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

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

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.

Faith Formation
Children’s Religious Ed Sunday 8:45 am to 9:50 am
R. C. I. A. Tuesday 7:00 pm to 8:00pm

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.

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

Photo by Mary Clark Rechtiene
The Amazing Work of the Holy Spirit in the Liturgy

Who makes our birth, brings all to be?
Who breaks the earth, who bestirs the sea?
Sets heart's desire where the wind must go?
Who calls the fire? No one may know.

Of all the Persons of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit is perhaps the most mysterious. Wind, breath, fire, dove! Many images of the Spirit suggest movement and freedom and life. They help us capture a sense of the Spirit as kind and gracious, yet awesome in power. Wind can be a gentle puff of fresh air or a fierce gale. Fire brings the safety of warmth and light, but it can also burn a house down. You don't play with fire!

The Church in the early centuries formally defined the Holy Spirit as the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. The Holy Spirit is not a force but a Person. Equal in majesty with the Father and the Son, the Spirit is worthy of worship. Although traces of the Holy Spirit are seen in the Bible from the beginning, it is the New Testament that reveals the Holy Spirit most fully.

In John 16:7-15 Jesus promises to send the Spirit to be our advocate and guide. The Spirit continues Christ's mission on earth. The Holy Spirit is with us even now, leading and empowering us. The joint mission of the Son and the Spirit is now our mission, the Church's mission. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes it well: "[T]he Church's mission is not an addition to that of Christ and the Holy Spirit, but is its sacrament: in her whole being and in all her members, the Church is sent to announce, bear witness, make present, and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity" (CCC 738).

The Holy Spirit is always leading us into the future. The eschaton, or the "last days," when Christ will come again, is the Holy Spirit's special lookout. Just as the Spirit hovered over the waters in creation, and anointed Jesus for his work of redemption, so the Holy Spirit guides the Church into the future in hope.

We rightly stand in awe before the freedom of God. And we know that the Spirit "blows where it will" (a truth amply demonstrated in the Acts of the Apostles). Yet we also know that the Holy Spirit is trustworthy. The Spirit never contradicts the revelation given in Jesus Christ. Indeed, the Spirit leads us more deeply into that truth.

Our life as Christians, in the Church, is life in the Spirit. In fact, the Spirit's presence is especially intense in the sacraments of our salvation. The Holy Spirit is active in all the sacraments. The three sacraments of initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist—make us who we are through the Spirit.

FROM FONT TO TABLE

It begins with water. The purest and clearest of liquids, water is superbly suited by nature to be the sacramental sign of God's own Spirit—cleansing, restoring, giving, and sustaining life. From the waters of creation to the waters of the baptismal font, the Holy Spirit's amazing, life-giving work is carried out through water.
Anointing with oil, also a sign of the Holy Spirit, follows Baptism, when we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The gift of the Spirit in this sacrament strengthens us for mission, and seals the Baptism we received.

Finally, the Holy Spirit is the agent of transformation who, through the words of Jesus spoken by the priest, changes bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. In the Eucharist, the Holy Spirit transforms us too and makes us holy.

FROM EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION TO EVERYDAY LIFE

The Spirit is constantly working within us to make the Mass fruitful for us and for the world. The Holy Spirit prepares us to receive God’s Word with faith. The Holy Spirit fills our hearts as we pray and sing, interceding with and for us at all times. The Holy Spirit knits us together in unity, especially during the Communion Rite, but also in the celebration as a whole. Finally, the Holy Spirit strengthens us as we are sent out to live the mission of the Church.

We profess faith in the Holy Spirit in the Creed at Mass, yet our faith in the Holy Spirit is perhaps never better expressed than when we are obedient to the Spirit’s promptings in our everyday lives. Discerning the Spirit, responding to the Spirit, and rejoicing in the Spirit are indispensable movements of the Christian life.

We learn how to discern and respond to the Spirit through evangelization and catechesis, but we also develop a taste for this—indeed, a flair for this—by the way we worship. How do we know what is good? What to pray for? How to thank God? How to praise him? The Spirit teaches us these things through the prayer of the Church.

REFLECT

Do you ever think of your heart as needing to be “prepared to receive the Word of God” at Sunday Mass? Boredom, restlessness, and distractions are not something we can simply dismiss or get rid of by force of will power, all on our own. We need the Holy Spirit.

ACT

Listen for the promptings of the Holy Spirit within you this week. It may be that you will be faced with a moral decision, or an unexpected opportunity for doing good, or a crisis you need to manage. Listen, and then act, according to the Spirit. Notice the outcome, for yourself and others. Next Sunday, when you return to the Eucharist, bring your gratitude.

PRAY

Spirit of God, thank you for your amazing work in all the sacraments, but especially in the Eucharist. You enable us to pray, to worship, and to embrace the truth of Jesus Christ. Open our hearts to the ongoing work you wish to accomplish in us, and empower us for our mission in the world.

AUTHOR ■ Rita Perrone is an award-winning writer and speaker in the areas of liturgy, catechesis, and renewal in the Roman Catholic Church.

The quotation at the top of the front page is taken from Still Must We Walk, a song by Tom Conry. Used with permission of the author. All rights reserved.

Copyright © 2011 by Paulist Evangelization Ministries. All rights reserved. Nihil Obstat: Rev. Christopher Begg, S.T.D., Ph.D., Censor Deputatus. Imprimatur: Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, Archdiocese of Washington, February 7, 2011. The nihil obstat and imprimatur are official declarations that a book or pamphlet is free from doctrinal or moral error. There is no implication that those who have granted the nihil obstat and the imprimatur agree with the content, opinions or statements expressed therein. Published by Paulist Evangelization Ministries, 3031 Fourth Street, NE, Washington, DC 20017, www.pemdc.org
LENT AND THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The traditional precept of making one’s “Easter duty” means that a practicing Catholic will receive the Holy Eucharist at least once during the Easter Season (which is considered from Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday). It also includes preparation for receiving the Holy Eucharist, which means that a Catholic must go to confession at least once each year. Obviously we are encouraged to receive the Holy Eucharist much more frequently and the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well.

The official hours for confession each week are Friday afternoons from 4:00-5:00PM, Saturday mornings from 11:00-11:50AM, and Saturday afternoon from 4:15-5:00PM. On MONDAY, MARCH 19TH, AT 7:00pm, WE WILL HAVE OUR Lenten Penance Service. There will be a brief Liturgy of the Word, followed by the opportunity for individual confession. We will have several Priests on hand to assist with confessions. Also, ON GOOD FRIDAY, FROM 1:30-3:00, Bishop Hartmayer and the Priests of the Cathedral will hear confessions.

I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You may also want to check the schedules for confessions in the other parishes in the area. You may find a time that is more suitable for you.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
Today, approximately halfway through Lent, we celebrate Laetare ("Rejoice") Sunday. "Rejoice" is the first word of today’s entrance antiphon, and we rejoice because we know that the love God bears for us is stronger than any trials, hardships, or suffering we may endure, even death. We know that the sacrifice that we are building toward holds the greatest victory imaginable: our salvation.

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in Honor of Charles Butler’s 80th Birthday

Mass Intentions for the week of March 11, 2018

**SUNDAY**
Pro Populo
Frank Finocchiaro (Anni)
Poor Souls in Purgatory

**MONDAY**
Joseph Bodell Bergen (Anni)
Jonathon Merriman Kennedy

**TUESDAY**
Dr. Lois Castilian

**WEDNESDAY**
Joseph Sullivan

**THURSDAY**
Jonette Kennedy

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**
Sr. Mary E. Moore (Anni)
Bridget O’Neill (Anni)

Please Pray For: Ed Arbo, Dale Asbury, Juan Ayala, Odillo Blanco, Doris Boring, Vicky Buck, Heidi Carroll, Michael Cavanagh, Marjorie Connors, Joan Coules, Eileen and Bill Dunlop, Mary Dunn, Erin Dunning, Chris Fernandez, Robert Green, Catherine Joy Henning, Andy Hodgson, Matt Hunter, Charles James, Patricia Jarrell, David Kennedy, Denise LeMay, Fr. Lou Lindsay, Virginia Logan, Bates Lovett, Mark Mamalakis, Rose Marcantonio, Lee Marmarus, Hugh Markowsky, Gayle McGhee, Marcia Morgan, Mary Moriarty, Brian Murphy, Josephine Nasworthy, Patrick Nelligan, Joy Povec, Jeffrey Powell, Msgr. Peter Riani, Jerrie Ridgeway, Joel Rivera, Dr. Frank Rizza, Tima Sanders, Greg Smith, Fr. Jacek Szuster, Stephanie Venuto, Greg Waldhour, Bob Weiterman, Jan Wilson and Larson Zekas.
2nd Collection this Weekend!

We are taking up a collection for the Catholic Relief Services. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world.

Low Country Young Adults

The Low Country Catholics continues “Living the Eucharist” (livingtheEucharist.org) March 13 and 20 at 7:00 PM. Feel free to join us even if you haven't joined before! Contact the LCC on Facebook at Low Country Catholics (Savannah Catholic Young Adults) or email us at yamsavannah@gmail.com with inquiries about locations and materials.

Savannah Deanery Youth Oyster Roast

To be held at Camp Villa Marie on Sunday, March 25th from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Open for all high school students. Music, food and fun. For more information, please go to Savannahdeaneryyouth.com.

Friends of Cathedral Music presents:

TENEBRAE
A SERVICE OF SHADOWS
Featuring Allegri's Miserere
March 28 - 7:00 p.m.
Free Admission
All are Invited!

Social Apostolate
March Food Drive

Simply stated it takes one act of kindness to light a small flame to change the hearts of so many. For 50 years this has been the mission of the Social Apostolate and continues with the help of countless individuals who donate their time and talents as part of their faith journey. This mission brings hope and provides support in many ways to the working poor and the homeless here in our community. It is through the grace of God that we are here and it is in that grace we are given opportunities to serve those in need. March is the month for the Cathedral to “stock the pantry” at the Social Apostolate and with our help we can continue this mission together as one family.

Please place these needed items in the baskets at the church entry: Tuna, salmon, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jam/jelly, breakfast foods, canned ham, canned vegetables and soups.
**CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY**

Offertory March 4, 2018: $25,450.50
Offertory March 5, 2017: $24,163.00

**VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX**

Week Prior to March 4, 2018: $4,284
Week Prior to March 5, 2017: $4,323

---

**Children’s Religious Ed. Schedule**

Mar 11-CLASS - Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 18-CLASS - Prayer Assembly; 7th/8th Grade

**Save the Date!**

Our next parish covered dish supper will be **Wednesday, April 11, 2018**. Please make plan to join us! This will be the last supper until next fall! If you are new to the Cathedral, this is a wonderful chance to get to know some of your fellow parishioners.

---

**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](http://www.savannahcathedral.org). Thank you.

- New Parishioner [ ]
- Change of Address [ ]

**Name** ________________________________

**Address** ________________________________

________________________________________

**Telephone Number** ________________________________

**Email Address** ________________________________

To register online, go to [www.savannahcathedral.org](http://www.savannahcathedral.org)

---

**A Prayer for Living the Eucharist**

**Dear Jesus**

Help us to spread your presence everywhere we go.
Flood our souls with your spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly, that our lives may be only a radiance of yours.
Shine through us, and be so in us, that every person we come in contact with might feel your presence.
Let them look up and see no longer us, but only you!
Stay with us, and then we shall begin to shine as you shine; so to shine as a light to others.
The light, O Jesus, will be all from you; none of it will be ours; it will be you, shining on others through us.
Let us thus praise you in the way you love best by shining on those around us.
Amen.