Cathedral of St. 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
Saturday: 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

Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm • Phone: (912)233-4709 Fax: (912)233-8229 • E-mail: csjbsav@aol.com
Cathedral Website: www.savannahcathedral.org • Diocesan Website: www.diosav.org • Cathedral Music: sjbmusic.org
+ Liturgy of the Word

First Reading
Isaiah 58:7-10
Missal, p. 65

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading
1 Cor 2:1-5
Missal, p. 66

Gospel Acclamation
Jubilation Mass Chepponis

All stand

Gospel
Matthew 5:13-16
Missal, p. 67

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

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

5:30/11:30: Lead, Kindly Light 875

10 AM: Choral Anthem: Os Justi
Os justi meditabitur sapientiam: et lingua ejus loquetur judicium. Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius; et non supplantabitur gressus ejus. Alleluia.

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)

MARIA ANTIPHON

Ave, Regina caelorum, Ave, Domina Angelorum: salve, radix, salve, porta, ex qua mundo lux est orta: Gaude, virgo gloriosa, super omnes speciosa, vale, o vale decora, et pro nobis Christum exora.

Hail, O Queen of Heav'n enthron'd, Hail, by angels mistress ownd. Root of Jesse, gate of morn, whence the world's true light was born. Glorious virgin, joy to thee, loveliest whom in heaven they see, fairest thou where all are fair! Plead with Christ our sins to spare.

+CONCLUDING RITE

HYMN Holy God, We Praise Thy Name 949

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Rector’s Corner

New Cathedral Choir Forms

Our current Cathedral Choir, formed in 2013, provides musical leadership primarily for the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass as well as various parish and diocesan celebrations. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Our Lady’s Chapel. Membership is open to all, Catholic or Non-Catholic, by placement audition.

Each year, the Cathedral Choir presents a major choral work for All Souls Vespers, performs in “Christmas at the Cathedral” as part of the Friends of Cathedral Music Concert Series, sings for the Celtic Cross Mass and the St. Patrick’s Day Mass, participates in the Tenebrae service during Holy Week, and sings for the Marian Vespers in May.

Placement auditions are always held at the end of August and special auditions are available throughout the year. For more information, please go to sjbmusic.org, and fill out the online form.

We are pleased to offer a new choir, the Cathedral Schola. This ensemble will provide choral music for the 11:30 a.m. Sunday mass, September–May, and for the 10:00 a.m. mass May-August. It is made up of select musicians and membership is by audition only. The choir is especially dedicated to the rich musical heritage of the Roman Catholic Church, from Gregorian Chant to vocal polyphony and beyond. It is currently made up of a 4 member professional choral ensemble. Members attend the Cathedral Choir rehearsals. To audition, see the above information.
Our Sunday focus on discipleship continues in today’s readings. We who were called to live the Beatitudes last week are now encouraged to let our light shine. As we move through our celebration today, let us ask God to strengthen our faith so that we can truly believe that the presence of Christ in each of us has the power to bring light to the darkness of racism, fear, hunger, oppression, and all other evils in our world.


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.
**Consider Joining a Book Club!**

**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.

**Venetian Carnival Gala**

The St. James CCW is sponsoring this Gala for the Early Learning Center Saturday, February 18th, 6:00 - 8:30 PM at the St. James Parish Center. Admission: Single $50/ Couples $75. Venetian Desserts, live entertainment, free babysitting with children’s meal. Call 912-355-1523 for more information.

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**Donuts and Coffee this Sunday!**

Join us for donuts and coffee this Sunday, February 5th, after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses in the Parish Center. This is a great way to meet some of your fellow parishioners!

**Covered Dish Dinner is Cancelled!**

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the covered dish dinner that was scheduled for this Wednesday. We will re-schedule it and let you know the new date as soon as possible. Thank you.

**It was a Great Seniors Luncheon**

Last Saturday's First Annual Seniors Mass and Luncheon was lovely and thanks to Paul Camp, we have wonderful photos of it. We will feature some in the next Twin Spires and plan to have some for the February parish supper. If you attended and would like to see some pictures, please email your request to CathedralServingSeniors@gmail.com and we will send you a keepsake. Many thanks to all who worked to make this first effort successful and to all who attended.

**Job Opening at Blessed Sacrament**

Blessed Sacrament is seeking energetic, loving counselors to work with a team of professionals nurturing students. **From Pre-K – 8th grade in an after school program. Typical work hours are Monday through Friday 2:00 – 6:00 PM.** We are also looking for assistance before school Monday through Friday 6:30 – 7:30 AM. Applicants should call Marissa Williams in the school office at 356-6987.

**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.
Cathedral Parish Offertory
Offertory January 29, 2017: $19,743.09
Offertory January 31, 2016: $22,354.00
Visitor's Depository Box
Week Prior to January 29, 2017: $2,330.00
Week Prior to January 31, 2016: $2,883.50

Follow Us

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!

Seminar at Pastoral Center
“REBUILDING” is a nine session seminar with a spiritual focus designed to help people become whole again after experiencing a divorce or separation. The sessions are guided by trained peer facilitators who have similar life experiences and who are willing to share their time and talent to help others. Confidentiality within the group and amongst facilitators is absolutely required.

REBUILDING will be offered beginning March 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Center at 2170 E. Victory Drive in Savannah. There is a nominal $10 to cover course expenses. To register call the Catholic Charities Office at 912-201-4073 or email rlehto@diosav.org.

Children’s Religious Ed. Schedule
Jan 29 - CLASS - Confirmation Parents Meeting
Feb 5 - CLASS - Prayer Assembly; 3rd/4th Graders

2016 Bishop’s Annual Appeal
Parish Target $108,174
Pledge Balance $11,188
Collected $112,913

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