Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

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Most Reverend J. Kevin Boland — Bishop Emeritus

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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 8:00 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. Janee Przybyl
Bookkeeper/Admin. Assistant - Ms. Jan Cunningham
Office Assistant - Mrs. Brenda Price
Director of Music - Mr. McDowell Fogle, MM
Music Associate - Erica Gillette
Maintenance - Mr. Jimmy Joseph Sheehan III
Housekeeper/Food Services - Mrs. Alma Young
Docents - Mrs. Peggy Baker, Mrs. Gloria Keane

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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name. Ps 30:3-4

**HYMN** O God Beyond All Praising 937

**PENITENTIAL ACT** Jubilation Mass Chepponis

**GOSPEL** Matthew 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**COLLECT** All sit.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

**SECOND READING:** 1 Cor 2:6-10 Missal, p. 68

**Liturgy of the Word**

**FIRST READING** Sirach 15:15-20 Missal, p. 67

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Jubilation Mass Chepponis

**HOMILY** Nicene Creed All stand. Missal, p. 99

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

5:30 Make of Our Hands a Throne 694
If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever, ev’n the spirit of truth.

Text: John 14:15-17  
Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

All kneel.

10:00/11:30 AM CHORAL ANTHEM  Os justi


The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just. The law of his God is in his heart: and his feet do not falter. Alleluia.

Text: Psalm 37:30-31, 89:20  
Music: Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

All stand.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE
Rector’s Corner

GOLDEN AND SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF MARRIAGE

On 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. Married in 1967 or in 1992, these husbands and wives have faithfully lived the Sacrament of Matrimony, providing for the Church and for the world an example of divine love. By their faithfulness, by their sacrifice, and by their forgiveness of each other, they are living signs of the love that Jesus Christ has for all of us, His Church.

From our own Cathedral parish, we congratulate William and Lana Cope, Dan and Bebe Rose, and Joe and Sally Sullivan who are all celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2017. May God continue to bless you with many more happy years together as husband and wife! 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.

“We praise you, O God, we bless you, Creator of all things, who in the beginning made man and woman that they might form a communion of life and love. Look with kindness upon these couples today, and as you have sustained their communion amid joys and struggles, renew their Marriage covenant each day, increase their charity, and strengthen them in the bond of peace, so that together with the circle of their children who surround them, they may forever enjoy your blessing, through Christ our Lord.”

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
Most of us can recall a time when we did only what was absolutely necessary to get by. When it comes to our Christian life, however, Jesus calls us to a higher standard. As we gather for worship today perhaps our prayer can be for the grace and the courage to go beyond the letter of the law in order to live according to a higher law, the law of love.


For Christmas, the Cathedral received maroon Cutter & Buck jackets, monogrammed to say “Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.” The jackets come in sizes S, L, XL and XXL. The cost per jacket is $100. If you’re interested in purchasing a jacket, please stop by the Office.
Two New Book Clubs Beginning

Evening Book Club
Due to popular demand, a new evening book club is starting in February. Sponsored by a group of young adults from the Cathedral, the club welcomes all parishioners. The first book will be *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. We will be covering the book in four sessions. At the first meeting on **February 19**, we will briefly go over the premise of the book and delve into the first eight chapters. Please try to read the chapters before the meeting. All are welcome to bring snacks and drinks to share! The meetings will start at 7:00 PM and be held in the Parish Hall library. Please use the Harris Street entrance. A copy of the book can be easily found on Amazon or at the public library.

Morning Book Club
*Falling Upward by Richard Rohr, Thursday Mornings from 10:15 to Noon*

Beginning February 16th
In *Falling Upward*, Fr. Richard Rohr seeks to help readers understand the tasks of the two halves of life and to show them that those who have fallen, failed, or "gone down" are the only ones who understand "up." Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and letting go of life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite. What looks like falling down can largely be experienced as "falling upward." In fact, it is not a loss but somehow actually a gain, as we have all seen with elders who have come to their fullness.

Savannah Irish Festival
February 18 and 19th at the Civic Center. Children 14 and under are free. Military and Students are free on Sunday. Visit [www.savannahirish.org](http://www.savannahirish.org) for more information. Hope to see you there!

Benedictine Military School

2017 Auction

**THE FUTURE IS WOW!**
Visions are becoming reality at BC. The Brown STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Wing represents the future of BC and our commitment to academic excellence. Come Fall in Line as we raise funds for our Cadets and celebrate one more victory for BC.

**Saturday, March 4, 2017**
Benedictine Military School
Silent Auction and Cocktails
Brown Stem Wing - 6:00 PM.
Live Auction and Dinner - 7:30 PM.

Tickets can be purchased on-line at [bidpal.net/bcaustion2017*](http://bidpal.net/bcaustion2017) or at the Benedictine Military School Business Office.

$60 per person
$480 table of eight

For sponsorship opportunities or to make a donation, please email [BCAuction2017@bcsav.net](mailto:BCAuction2017@bcsav.net) for information.

**SVA and BC Present Oklahoma!**
Saint Vincent’s Academy and Benedictine Military School will present Rodger's and Hammerstein's Oklahoma! on Friday, March 3rd at 7pm, Saturday, March 4th at 7pm and Sunday, March 5th at 3pm, at the Trustees Theater, 216 East Broughton Street. Admission is $15 for adults and $10 for students. Tickets are available at the Trustees Theater Box Office, online at [www.scadboxoffice.com](http://www.scadboxoffice.com), or by phone at 912-525-5050. Please come out and support our amazing student stars in this great classic production!

Office for the Protection of Children and Young People
The Archdiocese of Atlanta along with the Diocese of Savannah will be cohosting the 2017 Child and Youth Protection Catholic Leadership Conference in Savannah from February 26 to March 1, 2017. A special Mass opening the Conference will be held on Sunday, February 26th at 5:00pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. The celebrant will be Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, Archdiocese of Atlanta. Celebrants will include Bishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, Diocese of Savannah, Bishop Edward J. Burns, Diocese of Dallas and Chair of the USCCB Office of Child and Youth Protection and Bishop J. Kevin Boland, Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of Savannah.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory February 5, 2017: $23,293.65
Offertory February 7, 2016: $27,222.25
VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to February 5, 2017: $2,536.00
Week Prior to February 7, 2016: $1,966.50

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Children’s Religious Ed. Schedule
Feb 12 - CLASS
Feb 19 - NO CLASS - President’s Day Observed

PARTICIPATING CATHOLIC TUITION
Cathedral parishioners who have children in Catholic Schools and who wish to receive the parish participating tuition rate must be endorsed by Fr. Schreck. A participating parishioner is a parishioner who attends Mass on weekends and Holy Days of Obligation, participates in the activities of the parish, contributes to the offertory collection in a recognizable way by using envelopes or checks as a means of verification of attendance.

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

St. Patrick’s Day Parade
Needs Your Children
The St. Patrick' Day Parade Committee is seeking all children ages 7-18 to participate in the Flags of Ireland Unit for the 2017 St. Patrick's Day Parade and other activities. Space is limited so please contact Jeremy Counihan if you are interested in reserving a spot. There will be a meeting for children that would like to participate on Saturday February 18th at 10:00 AM at the Parade Committee Office at Liberty and Bull Street. To reserve your spot or if you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Counihan at 912-659-1643 or jeremycounihan00@gmail.com.

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

Cathedral Christmas Ornaments for every year are now in stock and available for purchase, including the new 2017 ornament. These ornaments can be purchased at the desk at the back of the church, the Rectory office, or go to www.savannahcathedral.org. Click on gifts. They are $20 each. We ran out last year, so purchase early!