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Historic St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church

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April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
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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

We are an Easter people. Whatever our circumstances may be, or the circumstances of the world, we gather today in joy because our Lord truly rose from the dead, conquering death and bringing the promise of eternal life. On Easter Sunday we renewed our baptismal promises, affirming our faith, renouncing sin and evil, and promising to follow Christ in the newness of life. Let us live our lives in the joy of the Resurrection and spread that joy to all we meet.

Liturgy of the word and The Order of Mass:

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

First Reading: Page 381
Responsorial Psalm: Page 382
Second Reading: Page 382
Gospel Acclamation: Page 383
Gospel: Page 383

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:

8:00am:

In celebration of our matriarch, Claretha Bivins, through God's grace and mercy on her birthday (04/19). *offered by her children & family.

God's grace on Geraldine Williams as she celebrates her birthday (04/21). *offered by Dena Maxwell & family.

9:30am:

God's graces on Nysia Martin.
*Ronald Martin.

11:00am:

In Memory of Warner & Isabelle Waters and Isaac Dowse.
*The Lipsey Family.

Parish Giving April 11, 2021

Offertory	\$ 5291.00
Deanery Schools	\$ 40.00
Bus	\$ 30.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 110.00
Priests Retirement	\$ 365.00

"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

April Calendar

21 Wed. - Memorial of St. Anselm
22 Thu. - Earth Day
23 Fri. - Memorial of St. George Optional; Memorial of St. Adalbert
24 Sat. - Memorial of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen



Please Pray for our Sick & Homebound

Michael Allen, Joe Battle, Henry Blount, M. Marie Blue, Carmen Broussard, William & Odessa Bryant, James Cain, Anne Chappell, Josefa Citizen, Ida Cruse, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, Anthony Hall, Laura Harris, Jessica Jackson, Charlotte Jenkins, Clevon Johnson, Margaret Jones, Bobby Locke, Michelle Lovewine, Margie McNeal, Dawud Patterson, Adriene Perry, Sr., Adriene Perry, Jr., Evelyn Porter, 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.



"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.

PARISH SYMPATHY

Parish condolences to the Family of Mrs. Shawn LaTonya Chaney who passed away Thursday April 8, 2021. A Memorial service was held Friday April 16, 2021. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Holy Hour for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The St. John Vianney Vocations Ministry of Savannah will be celebrating a special Holy Hour on Sunday April 25, 2021 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM at the chapel of the Catholic Pastor Center, 2170 E. Victory Dr., Savannah. Bishop Stephen Parkes will be the presider. If you are unable to join us in person, you are welcome to join via Zoom.

Join Holy Hour via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86525512953?pwd=TTI4dGZ4RDM5V3FZSXhGb1ZNMWRjUT09>

Meeting ID: 865 2551 2953
Passcode: 794429

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.**

COMPUTER TECHNICIAN:

The Catholic Diocese of Savannah has an opening for a full-time Information Technology Technician. This position reports to the Director of Information Technology and is responsible providing support for local and remote workers in Savannah, Ga. Specifically this position supports mobile devices used by staffers at the Catholic Pastoral Center, works with VMWare, Windows Server 2019, Microsoft Office 365 Cloud as well as Mitel Voice/Phone systems.

A Catholic in good standing is preferred, but not required, the Catholic Diocese of Savannah offers an extensive benefit package that includes paid sick and vacation time; medical, dental, life and LTD insurance and a 401-K retirement plan. To make application send a resume with three references to: jagreen@diosav.org.

Easter Flower Offering



In Honor of:
Mariah Kennedy Bailey

In Memory of :
Clarence John Bailey, Sr.
Howard Kennedy Bailey
Dennis Clarence Bailey

Beautine m. Grayson
Nonnie Mae Carswell
James H. Carswell

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St Benedict the Moor Knights of Columbus are having a Boston Butt Sale. The cost is \$25. Pickup date is Saturday May 29th at Jones Red & White – 4607 Habersham St. A purchase Ticket is required. Please any member of the KOC Council 10274. St Benedict the Moor Knights of Columbus are also selling tickets for their annual state raffle on May 15th. 1st Prize is \$5,000. 2nd Prize is \$2,500. 3rd Prize is \$1,000. See any Knight to purchase a ticket.

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

We need spiritual eyes to recognize Jesus:

In the first reading, the Jews who crucified Jesus thought they understood what they were doing, yet they did not. Thus, addressing them, St. Peter said: "Now I know brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing" (Acts 3:17). In the second reading, St. John pointed out that there are those who think they know God but do not know Him. Hence he spoke: "Anyone who says, 'I know Him', and does not keep His commandments is a liar" (1 John 2:4). In the gospel, as Jesus stood in their midst, the disciples too "thought they were seeing a ghost" when it was Jesus that stood among them (Luke 24:37). What is the meaning of all these? It is not enough that we have our two eyes on the forehead. We need a Divine illumination to guide us. No wonder today's responsorial Psalm said: "Lift up the light of your face on us O Lord".

Sometimes we think that something, and even a situation is what we think it is when it is in actual sense, another thing all together. Many times we have committed errors, some grave, some minor, when we had thought we knew what we were doing. Sometimes we would not even admit our mistakes and ask for pardon. Human understanding has its own limitations. No one would believe that the disciples after their long stay with Jesus would not recognize their Master after the resurrection. A Divine illumination was what

they lacked. We cannot get things right if we rely on human wisdom alone. Though the disciples had their two physical eyes to see, they needed their "spiritual eyes" to be open so that they could see things clear. If we can recall the event that took place in 1 Samuel 16, when Samuel was sent to Jesse's house to anoint a king, Samuel could have made a grave mistake if he had gone ahead to anoint a king based on what his human senses told him. At last, it happened to be the least expected that God chose. Like Samuel we often interpret things with our human knowledge, but unlike him, we do not listen to God saying to us "my ways are not your ways" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

We need Divine illumination to recognize Jesus in all things and in our lives. An important question here is: how do we begin to seek and find this Divine illumination – Divine light? We attain this by being docile to the will of God and not relying only on our human reasoning. We also seek and find Divine illumination or Divine light when we humbly acknowledge our human limitations and our mistakes. Above all, our inner eyes are illumined by knowing and keeping God's words. It is not surprising that when Jesus taught His disciples the Scriptures – "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Luke. 24:45). Psalm 119:106 said: "Now your word is a lamp to my feet, a light to my path".

Your Pineapple for the week:

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).