Mass Schedule

Saturday: 12 Noon & 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.
Latin Mass 1:00 p.m.
Weekdays: Mon thru Fri: 7:30 am & 12 Noon
Holy Days: 7:30 am, 12 Noon, 6:00 pm
Nursery: 10:00 am Mass on Sundays.

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 seri-
ously 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 - Rev. Pablo Migone
In Residence - Rev. Tom Peyton
Permanent Deacon - Rev. Dr. Dewain E. Smith
Director of Religious Education - Mrs. Janee Przybyl
Bookkeeper/Admin. Assistant - Ms. Jan Cunningham
Office Assistant - Mrs. Brenda Price
Music Administrator - Mia Guerin
Maintenance - Mr. Jimmy Joseph Sheehan III
Housekeeper/Food Services - Mrs. Alma Young
Docents - Mrs. Peggy Baker, Mrs. Gloria Keane

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This Sunday we enter into the Season of Advent and begin a new Liturgical Year. As you know well, Advent is the four week period of preparation for the Feasts of Christmas and Epiphany. With those Feasts it forms a triad, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany, which is meant to resemble the great triad of Lent/Easter/Pentecost, which will occur in the Spring.

In the Season of Advent we are reminded that we should all “Watch” and “Stay Awake” so that we will be prepared to meet the Lord when he comes again. To that end, we should all try to increase our prayer and our works of charity during these four weeks. The Sacrament of Reconciliation should also be a significant element of our Advent preparation. The Advent Penance Service will take place at the Cathedral on Monday, December 18th, at 7:00 PM. In addition, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Fridays from 4:00 – 5:00 PM, and on Saturdays from 11:00 AM until 11:50 AM and from 4:15 PM until 5:00 PM. There are many other opportunities for Confession during Advent at the parishes of the Savannah Deanery.

I would also like to call to your attention our annual Christmas Concert in the Cathedral which will take place on Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 PM. The concert features our Cathedral Choir, and the unveiling of the Cathedral Christmas Crèche.

I hope you have a very peaceful and holy Advent, and a wonderful Christmas!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector

Today we begin the season of Advent, preparing for the day when we celebrate God becoming flesh, becoming Incarnate, becoming one of us. In doing so, we are called upon to prepare our hearts for Christ’s presence in our lives. Every Christian’s goal should be to reveal Christ to those we encounter. As we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, let us think of how we can make his presence incarnate in what we say and do.
## Mass Intentions for the week of December 3, 2017

### SUNDAY
- Pro Populo
- Vera Greene
- Tom Stanley
- Int. of Joe and Sally Sullivan

### MONDAY
- Edwin Bryan Connerat (Anni)
- Lee Francis Haneline (Anni)

### TUESDAY
- Dr. Edward J. Whelan, Jr. (MM)
- Poor Souls in Purgatory

### WEDNESDAY
- Fred & Josephine Doyle
- Int. of Rob and Amy Massey

### THURSDAY
- Frank Barragan Sr. (Anni)
- George K. Gannam (Anni)

### FRIDAY
- Gregg Allman
- Robert Paul DeNitto

### SATURDAY

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### Organist/Choir Director

For the past five years, Mr. McDowell Fogle has served as the Organist and Choir Director for the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. His music has been magnificent and the Choir which he shaped and molded is first class. I think we would all agree with that. In fact, I doubt there are many cathedrals in the country with better music programs. I am sorry that Mac has decided, for personal reasons, to resign his position at the Cathedral as of November 21st, 2017. At this time he needs to reduce his work load and take care of some other obligations. I thank Mac for the wonderful program that he has put in place at the Cathedral and for all that he and the choir have accomplished.

In the meantime, our Cathedral Choir will continue its ministry under the direction of our lead cantor, Mrs. Jillian Durant, and Mr. Jared Register, who will play the organ and conduct choir rehearsal. Mr. Brian Taylor will also be helping us and will be playing the organ at the Saturday evening Masses. The Friends of Cathedral Concert Series will continue as planned.

As quickly as possible we will be beginning a national search to identify a new Organist/Choir Director for the Cathedral.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector

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### Please Pray For:

- Ed Arbo, Dale Asbury, Juan Ayala, Odillo Blanco, Doris Boring, Vicky Buck, Michael Cavanagh, Joan Coules, Eileen and Bill Dunlop, Mary Dunn, Chris Fernandez, Robert Green, Andy Hodgson, Matt Hunter, Denise LeMay, Fr. Lou Lindsay, Rose Marcantonio, Lee Marmarus, Gene Maxey, Hugh Markowsky, Gayle McGhee, Marcia Morgan, Brian Murphy, Josephine Nasworthy, Patrick Neligan, Joy Povec, Jeffrey Powell, Jerrie Ridgeway, Joel Rivera, Tina Sanders, Bob Schwartz, Greg Smith, Fr. Jacek Szuster, Stephanie Venuto, Greg Waldhour, Jan Wilson and Larson Zekas.
Two Cathedral Events This Week You Don’t Want to Miss!

Coffee and Donuts
Please join us for Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses this Sunday, December 3rd. All are welcome!

“Light up for Christ” and Parish Supper
Please join us for "Light Up For Christ" and Blessing of the Crèche Parish Supper this Wednesday, December 6th. The Knights of Columbus, Post 631, will provide ham, and macaroni and cheese. The Cathedral will provide the chicken. Parishioners are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert (family size, please)! Bring a canned good for the Social Apostolate and we'll help brighten another family’s day! This is a GREAT way to begin your Christmas Season! The Prayer Service/Sing-a-Long and Blessing of the Crèche will begin at 6:00 PM outside the front window of the Cathedral Parish Center on Abercorn Street followed by the Parish Supper at 6:30 PM.

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 17th of December. They will have a delectable variety of home-made goodies to tempt you! If you like to bake, and would like to donate one or more of your creations to our sale, we would love to add you to our group of bakers! Please contact Kate Haase at kthaze@me.com for information.

Cathedral Christmas Angel Trees
During Advent, there will be two angel trees in the back of the Cathedral near the exits. Both trees will benefit those served by 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.

We are asking that you 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. You can return the stockings and gift bags to the large wrapped boxes located near the trees no later than Sunday, December 17th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer with this effort, please ask a committee member after most masses. On behalf of the Cathedral Council of Catholic Women and the Christian Service Committee, we thank you for your support and generosity.

SVA Christmas Concert
The St. Vincent's Academy Chorus will present the 46th Annual Christmas Candlelight Concert in the beautiful setting of the Cathedral on Sunday, December 3rd at 7:00 PM. Please join us for this inspiring evening of scripture and song. The Concert is free and open to the public.
March for Life 2018

“Let your light so shine before men...and glorify your Father in Heaven.” Matthew 5:16

A March for Life bus trip is planned for **Friday, January 19, 2018**! This will be the second pilgrimage organized by the Savannah Deanery Respect Life Ministry to Atlanta, GA on the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade. Since Nellie Gray organized the first march for Life in Washington in 1974, the number of marches has increased to hundreds of rallies in January all over the country. These marches give thousands of life-affirming leaders, clergy and citizens a chance to speak up for the defenseless, so that one day each may stand before God and say, “I did speak out; I was not silent in the face of the wanton killing of innocents.”

Our pilgrimage will begin at **7:00 AM** in the parking lot off of I-16 at Dean Forest (307) and Town Center Rd. (directly across from the entry gate to Southbridge). Parking is free. Prayer, scripture reading, singing and other activities are planned on the way to and from our state capital. Upon arrival in downtown Atlanta, we will visit a local parish and eat lunch. At 1:00 PM, we will take part in a roadside witness until 2:00 PM. Around 2:30 PM our bus will load for the return trip to Savannah. Arrival time back at the point of departure will be approximately 6:30 PM.

Due to the generosity of our sponsoring Deanery Churches and the Knights of Columbus, the cost of the bus trip is FREE! (Food and incidentals will be the resistibility of each pilgrim, as well as any tip for the bus driver.)

A reservation form (below) is required so that reservations do not exceed seats (56) on the bus. **ALL RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICE** (222 E. Harris Street, Savannah, GA 31401), care of Gretchen Reese, by January 6. Once the bus is full, remaining names will be placed on a waiting list in the order received and notified should space become available. Please book as soon as possible.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Savannah Deanery Respect Life Ministry

Cut out and return reservation to Cathedral Office. Please print information below clearly.

2018 March for Life Bus Trip to Atlanta

Today’s Date: ____________________________ Number of Persons: ____________________________

Name(s) ____________________________________________

Phone #: ____________________________ Email ____________________________

Address ____________________________________________

Church ____________________________________________
Children’s Christmas Party

The Knights of Columbus #631 and Cathedral of St. John the Baptist invite you to attend a Birthday Party for Jesus! Saturday, December 16, 2017 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus Ballroom, 3 West Liberty Drive. Santa and Elves, crafts and a light lunch. Bring a gift for a child in need (any age). Please RSVP to Dwight Sheley at 912-659-9736 with the number in your party.

Cathedral Adoration Chapel

Why should I go to Adoration?

The more time you spend in Adoration discovering that God loves you and wants to spend time with you, the more you begin to want to spend more time with Him. Going to Adoration is not a chore! Everyone who goes begins to appreciate the quiet time alone with Jesus and to look forward to the scheduled hour again the next week.

A new year is coming. What a great time to initiate your special relationship with the person who loves you more than anyone else ever can! God is there for you three days a week right here in the Cathedral! There are three openings available for fall: Tuesday mornings at nine, Tuesday at noon and Thursday at noon. If none of those times is good for you, consider a prayer time with a partner anytime between eight and five in the afternoon on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. You are welcome to become an Adorer! Call Gretchen at 912-658-

Blessed Sacrament School Pre-K/Kindergarten Round up

Thursday, December 7, 2017, 9:00-10:30 AM. Bring your little ones and join us for coffee and doughnuts. Meet our Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers and tour their classrooms. We hope to see you there! RSVP to 912-356-6987.

Cathedral Lectors Needed!

The Cathedral Lector Ministry has suffered the loss of lectors who have had job transfers and/or physical concerns. If you would like to be a lector, please contact Roger Haneline, at rogerdhaneline@comcast.net or at 912-712-3718. A brief orientation at the Cathedral is required and will be scheduled to meet your, and Cathedral, availability. Past lector experience is desirable but not required---only a desire to assist, liturgically, in the celebration of the Mass.

Extraordinary Ministers Needed!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion needed for the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturdays and also for the 11:30 AM Sunday Mass. If interested, please email Bill Sterritt at bill_sterritt@msn.com or call him at 912-232-1615 for information.

The Most Reverend Gregory Hartmayer, OFM Conv., Bishop of Savannah invites all couples celebrating their Silver or Gold (25th or 50th) Wedding Anniversaries in 2018 to join him in celebrating the Gold & Silver Wedding Jubilee Anniversary Mass in your honor at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Savannah, Georgia on Sunday, February 11, 2018.

Those wishing to attend should register online at https://www.diosav.org/familylife-marriage-jubilee by December 18, 2017 in order to receive a formal invitation with the detailed information. For more information, contact the Diocesan Office of Family Life at 912-201-4068.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory November 26, 2017: $20,820.50
Offertory November 27, 2016: $18,919.50

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to November 26, 2017: $3,365.50
Week Prior to November 27, 2016: $2,238.50

BAA PROGRESS REPORT
Total Given: $137,443
Parish Goal: $114,459

Thank you!
The 2017 Social Apostolate Golf Open was a wonderful success, thanks to everyone who contributed to, participated in or worked on the event. With your help we can continue our mission of serving our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you also for the many ways your help us out all year long! As we all celebrate Christmas and give thanks to God for our many blessings, we'll be thinking of you with gratitude! Merry Christmas! May God bless you!

Sister Julie Franchi
Social Apostolate Director

NEW PARISHIONERS & ADDRESS CHANGES
Anyone 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

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Cathedral Holiday Schedule

Advent Penance Service
Monday, December 18 at 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Masses
Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM
Midnight Mass 12:00 AM
(Doors Open at 11:00 PM, Music Concert Begins at 11:15 PM)

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

New Year’s Day Mass
10:00 AM

Children’s Religious Ed. Schedule
Dec 3 - CLASS
Dec 10 - CLASS - Prayer Assembly; K and 1st Graders

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