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: 10:00am Masses on Sundays.

Sacraments

Baptisms
Arrangements should be made in advance.
Confessions
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

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
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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

“After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved So, with whom I am well pleased.” Mt. 3: 16,17

HYMN: To Jordan Jesus Humbly Came 554

Cantor, then All

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Kyi-r-e, e-le-i-son.

Gloria

Glo-ry to God in the high-est,
and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we ad-ore you,
we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry.
Lord God, heav’n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.
Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther,
you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us;
you take a-way the sins of the world, re-cieve our prayer,
you are seated at the right hand of the Fa-ther,
have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High.

+ LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING  Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6,7
Missal, p. 60

PSALM:  “O bless the Lord, my soul”  Psalm 104: 1-4, 24-30

SECOND READING:  Acts 10: 34-38
Missal, p. 61

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Ani-phon: (Cantor, then all)
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

GOSPEL  Luke 3: 15,16,21,22
Missal, p. 62

HOMILY

NICENE CREED  Missal, p. 108

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

+ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:
HYMNM: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise 548

ANTHEM (10 a.m):
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  Holst

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood Lord of lords, in human vesture -- In the Body and the Blood He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.
Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away. At his feet the six-winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the Presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.
John 1:32, 34

COMMUNION HYMN:

When John Baptized by Jordan’s River 553, Hymnal

MARIAN ANTIPHON (10:00 A.M.)

Alma Redemptoris Mater

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia cali Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti, Surgere qui curat, populo: tu que genuisti, Natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

Mother of Christ! Hear thou thy people’s cry, star of the deep, and portal of the sky! Mother of Him who thee from nothing made, sinking we strive and call to thee for aid; Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee, thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.

CONCLUDING RITES

HYMN: Go to the World 917, Hymnal

Music Notes: Anthem “Let All Mortal Flesh”

Let all mortal flesh keep silence is an ancient chant of Eucharistic devotion based on words from Habakkuk 2:20, “Let all the earth keep silence before him”. The original was composed in Greek as a Cherubic Hymn for the Offertory of the Divine Liturgy of St James; it probably antedates the rest of the liturgy and goes back at least to 275 AD. In modern times, English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams arranged a hymn to the tune of Picardy, a French medieval folk melody.

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Baptism of the Lord
Jan 10, 2016

Rector’s Corner

BISHOP RAYMOND W. LESSARD

We received word last week that our former Bishop, Raymond W. Lessard, had died peacefully at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida where he had been living in retirement. Bishop Lessard was eighty-five years old. He had served as Bishop of Savannah from April, 1973 until his retirement in February, 1995.

The Bishop’s body will be received at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist at 3:00 PM on Monday, January 11th. Visitation will take place in the Cathedral until 7:00 PM. At 7:00 PM the choir will lead us in praying and singing the Office of the Dead. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 12th. Bishop Hartmayer will celebrate the Mass, and Bishop Boland will give the homily.

It has been ninety years since a funeral for a Bishop of Savannah has taken place (Bishop Benjamin Kieley in 1925). It seems that subsequent Bishops of Savannah have been buried from other dioceses to which they had been transferred, or in their city and diocese of birth.

Bishop Lessard was a very young man when he was named Bishop of Savannah. He was only forty-three at the time. It is hard to think of him as being eighty-five years old. He was a Priest of the Diocese of Fargo, North Dakota. I remember him saying that Roger Maris of the New York Yankees was his high school classmate in Fargo! Bishop Lessard worked in Rome for a number of years before being made Bishop, his last assignment being the American desk in the Congregation for Bishops. I remember well his Episcopal Ordination here at the Cathedral in 1973. I was one of the servers for that Mass. I was a junior in high school at the time.

He was a very learned and well-read man, and he had an aristocratic manner about him. He smoked chesterfield cigarettes from a black cigarette holder. He once said that he admired Franklin D. Roosevelt and used the cigarette holder in imitation of him. He was a rather simple man at the same time, never spending much money on himself. He was also a Third Order Franciscan. He was dedicated to the people of his diocese, and travelled its roads and highways for 22 years. In his retirement he enjoyed teaching and directing seminarians at Boynton Beach.

We thank God for the Bishop’s service to the Church and to our Diocese. May he rest in peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
Today we stand on the threshold between two seasons of the Church year. We conclude our Christmas season celebration today, but we also mark the First Sunday of Ordinary Time. This symbolism is meant to remind us that we are called to look outward, that because of our Baptism it is not enough just to bask in the Christmas glow; we must bring Christ to the rest of the world. Let us pray for the grace to do what God asks of us.

New Website Corner
When navigating the new website, if you click on this Cathedral logo in the upper left corner, you will return to the homepage. Enjoy the new site!

Mass Intentions for the week of January 10, 2016

SUNDAY
Pro Populo
Marion Gannam (Anni)
Kevin & Mary O’Farrell (Anni)
Joseph Sawdye (Anni)

MONDAY
Intentions of Carlton Dowdy
Fred & Josephine Doyle

TUESDAY
John Repetsky (Anni)
Vivian Jane Ward

WEDNESDAY
Lillian Dowdy (Anni)
John Stacy III (MM)

THURSDAY
John Flanagan
Jeannette H. Laird (Anni)

FRIDAY
John Flanagan
Jim Poulter

SATURDAY
Sam Tootle Dr.
Poor Souls

Please Pray for:

Prayers are offered daily for everyone on this prayer list. If you know of someone sick or injured that needs praying for, please contact the parish office at 912-233-4709.
**Start the Year Reading a Good Book!**

Join the book club in reading the book Pope Francis encourages all Catholics to read. Dante’s Divine Comedy is more than a literary masterpiece, it is an invitation “to rediscover the lost or obscured meaning of our human path and to hope to see again the glowing horizon on which the dignity of the human person shines in its fullness,” Pope Francis has said. We are going to start reading and discussing part one of the Divine Comedy, The Inferno on Thursday's starting January 21, 2016 from 10:15-11:45 AM in the Parish Hall library. Email threenovacks@gmail.com for more information.

**Respect Life Ministries**

Respect Life Ministry invites all to pray for protection of all life from conception to natural death.

**THERE WILL BE A MARCH FOR LIFE, on January 15th and 16th, (Friday and Saturday) in St. Augustine, Florida for the 43rd Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. No bus is available this year in our deanery. Friday, January 22nd will be a day of prayer for the legal protection of Unborn Children.**

**March for Life 2016 News**

In January, 2016, there will not be a bus from the Savannah Deanery to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life. Those interested in the Washington event are urged to contact Independent Presbyterian Church, 912-236-3346, which sends a bus to Washington, D.C. every year. Please consider attending a Pro-Life Holy Hour on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Blessed Sacrament Church on Victory Drive. The Men of St. Joseph, from St. Peter the Apostle Church, pray the family Rosary, the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Savannah Medical Clinic, 120 East 34th Street. Savannah. All are invited. Prayer volunteers are always welcome at the Savannah Medical Clinic 120 East 34th St. on Weds. and Fri. 10:30-11:30 and Thursdays 9:30-Noon. Support and pray with your parish Respect Life Ministry. Please contact Gretchen Reese, 912-658-3848 if you have questions about this ministry. Thank you for your continued prayers, and may God bless you and your families.

**St. Vincent's Academy Holds Open House and Placement Test**

St. Vincent's Academy will hold an Open House for prospective students this Sunday, January 10, 2016 at 1:00pm in the St. Vincent's Academy Gymnasium. Come and see what our school has to offer! A Placement Test for prospective students will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016 from 8:30am - Noon in the school's Academic Building. Please call 912-236-5508 for more information or visit www.svaga.net.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory January 3, 2016: $20,113.00
Offertory January 4, 2015: $25,131.25

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to January 3, 2015: $4,815.50
Week Prior to January 4, 2014: $3,680.00

Weekly Prayer Group
A new weekly prayer group now meets in the Parish Center Library on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. There is fellowship, prayer, and a discussion on weekly readings and how to incorporate them into our daily lives. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please e-mail sandersgks53@aol.com.

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.

Come let us Adore Him!
We now have Adoration every Friday (except during Noon Mass) in front of the Blessed Sacrament altar in the Cathedral for the entire Year of Mercy. Adoration is simply praying and honoring Jesus who is present in the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome. Could this be your way of participating in the year of Mercy? Contact: sandersgks53@aol.com for more info.

2016 Christmas Ornaments For Sale!
We only have a very limited number of the other years, but more have been ordered and will be in soon! We ask for a donation of $20.00 per ornament. Ornaments can be bought at the back of the church or online at www.savannahcathedral.org.

CRE Schedule
Jan 10 - CLASS; 3rd / 4th Graders Prayer Assembly
Jan 17 - NO CLASS - Teacher Meeting

Stewardship workshop
January 23, 2016
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
St. Matthew’s Church
221 John Paul Avenue
Statesboro, GA 30458

Guest Speaker: Dennis Green
Every Pastor, Deacon, and Laity involved in Stewardship and Development is invited to attend this half day workshop. For more information, please call the Diocese Office of Stewardship and Development at 912-201-4060.