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

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**May 30, 2021**  
**The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Year B**

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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

“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”. We say this when we enter a church, when we begin Mass, when we pray. It is our identity. It reminds us that we are in the presence of God. It joins us to millions of other Christians across time and space. It expresses our belief in the Triune God. Three persons in one God enabled God to become incarnate, enabled God to come down upon us in baptism, and enables God to be with us here today and every day. Let us contemplate the great wonders God has done and continues to do in our daily lives.

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

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

First Reading: Page 434

Responsorial Psalm: Page 434

Second Reading: Page 435

Gospel Acclamation: Page 435

Gospel: Page 435-436

### 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

### FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

#### May Calendar

31 Mon. Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Nine Week in Ordinary Time begins; Memorial Day

#### June Calendar

Jun. 1 Tue. Memorial of St. Justin

2 Wed. Memorial of Ss. Marcellinus and Peter

3 Thu. Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga

4 Fri. First Friday

5 Sat. Memorial of St. Boniface First Saturday

### Parish Giving May 23, 2021

Offertory	\$ 4441.00
Deanery Schools	\$ 25.00
Parish Bus	\$ 23.00
Cath Communication	\$ 163.00

*“Thank You for Your Generosity”*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**5:30pm:** For the peaceful repose of the souls of Frank Chappell, Jr. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of his passing (05/27) and Kim Chappell Stevens on the anniversary of her birthday (05/25).

\*offered by Franklin Stevens & the Ann Chappell family.

**9:30am:** For the peaceful repose of the souls of Frank Chappell, Jr. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of his passing (05/27) and Kim Chappell Stevens on the anniversary of her birthday (05/25).

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**11:00am:** For the peaceful repose of the souls of Mehdi Motlagh on the anniversary of his birthday and Anne Antol on the anniversary of her birthday.

\*offered by Durdane Motlagh.

**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.

## LECTORS' SCHEDULE

### May 29-30

<b>5:30pm</b>	Edna Mason	Yvonne Williams
<b>8:00am</b>	Torrance Garvin	Sharon Carson
<b>9:30am</b>	Dianne Williams	Georgene Jones
<b>11:00am</b>	Donald Perry	Joyce Jones



## **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, Norman Flojo, Anthony Hall, Laura Harris, Jessica Jackson, Charlotte Jenkins, Clewon Johnson, Anne Lipsey, Bobby Locke, Michelle Lovewine, Barbara McGhee, Dawud Patterson, Evelyn Porter, Janice Quinn, Marilee Short, Lucille Singleton, Cornelius St. Mark, Inez Walthour, Frankie Washington, Jeanette Westley, Margaret Weston,, Louise Wiggins, Nathaniel Wiggins, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tambra Williams, Crystal Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

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### **MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE**

*Let's remember...*

**The wife who lost her husband.  
The husband who lost his wife.**

*Let's remember ...*

**The mother and father who lost their child.**

*Let's remember ...*

**The child who lost a parent.**

*Let's remember...*

**To Pray. To be Grateful. To never take our freedom for granted.**

**Thank you to those who have been called to serve and to those who have given their lives.**

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### **STEADFAST IN FAITH – ACA APPEAL**

Thank you for all who have pledged and/or contributed to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal! No gift is too small or too large and every gift is important. Thank you for your generosity.

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### **COMBINED CHOIR REHEARSAL**

There will be a combined choir rehearsal on Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm in the Church. ALL choir members are asked to attend. Thank you. – Areatha Scott.

### **PARISH SYMPATHY**

Parish condolences to Ruth Simmons and family on the loss of their mother, Mrs. Mary H. Simmons who passed away Sunday May 23, 2021. A Celebration of Life Service was celebrated Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Second Arnold Baptist Church. Mrs. Mary Simmons was the grandmother of Kimberley Simmons and great grandmother of Jayden Simmons.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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### **INFANT BAPTISM**

The next infant baptism will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 19, 2021. Please contact Theresa Garvin (507-7553) or Sharon Carson (656-0286) for additional information or to register your child. Thank you.

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### **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

Our final class for the year takes place next Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. We ask all of our children and youth (even if you haven't attended Faith Formation this year) to join us for a special closing out. Class time is 9:45 a.m. and we will attend the 11:00 Mass together. Don't forget to wear your mask. Looking forward to seeing all of you!

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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.**

## PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

### **We are Created to Share in the Trinitarian Family:**

Today's solemnity invites us to live in the awareness of the presence of the Triune God within us: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The mystery of the Holy Trinity, a doctrine enunciated by the ecumenical councils of Nicaea and Constantinople, is one of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity and the greatest mystery of our Faith, namely, that there are Three Divine Persons, sharing the same Divine nature in one God. "There is one God, Who has three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each Person is God, yet there is only one God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church: CCC no. 234*). We have the Father Who is the Creator, the Son Who is the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit Who is the Sanctifier and the Counselor – One God.

My dear people of God, we belong to the family of the Holy Trinity. Christ has come to re-institute us into the Trinitarian family that God originally intended us to share. That is why Christ urges us to be baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity:

*"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19-20).*

Our conviction that the Triune God is present within us always should help us to esteem ourselves as God's holy dwelling place, to behave well in His holy presence, and to lead purer and holier lives, practicing acts of justice and charity. This Triune Presence should also encourage us to respect and honor others as "Temples of the Holy Spirit."

The awareness and conviction of the presence of God within us gives us the strength to face the manifold problems of life with Christian courage. It was such a conviction that prompted the early Christian martyrs being taken to their execution to shout the heroic prayer of Faith from the Psalms: "The Lord almighty is with us, our God is within us, and the God of Jacob is our helper" (Psalm 46).

We are created in love to be a community of loving persons, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in Love. From the day of our Baptism, we have belonged to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How privileged we are to grow up in such a beautiful Family! Hence, let us turn to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in prayer every day. We belong to the Family of the Triune God. The love, unity, and joy in the relationship among the Father, Son and Holy Spirit should be the supreme model of our relationships within our Christian families. Our families become truly Christian when we live in a relationship of love with God and with others.

We are made in God's image and likeness. Just as God is God only in a Trinitarian relationship, so we can be fully human only as one member of a relationship of three partners. One needs to be in a horizontal relationship with all other people and in a vertical relationship with God. In that way our life becomes Trinitarian like that of God.

Modern society follows the so-called "I-and-I" principle of unbridled individualism. But the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity challenges us to adopt an "I-and-God-and-neighbor" principle: "I am a Christian insofar as I live in a relationship of love with God and with other people".

Like God the Father, we are called upon to be productive and creative persons by contributing to the building up of the fabric of life and love in our family, our Church, our community, and our nation. Like God the Son, we are called upon to reconcile, to be peacemakers, to put back together that which has been broken, to restore what has been shattered. Like God the Holy Spirit, let us live by the truth, teach the truth and reject falsehood. Let us ask the Son to lead us to the Father through the Spirit.

### **Your Pineapple for the Week:**

"Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves" (John 14:11).