



### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	5:30 pm
SUNDAY	9 am & 11:30 am

Weekday Mass @ 8:00 am  
Wednesday-Friday in the Church

#### FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament  
@ 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.

#### 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. Seating is limited, and you must pre-registration online to save your seat. To register, go to [www.diosav.org](http://www.diosav.org), and find the training listed on the Upcoming Events Calendar.*

Welcome to St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church

Our hope is that your presence here in the celebration of the Mass with us will remind you of the wonder that is God's sustaining grace; that it encourages you in your walk and will motivate you to pass on His amazing grace to others!

### HISTORIC

ST BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH—*Since 1874*

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*April 17, 2022, Year C*

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor  
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education  
Audrey Moultrie, Interim Parish Council Chairperson  
Shirley West, Administrative Secretary  
Bea Betworth, Accounts Secretary  
Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance

#### Finance Council Members:

Carl Hayes Chairman	912-655-7153
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**Invitation to the Blessings of the Branches**

He is risen! The dramatic action of the Triduum climaxes today with the first reports of the miraculous news. He is not dead! He has been raised! Our Savior has conquered death and been raised to new life. Since we are all baptized into his death, we are all raised to new life in him. God's love and mercy has been poured out on us all, for us all, so that we may live, as Paul wrote, "in newness of life". In that newness of life, we come together to celebrate at this most glorious feast, singing of our joy and thanksgiving. Alleluia!

**Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 611.**

**Parish Giving  
April 10, 2022**

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 5980.00</b>
<b>Parish Bus</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>Deanery Schools</b>	<b>\$ 55.00</b>
<b>Easter Offer</b>	<b>\$ 195.00</b>
<b>Holy Places</b>	<b>\$ 45.00</b>
<b>Catholic Mission</b>	<b>\$ 45.00</b>
<b>Priests Retire</b>	<b>\$ 105.00</b>
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	<b>\$ 171.00</b>

**"Thank You for Your Generosity"**

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**For God's healing touch for Emil Hargett.  
\*Carole Pacheco.**

**God's continued blessings upon Clareatha Bivins as she celebrates her birthday (04/19). \*offered by her children & family.**

**In celebration of Kimberly Simmons on her birthday (04/19). \*Ruth Simmons & family.**

**In loving memory of Ruby Ardell Wright on the anniversary of her passing (4/26).  
\*Robert Wright.**

**In loving memory of Nicholas Thomas Kruse-Wright on the anniversary of his birthday. \*Robert Wright.**

**In loving memory of Nancy Gordillo on the anniversary of her birthday.  
\*Robert Wright.**

**In loving memory of Margie B. McNeal on the anniversary of her passing (04/17).  
\*The McNeal & Byrd Families.**

**FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**April Calendar**

*17 Sun. Orthodox Palm Sunday (Julian Calendar Palm Sunday)  
18 Mon. Solemnity of Monday within the Octave of Easter  
19 Tue. Solemnity of Tuesday within the Octave of Easter  
20 Wed. Solemnity of Wednesday within the Octave of Easter  
21 Thu. Solemnity of Thursday within the Octave of Easter  
22 Fri. Solemnity of Friday within the Octave of Easter  
Julian Calendar; Good Friday  
23 Sat. Solemnity of Saturday within the Octave of Easter; Last Day of Passover*

**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. 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.



**Please Pray for our Sick & Homebound**

**Prayer requests-Lord, hear our continued prayers for those dealing with an ongoing illness. May they experience fortitude and strength:** Willie Allen, Jr., Markeshia Bailey, Joe Battle, Henry Blount, M. Marie Blue, William & Odessa Bryant, Josefa Citizen, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, Laquita Bailey Hazzard, Jessica Jackson, Vera Jennings, Clevon Johnson, Bobby Locke, Mackenzie Jenkins, Dawud Patterson, Evelyn Porter, Elizabeth Robinson, Janice Quinn, Marilee Short, Cornelius St. Mark, Inez Walthour, Frankie Washington, Margaret Weston, Louise Wiggins, Nathaniel Wiggins, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tandra Williams, Crystal Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.

**Prayer for the Sick ...**

Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul; may they know the consolation promised to those who suffer and be fully restored to health. ~ Through Christ our Lord. ~Amen.

## LECTORS' SCHEDULE

**April 16 (Saturday Easter Vigil @ 8:30pm))**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Dominique Jackson**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Sharon Carson**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: Joyce Jones**

**4<sup>th</sup> Reading: Taylor Walden**

**5<sup>th</sup> Reading: Shirley West**

**Epistle: Donald Perry**

**April 17 Easter Sunday (\*Mass at 10AM only)**

**Akio Brown Deborah Ngo-Bakinde**

**April 23/24**

**5:30pm Rachael Hooper**

**Georgene Jones**

**9:00am Melanie White**

**Barbara McGhee**

**11:30am Juliette Tolbert**

**Matthew Jenkins**

**April 30/May 1**

**5:30pm Adriene Perry**

**Sharon Carson\***

**9:00am Dianne Williams**

**Georgene Jones**

**11:30am Donald Perry**

**Adrian Broxton**

## ANNOUNCERS SCHEDULE \*LECTOR ALSO

**April 16/17 Saturday Vigil/ Easter Sunday**

**Saturday – 8:30pm Joyce Jones\***

**Sunday 10:00am – Gregory Milton**

**April 23/24**

**5:30pm – Edna Mason\***

**9:00am – Ruth Simmons**

**11:30am – Atzmayah Bailey**

**April 30/ May 1**

**5:30pm - Sharon Carson\***

**9:00am - Theresa Garvin**

**11:30am - Joyce Jones**

## INVITATION TO LUNCH

On Sunday, May 1, 2022, Dr. and Mrs. Suresh Persad will be offering a Mass of Thanksgiving to God for all the blessing He has bestowed upon him and his family. They are inviting all of us for luncheon in the Parish Hall at 10:15am or immediately after 9:00am Mass that day. A signup sheet is placed at the entrance of the Church to help them determine the quantity of food to prepare, so please make sure you place your name on this sheet.

## UPCOMING EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES



The 2022 Revival will be held June 13–15, 2022. (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday). Please save the dates. St. Benedict the Moor will host this celebration on Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

## DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH - JOB OPENING

The Catholic Diocese of Savannah has an opening for a **DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR**. This is a full-time exempt position, reporting to the Director of Stewardship and Development. This position is responsible for a variety of data entry tasks as they relate to donations and donor communications. In addition, some grant writing and grant communication functions are essential components.

Candidates must be practicing Catholic, in full communion with the Church and possess a sound working knowledge of the Catholic faith. Possess excellent written, verbal and computer skills and be able to work collaboratively with others.

This position requires experience in Query/reporting and proficiency in Excel. A minimum of an Associate Degree in computer related field is preferred; content management and grant experience is a plus.

The Diocese offers a competitive salary and benefits package. To make application send a resume with references to: [jagreen@diosav.org](mailto:jagreen@diosav.org). 2170 E. Victory Dr., Savannah, GA 31404.

*May all the choicest  
Blessings of  
The world  
Be showered upon you  
And fill your life with  
delight.*

*Happy  
Easter Sunday!!!*

## Second Collection - Priests' Retirement

The Diocese of Savannah priests have selflessly served the faithful and the community to continue Christ's mission for decades, and in some cases, more than a half century. Our priests have been here for each of us and our families in providing spiritual support – year in and year out – for our entire lives. Please join the thousands of the faithful in being there for them to assist in the dignity of their retirement and to honor their lives of service through support of the annual Priests' Retirement Collection, the second collection being taken up this weekend. Thank you very much for your generosity!

## 2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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



### **DIVINE MERCY SERVICE**

Sunday April 24 at 3pm Join with us for a Holy Hour in Blessed Sacrament Church Our Lord promised a complete remission of all punishment due for sin to those who devoutly celebrate the Feast of Mercy. But these Divine promises will be granted only if we practice mercy ourselves. In preparation for this feast, He asked that a Novena be started on Good Friday with each day of the Novena dedicated to a different group of souls. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. Please join with your fellow parishioners as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. If you need copies of the prayers for the Novena and Holy Hour, contact Deacon Jerry Clark: 912-927-4725 or [grclark1@hotmail.co](mailto:grclark1@hotmail.co)

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### **PARISH SYMPATHY**

Parish condolences to Mrs. Margaret Betz and family on the loss of her brother, Mr. Louis H. Betz, who passed away on Thursday April 7, 2022 in Lewisburg, PA. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date in Pennsylvania. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**We also received a “Thank You” from Mrs. Margaret which reads...**

Thank you for your sympathy.

Margaret Betz says thanks to her loving St Benedict the Moor family for your prayers, hugs, and kind notes on all sorts of media. "My brother Louis H. Betz, MD, was a gifted eye surgeon, and one of 7 children of Fred and Celeste Betz, the first to pass on. You hold up my entire family with your love. Though the siblings are scattered across the country, you now constitute my immediate and present family, and you are all such gifts-of-God to me and mine." Margaret B. Betz, Ph.D. Savannah, GA.

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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.**

### **FR. ROMANUS' REFLECTIONS:**

#### **Alleluia, He is Risen Indeed:**

John, along with Peter, were the first apostles to reach the tomb of Jesus on Easter Sunday morning. Like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, John was not ready to see an empty tomb. What did John see in the tomb that led him to believe in the resurrection of Jesus? It was certainly not a dead body. The dead body of Jesus would have disproven the resurrection and made his death a tragic conclusion to such a great teacher and miracle worker. When John saw the empty tomb, he must have recalled Jesus' prophecy that he would rise again after three days. Through the gift of faith John realized that no tomb on earth could contain the Lord and giver of life. John saw and believed (John 20:8).

One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Christ and to know him personally as our Lord and Savior.

Through the resurrection of Christ, death is no longer the end of our lives, rather our birth into eternity. That is why Easter is the greatest feast of all – it is the Lord's mission accomplished. Through the resurrection of the Lord, death has no power over us.

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

“Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him”.