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
Sunday’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
Sacristan - Lynne Everett, MD
Permanent Deacon - Rev. Dr., Dewain E. Smith, Ph.D.
Director of Religious Education - Mrs. Jane Pyrybyl
Bookkeeper/Admin. Assistant - Ms. Jan Cunningham
Office Assistant - Mrs. Brenda Price
Music Director - Mr. McDowell Fogle, MM
Asst. Organist - Ms. Heidi Ordark, MM
Cantors - Rebecca Flaherty and Jillian Pashke Durant
Maintenance - Mr. Jimmy Joseph Sheehan III
Housekeeper/Food Services - Ms. 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
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

“All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!” Psalm 66:4

HYMN: Jesus Christ, By Faith Revealed  759

Cantor, then All

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison.

Cantor, then All

Kyrie, eleison.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,

we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heav’nly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High.

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

+ LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING  Isaiah 62: 1-5
Missal, p. 65

PSALM: “Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.” Psalm 96: 1-10

SECOND READING  1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Missal, p. 66

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Antiphon: (Cantor, then all)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL  John 2:1-11
Missal, p. 67

HOMILY

NICENE CREED  Missal, p. 108

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

+LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

HYMN: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 824

ANTHEM (10 a.m):
Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree
Text: Joshua Smith, (1760-1795)
Tune by Elizabeth Poston, (1905-1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne’er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see ‘tis found in Christ the apple tree.
I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.
Psalm 23:5

COMMUNION HYMN:

Make of Our Hands a Throne 694

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 qua genuisti, Natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem Virgo prius ac posterior, 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: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken 733

Music Notes: Anthem “Jesus Christ the Apple Tree”

The anthem Jesus Christ the Apple Tree, was composed by British composer Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987). Poston composed scores for radio and television productions and collaborated with C. S. Lewis, Dylan Thomas, and other writers. She wrote the score for the television production of Howard’s End while living in Rooks Next House, and which was the setting for the novel. The text, based on an anonymous poem, may be interpreted as a metaphor representing Christ, and to Jesus’ description of his life as a tree of life. The poem first appeared in a New England hymn collection by a New Hampshire minister in 1784.

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Rector’s Corner

SECURITY AT THE CATHEDRAL

We have entered into an agreement with United Security Services to provide Security Officers on a regular basis at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. The Security Officers will be off-duty Sheriff’s Deputies, trained law enforcement officers.

We have had no serious incidents or threats at the Cathedral. I do not want to alarm anyone, or lead you to believe that it is not safe to attend and worship at the Cathedral. However, I simply think it would be a wise expenditure of money to have an ongoing security presence in our Church. The Cathedral has become a very high profile site in the city of Savannah. The number of visitors has risen dramatically, and we are listed on Trip Advisor as one of the most visited sites in the country. It is our intention to use the presence of law enforcement officers to assure visitors and parishioners alike that the Cathedral is a safe and protected place; and at the same time to deter anyone who might be tempted to carry out some sort of crime on our premises.

Our plan, at present, is to have an officer in the Cathedral each weekend, for all of our Masses and events. During the week, an officer will be present on a random basis.

It is disappointing and troubling that we find ourselves living in a time when houses of worship could be targeted for violence. And so, we must take the extra steps required to keep this a safe place. I hope you understand. And again, let me repeat, we have had no incidents and no threats of any kind!

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector

January Vespers Cancelled - Due to scheduling conflicts, the January Vespers has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience.
Today we begin a stretch of Ordinary Time that will last about a month. Some have called this segment of Ordinary Time a “season of discipleship,” because the Gospel readings cover the early ministry of Jesus and the calling of the first disciples. We will see Jesus at the wedding at Cana, traditionally the third manifestation of Christ, following Christmas and Epiphany. Our prayer today can be that we be able to see Jesus as well, in others whom we meet every day.

New Website Corner
Lector, Usher, and Extraordinary Ministers Schedules
In order to protect the privacy of the parishioners, these schedules are in a private Login section of the site. In order to access this area, parishioners must Register. The links are on the home page. Once you Register and request a Login, you will receive a Login from the webmaster. This feature is only open to registered parishioners. Once you register, the ministry schedules are under the Mass Times link.

Mass Intentions for the week of January 17, 2016

**SUNDAY**
- Pro Populo
- Renate Fariss
- Mary Vergobbi (Anni)
- Ann Byrnes White (Anni)
- Fred & Josephine Doyle

**MONDAY**
- Gilbert Netsinger (Anni)
- William and Kevin Caulfield

**TUESDAY**
- Michael Ryan

**WEDNESDAY**
- Barbara Marot
- Dorothy Nitsos

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**
- Sam D. Tootle, Sr.

**SATURDAY**

Please Pray for:

If you know of someone sick or injured that needs praying for, please contact the parish office at 912-233-4709.
Thank you Letter from Sr. Julie, Director of the Social Apostolate

Cathedral Parishioners,

On December 22nd, we served our Christmas meal with gifts to 227 clients, thanks to many wonderfully generous people. Thank you so much for helping us make this day very special!

The clients feasted on a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings, prepared and delivered ready to serve by the Daughters of Ireland. The desserts, provided by other generous people, were plentiful and delicious! The meal was served by an enthusiastic team of volunteers. And, we had live Christmas songs to enjoy during the meal.

The clients were then given wonderfully practical, fun gifts provided by the parishioners from Blessed Sacrament, The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, St. Peter the Apostle, Sacred Heart, and Our Lady of Lourdes. For whatever you did to help us provide this special day of joy, thank you! You did a great job!

I also want to thank many individuals, churches, schools, groups, and offices who have been bringing us groceries for the food pantry during a time when the need has been particularly great. Thank you also for the food, leftovers from recent parties and event, donated to the soup kitchen. Our clients enjoyed your parties as much as you did, maybe even more! Finally, for your financial support, we are most grateful!

— Sr. Julie Franchi

The SVA Alumnae Association’s 2nd Annual Oyster Roast

Saturday, January 23rd, 6:30 to 10:00 PM at Captain Butler’s Retreat. Tickets are $40/person. Includes all you can eat oyster and appetizers, 2 drink tickets, and live entertainment. Live Music by Bucky & Barry, Auction and Raffles. All proceeds support SVA Scholarship Fund. Call Mary Tison at 912-313-2870 to order tickets or for more information.

Savannah Irish Festival

The Savannah Irish Festival Committee invites you to the 24th Annual Savannah Irish Festival on February 19 – 21, 2016 at the Savannah Civic Center. For more information visit www.SavannahIrish.org.

Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry

New Start Date for Study Program!

Catholicism Study Program begins this week: Monday, January 18th at 6:00 PM and Tuesday, January 19th at 10:00 AM. There will be an Orientation and time to procure the Study Guides. The Guides can be purchased for $25.00 by having a check payable to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. We are requesting checks only to facilitate ease of administration. We look forward to your participation in Bishop Barron’s Catholicism Study Program.

Concert for Sacred Heart Church

A Choral Concert of Sacred Music This Sunday, January 17th at 3:00 PM.

Presented by the 25 member choir of St. John’s Church under the direction of Steven Branyon. Celebrating the many holy days between All Saints and Candlemas with English and Latin motets and anthems from the Renaissance to the 21st Century. This concert is to help raise funding to complete the refurbishing of Sacred Heart’s pipe organ. There is no admission for this concert, but a free-will offering will be received.

Respect Life Ministries

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites you to join 9 DAYS FOR LIFE, a period of focused prayer and action from Saturday January 16, 2016 to Sunday January 24, 2016. Receive suggestions for each day of this 9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA focusing on a different aspect of respecting each other’s God given dignity from the beginning of life to the end of life at www.9daysforlife.com or join on Facebook.

Friday, January 22nd will be a day of prayer for the legal protection of Unborn Children.

March for Life 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.

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.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory January 10, 2016: $20,175.50
Offertory January 11, 2015: $19,333.75

VISITOR'S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to January 10, 2015: $2,073.00
Week Prior to January 11, 2014: $1,983.00

You can contribute online by going to www.savannahcathedral.org and clicking on Give.

Weekly Prayer Group
A new weekly prayer group now meets in the Parish Center Library on Thursday evenings at a new time - 6:00 to 7:30 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.

CRE Schedule
Jan 17 - NO CLASS - Teacher Meeting
Jan 24 - CLASS

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.

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.

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.

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.

Name ________________________________
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