the church. Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people. Do not gather in groups.**

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

During Lent, our Lord calls us to make a conversion of the heart. Our parents, teachers, or mentors can show us the way, but then it is up to us to commit to Christ's mission. As we approach the days in which we remember Jesus' suffering and death, we ask ourselves if we are willing to resolve to die to sin and to live faithfully, selflessly, and courageously in the Lord.

Liturgy of the word and The Order of Mass:

(from your personal Sunday Missal –
Prayerbook and Hymnal for 2021)

First Reading: Page 238

Responsorial Psalm: Page 238 and 239

Second Reading: Page 239

Gospel Acclamation: Page 239

Gospel: Page 240

Order of Mass (Pages 10 to 77):

Act of Contrition (I confess...): Page 12

Profession of Faith (The Nicene Creed: Page 18

The Lord's Prayer: Page 72

Lamb of God: Page: 74

Mass Intentions:

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

*5:30pm: God's grace on Anne Chappell as she celebrates her birthday (03/20). *Franklin Stevens & family.*

*God's grace on Franklin C. Stevens as he celebrates his birthday (03/23). *Anne Chappell & family.*

*9:30am: For the repose of the souls of Fred & Celeste Betz on the anniversary of their passing. *Margaret Betz.*

*For the repose of the soul of Leroy W. Simmons on the anniversary of his birth (03/18). *Ruth Simmons & family.*

*For the repose of the soul of Juanita M. Chaney on the 18th anniversary of her passing (03/24). *Michaela O. & Michael A. Chaney.*

Parish Giving

March 14, 2021

Offertory	\$ 5765.00
Deanery Schools	\$ 60.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 276.00

"Thank You for Your Generosity"

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.

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

March Calendar

21 Sun. Third Scrutiny of the Elect

23 Tue. St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

25 Thu. The Annunciation of the Lord



Please Pray for our Sick & Homebound

Michael Allen, Joe Battle, Henry Blount, M. Marie Blue, Carmen Broussard, William & Odessa Bryant, James Cain, Shawn Chaney, Anne Chappell, Josefa Citizen, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, Anthony Hall, Laura Harris, Jessica Jackson, Charlotte Jenkins, Clewon Johnson, Margaret Jones, Bobby Locke, Michelle Lovewine, Margie McNeal, Dawud Patterson, Adriene Perry, Sr., Adriene Perry, Jr., Janice Quinn, Marilee Short, Lucille Singleton, Marie Small, Inez Walthour, Frankie Washington, Jeanette Westley Margaret Weston, Deveira Wiggins, Louise Wiggins, Nathaniel Wiggins, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tandra Williams, Yvonne Williams, Crystal Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

Prayer changes YOU... Prayer does not change our circumstances, it changes us. It is in prayer that we meet God and give Him all of our circumstances, known and unknown, good and bad. It is in this meeting that "He gives truth to our minds, goodness to our wills and beauty to our hearts".

(Dr. Peter Kreeft)

2021 STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every

Friday at 6:00pm

Make this service a part of your Lenten journey!

March 26 – CCW and Friends of SBM

April 2 – Legion of Mary and Choirs

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER PROGRAM:

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Wednesday of Lent

In the Church from 5PM – 6PM

Holy Thursday (April 1, 2021)

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6PM

(*No washing of the feet)

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

Good Friday (April 2, 2021)

Stations of the Cross: 3:00PM

Good Friday Ceremonies: 4:00PM

Holy Saturday (April 3, 2021)

Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00PM

Easter Sunday (April 4, 2021)

Easter Sunday Masses: 9:30AM & 11:30AM

RECONCILIATION WEDNESDAYS

The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist – 4:00-5:00 PM

Resurrection of Our Lord – 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Sacred Heart – 4:30 – 5:30 PM

St. Anne, Richmond Hill – 6:00-6:45 PM

St. Benedict the Moor – 5:00-6:00 PM

St. Boniface, Springfield – 5:30-6:30 PM

St. James – 6:00 – 7:00 PM

St. Michael's, Tybee Island – 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Blessed Sacrament 4:00-5:00 PM.



"A **VIRTUS** class 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.

***PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL
PHONES!
Thank you.**

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



O God, hear our prayer

And let our cry come unto You.

Bless our Diocese of Savannah

With many vocations to the Priesthood,

Diaconate, and Religious Life.

Give the men and women You call

The light to understand Your gift

And the love to follow always

In the footsteps of Your Priestly Son.

Amen.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & MASS INTENTIONS:

To submit any news for the parish bulletin, please send your email to: stbenedict@bellsouth.net or call the Parish office (232-7147) by 12 noon on Wednesday. Please note that we reserve the right to edit for space. Thank you!

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass can be offered for you or your loved ones for any occasion. All requests must be in writing. Envelopes are available in the church vestibule. These requests must also be received by 12 noon on Wednesday if you want it printed in the bulletin. – Thank you.

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Just a reminder! If you haven't yet made your pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider doing it soon. As good stewards, each of us has a responsibility to share our great gifts that come from God. Please be generous in your sharing.

AMSP MEETING

AMSP meeting March 23rd, in the parish hall 5:30pm. Wearing of masks and practicing social distancing will be in place.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus will hold a drive-through fish fry on the evening of Friday March 26th from 5:00 - 5:45 and 6:30 - 7:15 in front of the St Benedict the Moor Parish Hall. No need to get out of your car. Just drive up to the entrance on Gordon Street and we will bring your dinners to your car. Dinners are \$5 each.

JOB OPENING:

The Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS), a division of the Georgia Department of Human Services, investigates reports of child abuse; finds foster and adoptive homes for abused and neglected children; issues Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to low-income families; helps out-of-work parents get back on their feet; and provides numerous support services and innovative programs to help families in need.

DFCS / Office of Family Independence (OFI) is seeking candidates to fill several positions as an **Economic Support Specialist 1** inclusive of various roles within OFI. These positions are located throughout Georgia and may require travel. The Salary is **\$27,000.00 (non-negotiable)**.

Minimum Qualifications:

High school diploma or GED **AND** (1) one year of related experience which involved customer contact/interaction **OR** Completion of 90 quarter hours (60 semester hours) at an accredited college or university.

TO LEARN MORE & APPLY

Please visit: [Economic Support Specialist 1 - Statewide](#)

Applicants who do not apply using the link provided above will NOT be considered.

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Victory Through Suffering and Death:

Jesus was seeing His death coming, but He was seeing the glory that would come through His death – His mind was focused on His resurrection and our redemption. Though He feared the physical pain of death, He took courage in the resurrection and our salvation that will come after His suffering and death. For this reason, He told His disciples, “Amen, Amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit” (John 12:24).

Death does not sound all that inviting to us. So how should we look at death?

First of all, death literally speaking, is a passing from this world to the next. “For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is

destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands” (2 Corinthians 5:1). Our passing away from this world becomes our birthday into eternity. When our time comes in accord with the will of God, we should welcome it and anticipate our full immersion into the life of God. Death is not the end of life, but only a means of reuniting ourselves with God.

Jesus in today’s Gospel speaks of death on another level. We should see ourselves represented by the grain of wheat that achieves its potential, only by falling to the ground and dying. In that natural act it is planted in the fertile soil and grows, producing an abundance of good fruit.

How should we see ourselves represented in this natural action? We do so by embracing death to self, so that we can be planted in the fertile soil of the grace of God and produce an abundance of good fruit. Dying to oneself means that we let go of all selfishness in life and avoiding all wrongdoing in order to gain eternal life. For this reason, Jesus tells us, “Whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it” (Matthew 16:25). If we really love life, we should not cling to this earthly life which is temporary, rather, let us die to sin and live for righteousness in order to gain that life without end. St. Paul tells us that the sufferings of this present time is nothing compared to the glory that will be revealed in us in eternity (cf. Romans 8:18).

Your Pineapple for the week:

“Amen, Amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit” (John 12:24).