Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

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Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer OFM Conv.— Bishop of Savannah
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Cathedral Music: sjbmusic.org

Faith Formation

Children’s Religious Ed Sunday 8:45 am to 9:50 am
R. C. L. 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
Director of Music - Mr. McDowell Fogle, MM
Sacristan - Lynne Everett, MD
Director of Religious Education - Mrs. Janee Przybyl
Bookkeeper/Admin. Assistant - Ms. Jan Cunningham
Office Assistant - Mrs. Brenda Price
Music Associate - Erica Gillette
Maintenance - Mr. Jimmy Joseph Sheehan III
Housekeeper/Food Services - Ms. Alma Young
Docents - Mrs. Peggy Baker, Mrs. Gloria Keane

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.
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. Ps 53:6,8

Hymn: There's A Wideness in God's Mercy 709

Penitential Act Mass of Wisdom Janco

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Wisdom 12?13, 16-19
Missal p. 30

Psalm
Psalm 86:5,6,9,10,15,16

Second Reading Romans 8:26-27
Missal p. 31

Gospel Acclamation

Refrain
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia,

Gospel Matthew 13:24-43
Missal p. 32

Homily

Nicene Creed Missal p. 94

Prayer of the Faithful
**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:**

**ANTHEM:** Sicut Cervus (Palestrina)

**HYMN:** O Beauty Ever Ancient

**Refrain:**

O Beauty, ever ancient, O Beauty, ever new,
your mirror of my life renewed, let me find my life in you.

**MASS ORDINARY**

Mass of Wisdom

Music: Junco

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna,
hosanna, hosanna, in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**COMMUNION SONG**

*THE Lord, * the gracious, the merciful,

he gives food to those who fear him.

**MARIAN ANTIPHON**

Salve Regina

1008, Hymnal

**+ CONCLUDING RITE**

**GREETING AND BLESSING**

**DISMISSAL**

**HYMN:** We Are Called

817, Hymnal

*For guidelines for the reception of Holy Communion, please refer to the back page of the missal.

COMMUNION ANTHEM (10 AM)

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree (Poston)

MARIAN ANTIPHON

Salve Regina

1008, Hymnal

**+ CONCLUDING RITE**

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Welcome Rev. Bernard Olzewsaki, JCD

Please welcome Father Bernard Olszewski who will speak at all the Masses this weekend on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns, working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Central and South America.

Fr. Bernard was born and raised in Trenton, NJ. He entered the community of the Conventual Franciscan Friars and Studied in Ellicott City, MD and at St. Hyacinth College and Seminary in Granby, MA earning a BA in philosophy. He received a MA in Sacred Theology and the Pontifical Faculty of St. Bonaventure and a Doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Gregorian University. Fr. Bernard was ordained in July 1979 and Joined the Diocese of St. George's Granada in the Caribbean in 2007.

In 1982, having completed his studies in Rome, he was employed at Hilbert College in Hamburg, NY as a Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies and Director of Campus Ministry. Later, he was Associate Vice-President of Academic Affairs and then Vice-President for the Academic Affairs. He served on boards of various non-profit organizations in the Buffalo area including service as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Greater Buffalo Chapter of the American Red Cross, a member of the School Board of St. Francis High School, and a judge for the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of Buffalo.

Please be generous in your response to Father Bernard’s appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.
For the past few Sundays we have heard Jesus defining discipleship for us. Today our attention is drawn to the focus of our work as disciples, the kingdom of heaven. For the next two Sundays we will hear parables about what the Kingdom of heaven is like, but it will not always be easy for us to grasp the meaning of these parables. Perhaps our prayers today can be for clarity and understanding, so that we will be able to discern what God wants for us.

Mass Intentions for the week of July 23, 2017

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| SUNDAY         | Peter O’Leary  
|                | Brittany Reardon (Anni)  
|                | Mary Catherine Smith Henning (Intentions)  
|                | Intentions of Donald Trump  |
| MONDAY         | Lorraine Bel (Anni)  
|                | Fred & Josephine Doyle  |
| TUESDAY        | Gregory Allman  
|                | Intentions of Janet Boyle  |
| WEDNESDAY      | Fr. Kevin P. Fitzpatrick (Anni)  
|                | Christopher Joseph Koncul  |
| THURSDAY       | Frances Ray Connerat (Anni)  
|                | Edward Fletcher (Anni)  |
| FRIDAY         | Louise Sasser  
|                | Lydia Druckhammer Smith  |
| SATURDAY       |                                                                                      |


Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in Memory of Brittany Reardon
Letter From Our Sacristan

Dear Friends,

Many of you may have already heard my news and yes, it’s true, I’m leaving this beautiful city that I love to call home, and leaving the position I treasure as Sacristan at the Cathedral.

When visiting my parents last week in Kansas City, I realized how much they needed help. This hasn’t happened overnight. Over the last few months, their situation has become more critical. I am their only caregiver and because I love them dearly, I have made the only commitment that I could make: to provide care for them for as long as necessary and be there for them as they have always been there for me. Many of you have met my parents on one of their frequent trips to Savannah and know what genuinely lovely people they are. My heart is torn between the two places but I made the only decision that I could make.

I have served the Cathedral in the sacristy for four years, apprenticing with Brother Robert for 15 months, and I can’t begin to thank all of the wonderful people I have worked with during my time here. Many of you, so dedicated to his beautiful church, are so willing to come and help anytime I’ve asked. The daily joy of seeing your faces has been a pleasure. Special thanks to the flower ladies, docents, Knight of Columbus, St. Vincent Academy faculty and students and altar servers for their many kindnesses to me. I owe Mac, the members of the choir and the lovely ladies of the CCW a debt of gratitude for their continuing support. To all of you, parishioners and friends, some of whom I know by name and others by your smiling faces, it has been my joy to get to know you and to serve beside you in this parish. In my heart, this will always be my parish. I pray that one day I will be able to return to Savannah and again worship with you at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

Until then, my prayers and best wished are with you all.

“May the Lord keep watch between you and me, while we are absent, one from the other.” Genesis 31:49

Lynne Everett, MD

Openings in Adoration Chapel

Pope St. John Paul II told us: “The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus waits for us in the Sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet him in adoration and contemplation that is full of faith.”

Every parishioner of the Cathedral has the opportunity to participate in Eucharistic Adoration, right here in our own chapel. Why not take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to grow closer to Jesus? At the present time, we have an opening starting on August 1 for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, and a second opening at noon on Thursdays. Anyone interested should contact Gretchen Reese at 658-3848.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Cathedral Parish will offer classes for adults who wish to inquire about the Catholic faith or who have already decided that they would like to become a Catholic. RCIA will begin this year on Tuesday evening, August 29th, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

As noted by our Pastor, Fr. Schreck, “our classes are intended for adults and provide a forum in which questions can be asked and information given regarding the teachings and life of the Catholic Church. Usually we have approximately twenty to thirty adults who participate in these classes. The process is comfortable and not pressure packed. We meet each Tuesday evening for about one hour and the classes conclude with Easter 2018. There is a schedule of classes and topics to be discussed, a text book which will be provided for your use, as well as DVDs that will be used for some of the instruction.”

If you are interested in attending classes this year, please contact Deacon Dewain Smith at the Cathedral Office: 912-233-4709 x 301, or email: dessav@aol.com. We will need your name, telephone number, and email address. Deacon Smith will make an appointment for a brief meeting with you prior to the start of our classes on August 29th.

If you know someone who might be interested in learning about the Catholic faith or becoming a Catholic, please extend an invitation to attend our Tuesday evening classes. There may be someone out there who may just be waiting to be invited by a friend or neighbor. Want to become Catholic? RCIA
Cathedral Parishes Offertory
Offertory July 16, 2017: $16,829.00
Offertory July 17, 2016: $20,476.00

Visitor’s Depository Box
Week Prior to July 16, 2017: $3,215.50
Week Prior to July 17, 2016: $5,326.00

BAA Progress Report
Total Given: $110,721
Parish Goal: $114,459

The “Will” To Help
Please remember the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in your will. If you have a will now and would like to make the Cathedral a beneficiary, a simple codicil may be appropriate. If you do not have a will and need a referral to an attorney you can call Ms. Jan Cunningham at 912-233-4709 who can suggest an attorney who is assisting the Cathedral in this endeavor.

Catholic Medical Association
Membership Drive
The Catholic Medical Association is holding a new member drive, reception, and presentation July 28 at St. James Catholic Church, Savannah, Ga. at 6:30 PM. Our guest speaker will be William Tofﬂer, MD, Professor of Family Medicine at Oregon Health and Science University. Dr. Tofﬂer will be speaking on Physician Assisted Suicide. Dr. Tofﬂer, the national director of Physicians for Compassionate Care, is an outspoken opponent of physician assisted suicide and has testified before the US Congress on the degradation of medical care after two decades of Oregon laws permitting this practice. The reception will begin in the narthex at St. James Church July 28th at 6:30PM with light refreshments. Dr. Tofﬂer’s talk will follow at 7:00. All are welcome.

Rummage Sale
The Cathedral Council of Catholic Women will be having a rummage sale on September 9, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Please think of us as you do your spring cleaning. The only two remaining drop off days are next Sunday, July 30th and Sunday, August 20th, after the 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 AM Masses. Unfortunately we are not able to pick up items. Please, no computers, clothes, or big heavy televisions. We appreciate the support you have shown our organization. Any questions, please call Carol at 912-677-6800 or Mary at 912-660-7406.

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

Cathedral Ornaments are available to purchase for $20 each. We have all years available, including the new 2017. You may purchase them online or at the back of the church.