**Cathedral of St. John the Baptist**

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**Mass Schedule**

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**Sacraments**

- **Baptisms** Arrangements should be made in advance.
- **Confessions** Fridays: 4:00 to 5:00 pm
  - Saturdays: 11:00 am to 11:45 am & 4:15 pm to 5:00 pm
  - Also by request at other times.
- **Weddings**
  - Arrangements should be made at least four months in advance. Participation in a marriage preparation program is required. Please call parish office for more information.
- **Anointing of the Sick** By request for those who are seriously ill.

**Faith Formation**

**Children’s Religious Ed**
- Sunday 8:45 am to 9:50 am
- **R. C. I. A.** Tuesday 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Parish Staff**

- **Rector** - Very Rev. J. Gerard Schreck, JCD
- **In Residence** - Msgr. William O’Neill, Rector Emeritus
- **In Residence** - Very Rev. Daniel F. Firmin, JCL, VG
- **In Residence** - Rev. Pablo Migone
- **Permanent Deacon** - Rev. Dr. Dewain E. Smith
- **Sacristan** - Lynne Everett, MD
- **Director of Religious Education** - Mrs. Jane Przybyl
- **Bookkeeper/Admin. Assistant** - Ms. Jan Cunningham
- **Office Assistant** - Mrs. Brenda Price
- **Music Director** - Mr. McDowell Fogle, MM
- **Assistant Organist** - Dr. Jonathan Murphy
- **Maintenance** - Mr. Jimmy Joseph Sheehan III
- **Housekeeper/Food Services** - Ms. Alma Young
- **Docents** - Mrs. Peggy Baker, Mrs. Gloria Keane

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Entrance Antiphon is prescribed by the Church for each Sunday of Advent. It is sung in the same format as the Responsorial Psalm.

Philippians 4: 4,5

James J. Chepponis

Re-joyce in the Lord al-ways; a-gain I say, re-joyce.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

KYRIE

Mass in Honor of St. Ignatius
Music: Russell Weismann

Cantor, then All: Kyri-e, e-le-i son.
Cantor, then All: Chr i ste, e-le-i son.
Cantor, then All: Kyri-e, e-le-i son.


COLLECT

All sit.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10
Missal, p. 28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 146: 6-10

ORD, come and save us.

SECOND READING:

James 5: 7-10
Missal, p. 29

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Missa Simplex

All stand.

Al-le-lu -ia, al-le-lu -ia, al-le-lu -ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11: 2-11
Missal, p. 30

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated, then all sit.

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

All stand.

Missal, p. 99

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

The “Prayer for Vocations”, which concludes our prayer, is found on the back page of the red hymnal.

+ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All sit.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

5:30 & 11:30: Wake, O Wake
CHORAL ANTHEM (10 A.M.)

There is No Rose of Such Virtue

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu;
Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space;
Alleluia.

By that rose we may well see
That He is God in persons three,
Alleluia.

Music and Text: English Traditional, c. 1420
Manuscript: Trinity College, Cambridge.

Eucharistic Prayer

All stand.

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.
ASSEMBLY: And with your spirit.
PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.
ASSEMBLY: We lift them up to the Lord.
PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ASSEMBLY: It is right and just.

MSS ORDINARY: Mass in Honor of St. Ignatius
Music: Russell Weismann

Holy, Holy, Holy

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Ho-san-na in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the highest.

All kneel.

We Proclaim Your Death, O Lord

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your
Resurrection until you come again.

Amen


THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.


All kneel.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Be hold, our God will come, and he will save us.

MARIAN ANTIPHON Alma Redemptoris Mater

CONCLUDING RITE

HYMN: Awake, Awake

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**Rector’s Corner**

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation should be an important part of our preparation for Christmas. On Monday evening, December 12th, at 7:00PM we will have our Advent Penance Service. There will be a brief liturgy of the word and examination of conscience, followed by the opportunity for individual confessions. There will be several Priests on hand to assist with confessions. Apart from this Penance Service, our usual times for confession are Fridays from 4:00-5:00PM, and Saturdays from 11:00-11:50AM and 4:15-5:00PM.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

On Sunday afternoon, December 18th, at 3:00PM, our Cathedral Choir will present a concert of Christmas Music and Carols. This will also be the official opening display of our Christmas Crèche. This is a very popular event and a wonderful way to enter into the Christmas season. There is no charge to attend the concert, but The Friends of Cathedral Music will be asking for donations to support our Cathedral music program.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

This year, because Christmas falls on a Sunday, we will retain most of our regular Sunday Mass schedule. There will be a Christmas Vigil Mass at 5:30PM. This is something new for us, and we’ll see how it goes. The traditional Mass at Midnight will take place, with the doors to the Cathedral opening at 11:00PM. On Christmas Day, Masses will be celebrated at 8:00AM and 10:00AM, and the Latin/Tridentine Mass will be celebrated at 11:30AM.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector

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*Island Hospice is in need of volunteers. To learn more about volunteer opportunities please contact Michelle Darsey: 912-721-5130 or mdarsey@thagroup.org.*

Island Hospice helps clients with a life-limiting illness and their families cope with life’s final journey. They provide clinical care, comfort and support, allowing families to focus on being together. As part of THA Group’s philosophy of giving back to the community, Island Hospice was formed as a 501(c)3 non profit company – owned by the community and locally managed.
Another name for this Sunday of Advent is Gaudete or Rejoice Sunday. This name is taken from the entrance antiphon, which is itself a quote from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Philippians. “Rejoice in the Lord always.” Our Advent season of preparation is already halfway over. How have your preparations gone so far? It is never too late to prepare for the coming of God in our hearts, so let us pray today for hearts ever more open to the presence of God.

Calling all high school teens.....we need your help. The Savannah Deanery Youth will be helping with the Children of Forsyth Christmas Carnival this Sunday, December 11th. We are expecting 125 children who are homeless or experiencing extreme hardship, and their parents. We will be serving lunch and having carnival games. All volunteers are asked to be at the tennis court end of Forsyth Park at 12:30. We will provide a late lunch for our teens after the program is over. Parents can pick up at 3:00. Thank you for sharing your gifts and your time.

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 11, 2016

**SUNDAY**
Pro Populo  
Intentions of Joy Allison  
Belle Brunson (Anni)  
Richard Guter

**MONDAY**
Fred & Josephine Doyle  
Int. of Elizabeth Rugh & Family

**TUESDAY**
Int. of Katherine Glusica & Family  
John Stacy III (MM)

**WEDNESDAY**
Poor Souls in Purgatory  
Art Zimney

**THURSDAY**
Charles Bordelon Jr.  
Pour Souls in Purgatory

**FRIDAY**
Solsawar Aliotta (Anni)  
Michael Moran

**SATURDAY**
Robert Cooper  
Sam D. Tootle, Sr.

Cathedral Christmas Angel Trees
There are two angel trees in the back of the cathedral near the exits. Both trees will benefit the Social Apostolate. The Cathedral Council of Catholic Women will set up one tree to provide gift cards for the homeless and low income families. The Christian Service Committee will set up a tree to collect food to provide families in need with a Christmas Dinner. Please choose either a stocking or gift tag from these trees and purchase the items listed. It is important that each participant receives a gift package of equal value so please provide the gift cards or food items in the denomination or quantity requested. We welcome as many gift cards or Christmas Dinner items, as you would like to donate as there are many in need. Last year, the Cathedral donated over 300 Christmas Gift Stockings to the Social Apostolate. This year, we hope to donate as many stockings and to stock the pantry with a healthy Christmas Dinner for the families in need. Return the stockings and gift bags to the large wrapped boxes located near the trees no later than next Sunday, December 18th. We thank you for your support and generosity.

Christmas Bake Sale!
The Cathedral Council of Catholic Women will be having a Bake Sale on the Plaza after the 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 AM Masses (or until they sell out) on the 18th of December. They will have a delectable variety of home-made goodies to tempt you!

Two VIRTUS Sessions Coming Up!
Start the new year right! We have scheduled two sessions for Cathedral parishioners: Thursday, January 12th, 5:30 - 8:30PM and Saturday, January 21st, 9:30 AM to 12:30PM. Both sessions will be held in the Parish Hall. We need to have a minimum of five people to hold a class. If you have recently asked about joining a volunteer ministry or team and have not attended a Virtus session, this would be a good time to get it done. Call the parish office to sign up.

Gold and Silver Jubilee Anniversary Mass
Couples celebrating their Silver or Gold (25th or 50th) Wedding Anniversaries in 2017 are invited to breakfast and a special Mass in their honor at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah, GA on Sunday, February 12, 2017 with Bishop Gregory Hartmayer at the 11:30 AM Mass. Those wishing to attend should contact the parish secretary of your own parish to register or register online at https://www.diosav.org/familylife-marriage-jubilee no later than December 20, 2016.

Let Prayer be One of Your New Year Resolutions!
The Cathedral Prayer group is offering a new prayer program beginning January 8th at 11:15AM (after 10:00 AM Mass) in the Parish Hall Library. Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of eight weeks you will discover how to place yourself in the presence of God. Following the wisdom of the saints and the Tradition of the Church, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to make prayer an integral part of your daily life. Oremus includes eight video presentations by Fr. Mark Toups, lively small-group discussions, and inspiring readings and reflections for each day. The Student workbook is $14.95 plus shipping. Please email threenovacks@gmail.com to be directed to order the workbook and sign up.

New Book Discussion starts January 12th at 10:15 AM in the Parish Hall
Come join the group discuss East of Eden by John Steinbeck. "In his journal, Nobel Prize winner John Steinbeck called East of Eden "the first book," and indeed it has the primordial power and simplicity of myth. Set in the rich farmland of California's Salinas Valley, this sprawling and often brutal novel follows the intertwined destinies of two families—the Trasks and the Hamiltons—whose generations helplessly reenact the fall of Adam and Eve and the poisonous rivalry of Cain and Abel." (Amazon)
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory December 11, 2016: $21,839.50
Offertory December 13, 2015: $25,256.50

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to December 11, 2016: $2,238.50
Week Prior to December 13, 2015: $1,720.00

You can contribute online by going to www.savannahcathedral.org and clicking on Give.

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Adoration Chapel
Adoration Chapel will be closed for two weeks from Dec. 19 - Jan 1st. It will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd. Why not start off the New Year with a resolution to grow closer to Jesus, Our Lord and Savior? Call Gretchen at 912-658-3848 if you would like to spend some time in Adoration.

Cathedral Holiday Schedule
Penance Service
Monday, December 12 at 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Masses
December 24 at 5:30 PM
12:00 Midnight Mass, Doors Open at 11:00 PM
Music Concert Begins at 11:15 PM

Christmas Day Masses
8:00 and 10:00 AM, Latin Mass 11:30 AM

New Year’s Eve Mass
December 31 at 5:30 PM

New Year’s Day Mass
8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 AM, Latin Mass 1:00 PM

2016 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL
Parish Target $ 108,174
Pledge Balance $ 11,188
Collected $ 112,913

Children’s Religious Ed. Schedule
Dec 11 - CLASS - Prayer Assembly;
1st Eucharist Class
Dec 18 - CLASS - Status Reports

Cathedral Christmas Ornaments
We are now out of the 2008 and 2012 Christmas ornaments and have less than 100 of the 2016! If you wish to purchase one, you should do so soon. We ask for a donation of $20.00 per ornament. These make great gifts for any occasion! They can be purchased at the back of the church, online, or by coming by the Rectory office during office hours, Monday - Friday 9:00AM to 5:00PM

NEW PARISHIONERS & ADDRESS CHANGES
Those wishing to become a parishioner of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, should complete the following, cut out and drop it in the offertory collection basket. A census form will be mailed to you, which must be completed and mailed back. You may also register online at www.savannahcathedral.org. Thank you.

New Parishioner
Change of Address

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
Telephone Number __________________________
Email Address __________________________

To register online, go to www.savannahcathedral.org