**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

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**Faith Formation**

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<th>Children’s Religious Ed</th>
<th>Sunday 8:45 am to 9:50 am</th>
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**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
- **In Residence** - Rev. Pablo Migone
- **Permanant Deacon** - Rev. Dr. Dewain E. Smith
- **Socristan** - Lynne Everett, MD
- **Director of Religious Education** - Mrs. Janee Przybyl
- **Bookkeeper/Admin. Assistant** - Ms. Jan Cunningham
- **Office Assistant** - Mrs. Brenda Price
- **Director of Music** - Mr. McDowell Fogle, MM
- **Music Associate** - Erica Gillette
- **Maintenance** - Mr. Jimmy Joseph Sheehan III
- **Housekeeper/Food Services** - Ms. Alma Young
- **Docents** - Mrs. Peggy Baker, Mrs. Gloria Keane

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**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

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**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.

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**Hours:** Monday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
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**Cathedral Website:** www.savannahcathedral.org  
**Diocesan Website:** www.diosav.org  
**Cathedral Music:** sjbmusic.org
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

ENTRANCE SONG: Psalm 91
Adapt. Normand Gouin
Setting by Normand Gouin

ST. FLAVIAN
God answers us in our distress, delivers us from death. With length of days we have been blessed, freed by God’s saving pow’r.

PENITENTIAL ACT Mass in Honor of St. Ignatius Russell Weismann
Cantor, then All
Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison.

Cantor, then All
Kyrie, eleison.


COLLECT
All sit.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7
Missal, p. 81

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 51: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
E merci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-19
Missal, p. 82

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Missa Simplex Proulx
All stand

REFRAIN
Praise you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of end-less glo-ry!
Text © 1969, 1981, ICEL
Adapt. by Michael O’Connor, O.P.
Music © 2010, 2011, HLP

GOSPEL Matthew 4: 1-11
Missal, p. 83

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated, then all sit.

HOMILY

NICENE CREED All stand Missal, p. 99

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

The “Prayer for Vocations”, which concludes our prayer, is found on the back page of the red hymnal.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All sit.

PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

HYMN Draw Near, O Lord 557
MASS ORDINARY: Mass in Honor of St. Ignatius  
Music: Russell Weismann

COMMunion Song  Psalm 91

MARIAN ANTIPHON  Ave, Regina caelorum

All kneel.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Amen, amen, amen.

All stand.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

All kneel.

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Rector’s Corner

THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT

On Wednesday of this past week we were signed with ashes, a symbol of our mortality, and we heard the Prophet Joel, who proclaimed: “Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God. For gracious and merciful is He, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment.”

In Lent we become especially aware of our sin. We enter into the wilderness with Jesus the Lord and confront the power of temptation. We do not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Some things to keep in mind during this important season. I should be ready to increase my prayer during these days. How will I make time to pray more consistently? At home, in the car on the way to work, in visits to Church? I need to deny myself some pleasures as a reminder that I need to seek God, and his righteousness, above all things. A Lenten sacrifice is not just meant for children, but it is especially appropriate for us adults. What will I “give up” during this season? The rule of abstinence binds anyone 14 years of age and older, and it means not eating meat on the Fridays of Lent. The rule of fasting applies to anyone who is 18 years old until one’s 60th birthday. It means eating only one main meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and abstaining from meat. Keep in mind that fasting is a good thing and is recommended for everyone, no matter what one’s age. I need to increase my charity toward those in need. What offering(s) can I make during this Lent, and how can I arrange to be anonymous in making it? I should increase my charity during Lent.

By following a strategy of this sort, I can walk with Jesus through the desert of temptation and prepare myself to celebrate the great Solemnity of Easter and Resurrection to new life. I can experience the goodness of God, who is indeed gracious and kind, slow to anger, and full of compassion. May God bless you.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector

Almsgiving During Lent

The Feeding the Hungry Ministry has teamed up with America’s Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, Savannah’s food bank, to pack food boxes for low income families. The Cathedral team event is scheduled for Saturday, March 25th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Children 8 and over are welcome to join their parents for this event. If you are interested, please email pavercel@comcast.net to put your name on the list.
**New Members Coffee & Donuts!**

After the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses this Sunday, March 5th, we will welcome our new members at coffee and doughnuts in the Parish Hall. If you have joined the parish since October, you should have received an emailed invitation. If you have not, please call the office and ask to be put on the list. All new members and their families are welcome!

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**Lent’s twofold purpose is to prepare catechumens for their Baptism and to renew the faith of those who are already baptized by reminding them of their own baptismal call. Jesus’ sojourn in the desert can be a model for our Lenten observance. Let us begin this Lent with prayer and fasting, so that our faith may be renewed and our almsgiving sincere.**

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**Mass Intentions for the week of March 5, 2017**

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**Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during Lent after the Noon Mass
Social Apostolate March Food Drive
In 2016, there were 1,689 households/families that needed the food basket program at the Social Apostolate. Sister Julie and all of those working for the benefit of those less fortunate would like to express their gratitude to all that support their mission throughout the year. Because of the generosity of the Cathedral parishioners and others the grocery program costs the Social Apostolate almost nothing. This month it is our opportunity to provide for that program while working together to bridge the gap and instill hope for those who find themselves in need. Help us make a difference for local families through this wonderful opportunity during the Lenten season. Please place the needed item list that you will find in the bulletin in a familiar location to help remind you throughout the month of the food drive.

SVA Presents the $300 a Day Drawing
SVA Presents The $300 a Day Drawing! This is a daily drawing for a chance to win a $300 gift card each day for 15 days. Purchase any amount of tickets for $20 each. Daily drawings will take place February 23 – March 15. You can win multiple times because all tickets remain in the drawing pot! Order tickets by going to www.svaga.net and clicking on support us. Choose $300 a Day Raffle. All proceeds benefit scholarships at St. Vincent's Academy.

Bishop Robert Barron’s Untold Blessings Three Paths to Holiness
God calls each of us to become a saint, and he’s ready to support us along the way by providing abundant blessings. Join us as we seek these blessings by participating in Bishop Robert Barron’s 8 week DVD-based program: “Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness.” The first path is “Finding the Center in Christ;” the second is “Knowing You Are a Sinner” and then the third, “Realizing Your Life is Not About You.”
Every Tuesday beginning March 14th - May 2nd at 10:15 AM in the Parish Hall library. The program is free but a study guide can be purchased at http://untoldblessing.wordonfire.org/#purchase for $12.95. To find out more information, please contact threenovacks@gmail.com

Holy Hour for Vocations
A Holy Hour devoted to prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life will be held at St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church this Sunday, March 5 from 3:00-4:00 PM. Please try to attend this important event. For further information, contact Gretchen Reese, 658-3848. Another such Holy Hour is planned for May.

What is Financial Peace University?
FPU is a 9-week life-changing program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and experience a total money makeover. It meets one night a week for one and half hours. FPU is an important step to changing your financial future.
Who is FPU for? It’s for EVERYONE! Whether you are living paycheck to paycheck or want to make your money work better for you, FPU provides Biblically based common sense education and empowerment which gives HOPE to everyone from the financially secure to the financially distressed. It is not just for those who are in debt.
What do I get with my FPU Membership? Your lifetime membership comes with a FPU kit for your entire family. You will receive a workbook, all the lessons have on line access, a starter envelope system, a copy of Dave Ramseys' book Financial Peace, and digital budgeting tools. The best part is that you will have support and fellowship with people that share your goals.
Classes will be on Sundays and begin March 19 through May 14th from 7-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. The class is free and your membership costs $93.00 plus shipping. Go to https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1038905 to order your kit. More info, contact Julie or Jim Phillips: julie.phillips.fpu@gmail.com.
Cathedral Christmas 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.

**Children’s Religious Ed. Schedule**

Mar 5 - CLASS

Mar 12 - CLASS  Daylight Savings Time Begins

**Virtus**

A Virtus Training Session has been scheduled at the Cathedral on Saturday morning, March 25th from 9:00-12:00 PM due to the demand we have seen. Virtus is required for anyone in a position that has any interplay with children, but it is a valuable learning experience for all adults. It is free and open to all – and we will provide coffee and doughnuts. Please call the church office at 912-233-4709 to reserve your space.

**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.

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**Form**

Name _____________________________
Address ___________________________
Telephone Number __________________
Email Address _____________________

To register online, go to www.savannahcathedral.org

**Lenten Prayer Opportunity**

It’s not too late to sign up for the 40 Days for Life Campaign. Cathedral is scheduled for Thursdays from 7 AM to noon at the Savannah Medical Clinic on 34th Street. Sign up to come out sometime (even 15 or 20 minutes) on Thursday mornings to pray for the protection of God’s gift of life. If you can’t come on a Thursday, please consider another day or sign up to pray and fast at home! Signup sheets are in the back of the church. Fill one out and give it to an usher or docent, or call Gretchen Reese, at 658-3848.

**Bishop’s Annual Appeal 2017**

Please consider giving to this worthy cause!

You should have received a letter and pledge card from Bishop Hartmayer last month regarding the 2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. The BAA supports our Catholic Schools and the education of our future priest and deacons. The BAA supports ministries that change lives for the better. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others.

Your sacrificial gift and prayers will help make this year’s appeal a success. Please prayerfully consider your gift this year. We want to show our support of the diocesan family by exceeding our goal of $114,459 this year (or by continuing to exceed our goal as we have in past years).