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 8:00 pm

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 - Mrs. Alma Young
Docents - Mrs. Peggy Baker, Mrs. Gloria Keane

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**Rector’s Corner**

**EPIPHANY**

On this solemnity of the Epiphany the Church proclaims that Jesus, born of Mary, is the Messiah promised to Israel, and even more, the Savior and King of all the nations. In this day and time when religious faith is pushed to the margins, considered an anachronism, it is all the more urgent that the Church proclaim to the whole world that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life, the answer to the hunger and longing of every nation.

This Solemnity, and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which we celebrate on Monday, brings to a close our Christmas Season. During these days we have celebrated beautifully the mystery of the Incarnation. I want to thank everyone who played a part in our beautiful Liturgies. Our Choir played and sang magnificently! Our Christmas Crèche, designed and displayed by Mr. Orlando Cuadra and many volunteers, was particularly moving. The flowers and decorations inside and outside the Church were outstanding.

As we move forward into the New Year I want to call attention to a few dates that will be noteworthy and should be marked on your calendar. The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14, 2018. The First Sunday of Lent, February 18th, brings the Rite of Election for those men and women throughout the Diocese who are preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments. This year, during Lent, we will be participating in a Renewal program called *LIVING THE EUCHARIST.* It will take place, during Lent, for the next three years. In the city of Savannah, the festivities in honor of St. Patrick are of great importance. The Celtic Cross Mass will take place at the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, March 11th. The Mass in honor of St. Patrick will be celebrated on Saturday, March 17th, at 8:00AM. Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord will be March 25, and Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord will be April 1st. The Solemnity of Pentecost will be May 20th.

On behalf of Bishop Hartmayer, Bishop Emeritus Boland, the Priests, Deacon, and staff of the Cathedral, I wish you a very happy and blessed New Year.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
We celebrate Epiphany today and hear how God’s very self is revealed to people of all nations through the Incarnation. The emphasis today is on this revelation to foreigners: the foreign nations that will now pay tribute to the restored Jerusalem, the Gentiles whom Paul recognized as now being copartners through the gospel, and the magi from the east who recognized the Messiah and paid him homage.

Mass Intentions for the week of January 7, 2018

SUNDAY
- Pro Populo
- Poor Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY
- Sally Blake
- Edward J. Seginack (Anni)

TUESDAY
- Joan Cartwright Madison
- Mark Simpson

WEDNESDAY
- Joseph Sawdye (Anni)
- Maryann Seginack Olenik

THURSDAY
- Edward J. Whelan, Jr. (MM)

FRIDAY
- John Repetski (Anni)

SATURDAY
- Lillian Dowdy (Anni)
- LuAnn Roberts

Please Pray For:
Ed Arbo, Dale Asbury, Juan Ayala, Odillo Blanco, Doris Boring, Vicky Buck, Heidi Carroll, Michael Cavanagh, Joan Coules, Eileen and Bill Dunlop, Mary Dunn, Erin Dunning, Chris Fernandez, Robert Green, Andy Hodgson, Matt Hunter, Denise LeMay, Fr. Lou Lindsay, 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, Tina Sanders, Bob Schwartz, Greg Smith, Fr. Jacek Szuster, Stephanie Venuto, Greg Waldhour, Jan Wilson and Larson Zekas.
New Years Resolution - Join a group here at the Cathedral!

Cathedral Book Club
The Book club will begin discussing Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky on Jan. 11th.
Where: Parish Hall Library.
When 10:15 AM to 12:00, Wednesdays. Information email threenovacks@gmail.com.

Cathedral Bible Study
The Bible Study finishes the Bible Timeline Study! We will discuss Session 19 on January 8th.
Where: Parish Hall Library. When 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday nights. New participants are welcome. For more information email: threenovacks@gmail.com

Cathedral Prayer Group
Ignatian Prayer Group meets Thursday nights 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Next session is January 4th. New participants are always welcome.

Social Apostolate says Thank You!
The Social Apostolate served our Christmas meal to 269 very delighted clients on December 21st. Each client ate a fabulous meal, prepared by the Daughters of Ireland, then was given a gift provided by the parishioners of St. Peter the Apostle and Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Parishes. We saw personally the multiplication of the food and gifts because there was enough for everyone - even with leftovers. Thank you so very much for your generosity! Sr. Julie Franchi

Join us this Sunday, January 7th for Donuts and Coffee after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

Cathedral Ornaments
The new 2018 ornaments are now available for purchase (see picture on next page). We are sold out of the 20017, 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2016 ornaments, but more will be arriving soon. They are $20 each, and may be purchased at the back of the church or at savannahcathedral.org.

St. Vincent’s Academy Open House
Students at St. Vincent's Academy begin a journey that inevitably brings them to great places, fantastic colleges and universities, and roles of leadership. They all begin here. Come and see where St. Vincent’s Academy will lead you.

Open House
This Sunday, January 7, 2018
1:00 PM in the St. Vincent's Gym
Placement Test
Saturday, January 27, 2018
8:30 AM - Noon in the Academic Building
For more information, call 912-236-5508 or visit www.svaga.net
The Living Eucharist:
Kicking off the Prayer Campaign

During Lent, the Cathedral parish is participating in Living the Eucharist (LE). LE is a parish-based renewal experience that fosters spiritual growth and discipleship by promoting full, conscious, and active participation in the Eucharist. This Lenten spiritual renewal program provides us with opportunities to grow in our faith through learning more about the Eucharist, participating more actively in Sunday Mass, and Living the Eucharist each day as disciples of Jesus. The program consists of six (6) 90 minute sessions over the six weeks of Lent. Two Sign-Up Sundays will take place, starting in a few weeks. There will be announcements at all Masses describing the program and sign-up events. Please consider becoming a small group leader, joining a small group, or participating with your family. Also, please support this ministry by praying for our fellow parishioners as we experience this Lenten Journey. For more information about the Living Eucharist, go to http://www.livingtheeucharist.org/.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary/Thuringia
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory December 31, 2017: $23,688.20
Offertory January 1, 2017: $20,931.50

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to December 31, 2017: $4,968
Week Prior to January 1, 2017: $5,417

Children’s Religious Ed. Schedule
Jan 7 - CLASS
Jan 14 - NO CLASS - Teacher’s Meeting

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 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. Contributions must be made by the end of the year to receive the parish participating tuition rate for next year.

Cathedral Ornaments
We are out of the 2014 and 2015 ornaments, but all other year’s are in stock including this year’s! They are $20 each, and may be purchased at the back of the church or at savannahcathedral.org.

Cathedral Adoration Chapel
Why should I go to Adoration?
The more time you spend in Adoration discovering that God loves you and wants to spend time with you, the more you begin to want to spend more time with Him. Going to Adoration is not a chore! Everyone who goes begins to appreciate the quiet time alone with Jesus and to look forward to the scheduled hour again the next week.
A new year is coming. What a great time to initiate your special relationship with the person who loves you more than anyone else ever can! God is there for you three days a week right here in the Cathedral! There are three openings available for fall: Tuesday mornings at nine, Tuesday at noon and Thursday at noon. If none of those times is good for you, consider a prayer time with a partner anytime between eight and five in the afternoon on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. You are welcome to become an Adorer! Call Gretchen at 912-658-3848.

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 join online at www.savannahcathedral.org. Thank you.

Name ________________________________
New Parishioner ☐ Change of Address ☐
Address ________________________________
Telephone Number ______________________
Email Address _______________________

To register online, go to www.savannahcathedral.org