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: 10:00 am Mass 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 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 - Very Rev. Daniel F. Firmin, JCL, VG
Sacristan - Lynne Everett, MD
Director of Religious Education - Mrs. Janee Przybyl
Bookkeeper/Admin. Assistant - Ms. Jan Cunningham
Office Assistant - Mrs. Brenda Price
Music Director - Mr. McDowell Fogle, MM
Cantor - Jillian Pashke Durant, Rebecca Flaherty
Maintenance - Mr. Jimmy Joseph Sheehan III
Housekeeper/Food Services - Ms. Alma Young
Docents - Mrs. Peggy Baker, Mrs. Gloria Keane

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Within you will, O Lord, all things are established, and
there is none that can resist your will. Esth. 4:17

Hymn: Praise to the Lord 944

+ LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING
Habakkuk 1:2,3; 2:2-4
Missal, p. 75

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Psalm 95: 1-9

SECOND READING:
1 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13,14
Missal, p. 76

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
All stand.

REFRAIN

GOSPEL
Luke 17: 5-10
Missal, p. 77

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated, then all sit.

HOMILY

NICENE CREED All stand. Missal, p. 104

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS
5:30/11:30: God, Beyond All Names (Solo)

CHORAL ANTHEM (10AM): God Beyond All Names

God, beyond our dreams, you have stirred in us a memory, you have placed your powerful spirit in the hearts of humankind. All around us, we have known you; all creation lives to hold you, in our living and our dying we are bringing you to birth. God, beyond all names, you have made us in your image, we are like you, we reflect you, we are woman, we are man. God, beyond all words, all creation tells your story, you have shaken with our laughter, you have trembled with our tears. God, beyond all time, you are laboring within us; we are moving, we are changing, in your spirit ever new. God of tender care, you have cradled us in goodness, you have mothered us in wholeness, you have loved us into birth.

Text and Music: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

The Lord’s Prayer

LAMB OF GOD

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice. 1 Cor 10:17

COMMUNION HYMN

MARIAN ANTIPHON

Salve Regina

Music Notes: God Beyond All Names

Bernadette Farrell (born 1957), the composer of today’s anthem, is a British Catholic hymn-writer whose works have gained popularity among Christians of a variety of denominations. She has composed hymns alone and with her husband Owen Alstott. Today’s anthem (God Beyond All Names) is composed in a haunting, contemporary style that perfectly expresses the mystery of God’s love and the work of salvation active in the world today.

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Rector’s Corner

Cathedral Heritage Endowment Appeal

The Cathedral Heritage Endowment Fund is most important to the future of our beautiful Cathedral. The contributions to the fund that you have made are building an endowment which will provide funding for future repairs and preservation. We are currently conducting an appeal for the endowment fund. If you are a registered member of the Cathedral parish, or if you have been a donor to the Heritage Endowment Fund in the past, you should have received a letter and a contribution card in the mail. Already, many of our parishioners have responded. I’m asking you to take some time this week to consider what you might be able to contribute to the Cathedral Heritage Endowment Fund. No gift is too small and no gift is unappreciated.

As I look at our Cathedral, I often ask myself, “How did they do it? How did those faithful Catholics of Savannah make the sacrifices to find the funding to build and rebuild such a magnificent Church?” Obviously, they did it by faith and by a passion to make a statement about the Catholic faith in the city of Savannah. Our Cathedral is in itself a great tool of evangelization. It is amazing to see the awe and wonder in the eyes of visitors who enter the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. Monsignor T. James McNamara, our former Rector, was often quoted as saying that every significant event in his life (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and Ordination to the Priesthood) happened in the Cathedral, and that the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist is “the barometer of Catholic prestige in Savannah.”

As fortunate as I have been, and you have been, to be able to worship in such a grand Church, we must do what we can to hand on this Cathedral to future generations of Catholics and visitors to Savannah. Become a part of the Cathedral Heritage Preservation Society and make a donation today to the Cathedral Heritage Endowment Fund. I thank you for the sacrifices that you are making and for your generosity to the Cathedral.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
**We live in times when we see the first reading’s lament about misery, violence, and destruction in the newspaper every day. How can we get through it all? Faith has to be the answer for us. We all know people who say that it was their faith that carried them in their darkest hour. Perhaps our prayer today can be that it will be the same for us.**

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**Columbus Day Mass**

All people of Italian descent are invited to attend the 10:00 AM Mass this Sunday October 9th at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist to honor Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, who brought Christianity to the New World. We will celebrate our Italian ancestors, who came to America in pursuit of freedom and opportunity, strengthened by their faith, which helped them endure hardship and adversity. Join together with Italian families from throughout the Savannah area in this special celebration that remembers the struggles and triumphs of our forebears in helping to build this great nation, and salutes the vibrant cultural heritage of Italian Americans.

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**Mass Intentions for the week of October 2, 2016**

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Respect Life Ministry Events

October 2, 2016 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Opportunities are many this Fall for parishioners to witness for Life in Savannah. Here are three upcoming events:

1. October is Respect Life Month. The annual LIFE CHAIN will be held this Sunday, October 2nd from 2:30 to 3:30 PM. Our church and many churches in the Savannah area will line both sides of Abercorn Extension in silent, prayerful witness for the unborn. We will stand outside of Best Buy across the street from Office Depot.

2. The 40 Days for Life Campaign from September 28 through November 6, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. 40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in carrying out His plan for children and families. It takes a peaceful approach to ending abortion in our city by emphasizing prayer, fasting, vigil and outreach. For more information, or to sign up to participate, go to https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/savannah/

3. There will be a rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday, October 15th at Noon on 34th Street. This is our annual Rosary Procession with emphasis on Prayer for Families, Life, Marriage and Religious Freedom. All are welcome! Contact Gretchen at 912-658-3848 for more information.

Social Apostolate Golf Tournament

St. Vincent’s Academy is proud to announce our Annual Tour of Homes and Tea on Saturday, October 15, 2015 to benefit the preservation of the 1845 Convent of St. Vincent de Paul. The tour will be held from 10:00am - 4:00pm and will include a delightful self-guided tour of six homes in Savannah's Historic District, along with the original 1845 Convent building at St. Vincent’s. Certainly, the centerpiece of the tour is the elegant tea which will be served on the grounds of the Convent from 10:00am - 3:00pm. St. Vincent’s Academy students will serve a delicate repast of tea, homemade confections and traditional tea sandwiches. The ticket cost is $45. For ticket information, please visit www.svatourofhomes.net or call 912-236-5505.

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Social Apostolate Golf Tournament

The 16th annual Social Apostolate Open Golf Tournament will be held on October 31, 2016 at 9:00 AM at the Palmetto Course at the Landings Club on Skidaway Island. If you are interested in playing in the tournament, sponsoring a hole or would like more information, please contact Kate Haase at 912-604-9669 or kthaze@mac.com. The golf tournament is the biggest fund raiser of the year for the Social Apostolate, an organization which focuses on employability, self-sufficiency and stability for Savannah’s poor, homeless, disabled and at-risk. In addition to providing employment support services the Social Apostolate provides approximately 17,000 meals annually, showers, transportation, prescription assistance, baby needs, groceries and hygiene items for families or individuals in crisis. Participation as a hole sponsor at levels from $150 to $1,000 or an amount of your choice and/or participation as a player in the tournament ($135 per player) will help provide essential services to those in need. Players can choose their own format – scramble or net 2 best balls. Forms to play or sponsor are available at www.socialapostolate.org.

Thank you! Once again our parishioners and supporters opened their hearts to come to the aid of the Social Apostolate and their urgent need to restock the food pantry. One of the larger food programs here in Savannah is no longer operating which is now placing an increased demand on the Social Apostolate and their food pantry program. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers for continued success.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory September 25, 2016: $16,720.50
Offertory September 27, 2015: $17,983.60

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to September 25, 2016: $4,403.00
Week Prior to September 27, 2015: $5,106.50

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

2016 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL
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Jan Cunningham in the Cathedral rectory is a Notary. Please call in advance to make arrangements if you are in need of a Notary for documents. (No fee.)

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 is a 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.

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 __________________________
Change of Address ________

New Parishioner ________

Address _______________________

Telephone Number _______________________

Email Address _______________________

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Some Interesting Groups to Join Here at the Cathedral

Book Club
The Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoyevsky: The Brothers Karamazov is considered to be one of the greatest novels in Western Literature. It is a passionate philosophical novel set in 19th century Russia, that enters deeply into the ethical debates of God, free will, and morality. It is a spiritual drama of moral struggles concerning faith, doubt, and reason, set against a modernizing Russia. Discussions start on October 13th in the Parish Hall Library from 10:15 to 12:00. For more information: threenovacks@gmail.com

Prayer Group
The request for prayers has increased a great deal and we need your help. Would you consider praying each day for a list of names you will receive each month? If so email sandersgks53@aol.com

Adult Enrichment Committee
Are you interested in helping choose, organize, market, or facilitate activities for the parish? We are hoping to offer different learning opportunities (speakers, bible studies, etc.) throughout the year and need your input. Please email threenovacks@gmail.com about our next meeting.

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