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**Historic St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church**

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**April 25, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B**

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**Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor**  
**Shirley West, Admin Secretary**  
**Bea Betworth, Accounts Secretary**  
**Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education**  
**Dianne Williams, Parish Council Chairperson**  
**Carl Hayes, Finance Chairperson**  
**Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance**

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**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 celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday today, recalling Jesus' promise to protect us from harm, to rescue us when we stray, and to guide us home at the end of the day. Ultimately Jesus laid down his life for us, as he told his disciples that he would do. We likely come here today with worries and concerns on our mind. Let us find comfort in knowing that the Good Shepherd watches over us, providing comfort, protection, guidance, and above all, salvation.

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### Liturgy of the word and The Order of Mass:

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

First Reading: Page 385 & 386  
Responsorial Psalm: Page 386  
Second Reading: Page 387  
Gospel Acclamation: Page 387  
Gospel: Page 387 & 388

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### 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

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#### FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

##### April Calendar

25 Sun. World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
28 Wed. Memorial of St. Peter Chanel and  
Memorial of St. Louis Grignion de Montfort  
29 Thu. Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena  
30 Fri. Memorial of St. Pius V  
**May 1 Sat.** Memorial of St. Joseph the  
Worker; First Saturday

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#### Parish Giving April 18, 2021

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| Offertory          | \$ 5371.00 |
| Deanery Schools    | \$ 50.00   |
| Catholic Relief    | \$ 10.00   |
| Cath Home Missions | \$ 30.00   |

*"Thank You for Your Generosity"*

## Mass Intentions:

### 5:30pm:

For Mma Kalu on her birthday and God's continued guidance. \*The Kalu family.

For the peaceful repose of the soul of John Kenneth Golden on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of his passing (04/21). \*Louise G. Allen & family.

For the repose of the soul of Betty Simmons Golden. \*Louise G. Allen & family.

For the repose of the soul of Irene Gladys Golden. \*Louise G. Allen & family.

### 8:00am:

For Mma Kalu on her birthday and God's continued guidance. \*The Kalu family.

### 11:00am:

For Mma Kalu on her birthday and God's continued guidance. \*The Kalu family.

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**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.



"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.

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



## **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, 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, Tambra Williams, Yvonne Williams, Crystal Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

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### **PARISH SYMPATHY**

Parish condolences to Mrs. Reatte Bowers and to Mrs. Lily McNeal, (Cornell & Burnell Byrd), on the loss of their mother, Mrs. Margie Byrd McNeal who passed away Saturday April 17, 2021.

Mrs. McNeal is also the sister/sister-in-law of Clarence and Marcia Byrd. Graveside services were held Saturday April 24, 2021 at the Catholic Cemetery. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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### **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.**

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### **DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH – JOB OPENING**

The Catholic Diocese of Savannah has an opening for an Information Technology Manager. This position is responsible for managing all organization technologies and providing technology support and training. Primary duties include analyzing systems and processes; maintaining workstations and networks and providing consulting services to parishes and schools. Specifically, the position manages and maintains Microsoft Windows applications, Microsoft Exchange, ADP Payroll and Serenity Financial systems, manages network operations, conducts technology briefing and training, and insures technology documentation/certificates, performs routine preventative maintenance on hardware and software, and develops and maintains technology policies, standards, and procedures manual.

The ideal candidate will have a degree in Information Technology and a minimum of two years' work experience; preference will be given to a candidate who is a practicing Catholic. The Diocese of Savannah offers a competitive salary and a comprehensive benefit package.

Interested candidates should send their resume, a minimum of three references and salary requirements to:

Director of Human Resources  
601 E. Liberty St.  
Savannah, GA 31401  
Fax: 912-201-4101  
E-mail: [jagreen@diosav.org](mailto:jagreen@diosav.org)

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### **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 29<sup>th</sup> at Jones Red & White. Ticket required.

St Benedict the Moor Knights of Columbus are also selling tickets for their annual state raffle on May 15<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize is \$5,000. 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is \$2,500. 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize is \$1,000. See any Knight to purchase a ticket.

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### **PARISH INVITATION**

An Invitation has been extended to the Parish of St. Benedict the Moor to Honor & Celebrate the Life of Mr. James Holmes. This celebration is to be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 beginning at 12 noon at Mother Matilda Beasley Park on East Broad Street. "All are welcomed".

## 2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Just a reminder! If you have not 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.

### STEADFAST IN FAITH – ACA APPEAL

Please consider a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal and send in one of the ACA envelopes that are available. Currently, 24% of our parishioners have made a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, bringing us to 34% of our goal of \$30,839.00. Our support of diocesan agencies and ministries is one way that we respond to God for all we have received. Please be generous in your sharing.

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for an opportunity to deepen your personal faith and participate more fully in your church community? Additional Lectors and Ushers are needed for weekend Masses. Learn more by contacting Torrance Garvin or Mac Singleton or call the parish office at 912-232-7147.

#### Prayer for Our Country

Almighty God, bless this our land and nation and may we be defended by justice, good laws, love amongst ourselves and good neighborliness.

Guide, Guard and **protect** us from fear, confusion, natural and man-made calamities and all wars, except the war of fighting the evil one.

Show Your wisdom and love to all our leaders including our president and other leaders in the government and also our statesmen, so that they may have good vision to steer us into a Peaceful, Loving, United and **Prosperous** nation.

Lord God help our citizenry to be more patriotic to this country and make all of us aware of our rights, duties and responsibilities as we endeavor to propel our nation to the future.

God our creator, Make all the people of this land know that You created them and that You have a will that You would like everybody to fulfill while we are here on earth. Help us to **fathom**, discern and clearly know Your will, so that we can fulfill it and help all the other nations know Your will too.

We pray all these through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

## PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

### “I am the Good Shepherd”:

The Old Testament frequently speaks of God as shepherd of His people, Israel. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want (Psalm 23:1). Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! (Psalm 80:1) We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture (Psalm 100:3). The

Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: He will feed his flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says He is the Good Shepherd who will risk His life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1 Peter 2:25). The primary purpose of a shepherd is to care for the needs of the sheep and to make sure they are protected from threats of any kind. Though animals, the sheep feel the love and the care of the shepherd. They recognize his voice and they follow him.

Jesus tells us today that He is a Good Shepherd. He laid His life so that we may have life. He has come to give life and to protect us from the snares of the devil. Jesus made three promises to us. He promised us everlasting life. If we accept him and follow him, we will have the life of God in us. Jesus also promised us a life that would know no end. Death would not be the end but the beginning; we will know the glory of indestructible life. Jesus promised us a life that is secure. Jesus said that nothing would snatch us out of His hands, not even sorrow and death, since He is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in His hands.

In order to enter eternal life, we must listen to Jesus and obey Him. Jesus said, “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27). As Christians, do we listen to Jesus? Do we follow Him? Jesus is leading us to eternal life, but we must listen to Him and follow His way.

### Your Pineapple for the week:

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want (Psalm 23:1).