Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist
222 East Harris Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401 - Located at Abercorn and East Harris Streets
Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer OFM Conv.— Bishop of Savannah
Most Reverend J. Kevin Boland — Bishop Emeritus

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 12 Noon & 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 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 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 8:00pm

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
Interim Associate Director of Music - Jillian Pashke-Durant
Interim Associate Director of Music - Jared Register
Director of Religious Education - Mrs. Janee Przybyl
Bookkeeper/Admin. Assistant - Ms. Jan Cunningham
Office Assistant - Mrs. Brenda Price
Maintenance - Mr. Jimmy Joseph Sheehan III
Housekeeper/Food Services - Ms. Alma Young
Docents - Mrs. Peggy Baker, Mrs. Gloria Keane

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Rector’s Corner

Ash Wednesday and the Beginning of Lent

On Wednesday, February 14th, we begin our Lenten penance. We will hear the words of the Prophet Joel, who says:

Even now, says the Lord,  
Return to me with your whole heart,  
With fasting, and weeping, and mourning;  
Rend your hearts, not your garments,  
And return to the Lord, your God.  
For gracious and merciful is he,  
Slow to anger, rich in kindness,  
And relenting in punishment.

What strategy will you adopt in order to “rend your heart, not your garments”? The Church suggests that we 1) increase our prayer; 2) deny ourselves pleasure, by abstinence and fasting; 3) perform works of mercy and charity.

The Fridays of the Season of Lent are days of abstinence from eating meat. Anyone who is fourteen years of age is obliged to abstain from eating meat on Fridays. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence, which means that we eat only one full meal that day (and two smaller meals) and abstain from meat. All adults up to the age of sixty are obliged to fast and abstain. Fasting on these days, however, is still recommended for children and seniors.

This year we join with the whole Diocese in the Living the Eucharist program of renewal. If you are wondering what you can do to increase your prayer and spiritual reading during Lent, this program is a perfect opportunity. On Ash Wednesday, everyone who comes to Mass will receive a copy of the small book, Exodus to Easter, which contains daily prayers and reflections for Lent.

To be reconciled with God, and with the Church, and with one another, is a very important part of our Lenten penance. We humble ourselves and put away our pride by admitting our sins and weaknesses. That’s our part of the process. But it is so important that we allow God the opportunity to do His part, and speak to us words of forgiveness and peace. Because God is “slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment.”

Each Friday, from 4:00 to 5:00, and each Saturday, from 11:00 to 11:50, and from 4:15 to 5:00, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at the Cathedral. On Monday evening, March 19th, at 7:00 PM, we will have our Lenten Penance Service and there will be the opportunity for individual confession. We will have several Priests on hand to assist us. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Easter Sunday.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck  
Rector
Just over a month ago we were still celebrating the Christmas season. In a few days we will begin the season of Lent. This section of Ordinary time is quite compressed. But it give us enough time to complete the first chapter of Mark, which we do today. We meet the leper who, cured of his leprosy, cannot keep quiet about what Jesus did for him. He provides an example of the believer testifying to Christ’s power.

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in Honor of Creed Women’s Consecration Day

Mass Intentions for the week of February 11, 2018

SUNDAY
Pro Populo
Intentions of Charles James
Randall Kicklighter (Anni)
Poor Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY
Patrick Yurick

TUESDAY
Int. of Anna Clair Weeder

WEDNESDAY
Mary Donahoe
Int. of Kevin & Katie Weeder

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Please Pray For: Ed Arbo, Dale Asbury, Juan Ayala, Odillo Blanco, Doris Boring, Vicky Buck, Heidi Carroll, Michael Cavanagh, Marjorie Connors, Joan Coules, Eileen and Bill Dunlop, Mary Dunn, Erin Dunning, Chris Fernandez, Robert Green, Andy Hodgson, Matt Hunter, Charles James, Patricia Jarrell, Claire Kenney, Denise LeMay, Fr. Lou Lindsay, Virginia Logan, Bates Lovett, Rose Marcantonio, Lee Marmarus, Gene Maxey, Hugh Markowsky, Gayle McGhee, Marcia Morgan, Mary Moriarty, Brian Murphy, Josephine Nasworthy, Patrick Neligan, Joy Povec, Jeffrey Powell, Msgr. Peter Riani, Jerrie Ridgeway, Joel Rivera, Dr. Frank Rizza, Tina Sanders, Greg Smith, Fr. Jacek Szuster, Stephanie Venuto, Greg Waldhour, Jan Wilson and Larson Zekas.
**Gold and Silver Wedding Anniversary Mass this Sunday**

This Sunday, we are delighted to welcome to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, married couples from throughout the Diocese who are celebrating their Golden or Silver Jubilee of marriage.

From our own Cathedral parish, we congratulate Jon & Arlene Distel, Kevin & Jackie Eastman, and Robert & Mary Seginack who are all celebrating their 25th wedding anniversaries. We congratulate Gerard & Maureen Bartlein, Arthur & Carol Ann Brown, Bill & Angela Coone, Robert & Bonnie Dixon, William & Mary Ferro, Fred & Arlene Gordon, Chat & Carol Howard, Joe & Judy Moscat and Robert & Betty Schwarz who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries. We also offer our congratulations and prayers to all of those anniversary couples who are joining the Bishop for Mass today in our beautiful Cathedral.

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**St. Patrick’s Day Parade Seeking Children for Flag Unit**

The St. Patrick' Day Parade Committee is currently seeking all children ages 7-18 to participate in the Flags of Ireland Unit for the 2018 St. Patrick's Day Parade and other activities. Space is limited so please contact T.C. Madison (below) if you are interested in reserving your spot. There will be a meeting for any children that would like to participate on Saturday February 17th at 10:00 AM at the Parade Committee Office at Liberty and Bull Street. To reserve your spot, please contact T.C. Madison at 912-777-9373 or tcmadison3@gmail.com.

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**Living the Eucharist - Sign-up**

Living the Eucharist groups are now being formed in Pooler, Southbridge, Midtown, on Skidaway Island, and other locations in Savannah. There is still time to sign up online at [http://savannahcathedral.org/sign-up-for-livingthe-eucharist](http://savannahcathedral.org/sign-up-for-livingthe-eucharist). People who have already experienced Living the Eucharist say that they have become more committed to following Jesus, that their understanding of the Eucharist has deepened, and that they come to Sunday worship prepared and excited to pray. If you would like to volunteer as a group facilitator, or to host a small group in your home, please contact Moira at [threenovacks@gmail.com](mailto:threenovacks@gmail.com).

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**Camp Villa Marie Job Opportunity**

Camp Villa Marie is accepting applications for all positions for summer 2018! If you are energetic, creative and enjoy working with children, consider applying for a camp position! Must be at least 16 years of age and CPR and First Aid certified prior to beginning of camp. Visit [https://diosav.org/human_resources-jobs](https://diosav.org/human_resources-jobs) for an application! Submit application by March 15, 2018.

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**Discover the Inner Path: A Gathering of Women**

In the Company of Women: Come visit with Mary of Magdala and Mary of Nazareth. We will listen as they share their experience of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus, while inviting us to relate the Easter Journey to our lives. Retreat Facilitator is Sr. Grace Agate, a Sister of Mercy and a native of New York. Her ministries include: Catholic Education and Pastoral Ministry. Currently she is the Workplace Spirituality Coordinator at St. Joseph's/Candler Hospital.

**Saturday February 24, 2018**

9:00 AM is Coffee and sign in.

Program is 9:30 - 3:00 PM at Villa Marie Center, Isle of Hope, 6 Dolan Drive, Savannah, GA

Bring a mug for coffee/tea and a brown bag lunch. Beverages and snacks provided. Pre-register by February 21st by calling Sr. Donnal Leoper at 912-484-7860 or e-mail
A Prayer for Living the Eucharist

Dear Jesus

Help us to spread your presence everywhere we go.
Flood our souls with your spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly, that our lives may be only a radiance of yours.
Shine through us, and be so in us, that every person we come in contact with might feel your presence.
Let them look up and see no longer us, but only you!
Stay with us, and then we shall begin to shine as you shine; so to shine as a light to others.
The light, O Jesus, will be all from you; none of it will be ours; it will be you, shining on others through us.
Let us thus praise you in the way you love best by shining on those around us.
Amen.