Cathedral Basilica of Saint John the Baptist

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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: Temporarily Closed

Sacraments
Baptisms  Arrangements should be made in advance.
Confessions  Fridays: 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Saturday: 11:00 to 11:45 am and 4:15 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.

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

Parish Staff
Rector - Very Rev. J. Gerard Schreck, JCD
Parochial Vicar - Fr. Andrew Larkin
In Residence - Msgr. William O’Neill, Rector Emeritus
In Residence - Rev. Tom Peyton
Permanent Deacon - Rev. Dr. Dewain E. Smith
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Mrs. Gloria Keane

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PRELUDE

Praeludium from *Suite for Organ and Violin, Op. 166*  
*Rheinberger*

INTROIT

*Justus es Domine*  
*Mode I*

*You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right;*  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love. *Psalm 118*

HYMN

OLD HUNDREDTH

1. All people that on earth do dwell,  
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
3. O enter then his gates with praise;  
4. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Without our aid he did us make;  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,  
We are his folk, he does us feed,  
Praise, laud, and bless his Name always,  
Praise Him above, you heav'n-ly host;

Come we before him, and rejoice;  
And for his sheep he does us take.  
For it is seemly so to do.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
PENITENTIAL ACT

Deacon, then all:


Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.

GLORIA

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to

peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.

Cantor/Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the
sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-It,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

READING I

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have
appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you
hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I
tell the wicked, “O wicked one, you shall surely die,”
and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from

his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will
hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the
wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he
refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt,
but you shall save yourself.

Ezekiel 33: 7–9
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; 
hail the rock who saves us. 
Let us come before him, giving thanks, 
with songs let us hail the Lord. 
Come in; let us bow and bend low; 
let us kneel before the God who made us, 
for he is our God and we the people who belong 
to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. 
O that today you would listen to his voice! 
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, 
as on that day at Massah in the desert 
when your fathers put me to the test; 
when they tried me, though they saw my work.”

READING II

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except 
to love one another; for the one who loves another has 
fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not 
commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; 
you shall not covet,” and whatever other 
commandment there may be, are summed up in this 
saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as 
yourself.” Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, 
love is the fulfillment of the law.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,

GOSPEL

Jesus said to his disciples: “If your brother sins against 
you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. 
If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others 
along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established 
on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he 
refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he 
refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as 
you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say 
to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound 
in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of 
you agree on earth about anything for which they are 
to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly 
Father. For where two or three are gathered together 
in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

HOMILY
CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. (rise)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Lord, hear our prayer.

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto You. Bless our Diocese of Savannah with many vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life. Give the men and women You call the light to understand Your gift and the love to follow always in the footsteps of Your priestly Son.

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

Canzone from Suite for Organ and Violin, Op. 166 Rheinberger
SANCTUS

Mass of Wisdom

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.

MYSTERIUM FIDEI

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

GREAT AMEN


AGNUS DEI  Cantor: Lamb of God,

1., 2. you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
3. you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Make vows unto the Lord your God, and accomplish them,
all you who gather around him to present offerings;
to the awesome God who takes away the life of princes;
he is greatly feared by all the kings of the earth. Psalm 75

COMMUNION

Allemande from *Suite for Organ and Violin, Op. 166*  
Rheinberger

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

1. I sing the might-y pow’r of God That made the moun-taIns rise,
That spread the flow-ing seas a-broad, And built the loft-y skies.
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
That formed cre-a-tion with a word, And then pro-nounced it good.

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how you won-ders are dis-played Wher-e’er I turn my eye;
The moon shines full at God’s com-mand I tread, Or gaze up-on the sky!

POSTLUDE

Festival Voluntary  
Peeters

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Sinisa Ciric, our guest violinist this morning.
Sinisa is the concertmaster for the Savannah Philharmonic
and director of the Strings Conservatory at Savannah Classical Academy.
He will be a featured performer on the October 18 Friends of Cathedral Music concert
celebrating the renovation and restoration of the Cathedral organ.

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Rector’s Corner

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2020

About one month ago, the Diocesan Office of Stewardship and Development resumed sending out weekly reports on the progress of donations for the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. When I saw the email and as I was opening the attachment which provided the spreadsheet, I wasn’t sure what I would see regarding the Cathedral. Because of the closure of parishes which began in March, I felt sure that contributions to the ACA had probably been put on pause. When the attachment opened I saw that the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist had already met and exceeded its goal for 2020!

Our goal for 2020 was $114,777. As of last week, our parishioners had given and pledged a total of $127,400, which represents 111% of our goal. Those generous contributions were made by 262 individuals and households, or about 27% of our registered members.

I want to express my thanks and my great admiration to all of you for your giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Despite the pandemic, with sacrifices being made by all, we have been able to support this most important appeal. That is also in keeping with our regular Offertory giving. We received approximately $114,000 from the Federal Payroll Protection Program which made it possible for us to make our monthly payroll, and pay our utilities for two months. But your regular giving, supplemented by a few substantial gifts, have made it possible for us to operate in our regular manner. All of that is a testament to your deep faith and your love for the Cathedral Basilica. Thank you, and God bless you all.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector
Each of us is our brother’s (and sister’s) keeper. Today we hear God calling us to be responsible for each other. No one should be left on their own to fail; we are called to pick each other up, to help each other out. This Labor Day weekend, when we honor all those who work to do the things that contribute to society, whether in a factory, on a farm, in an office, at home, or wherever it may be, let us resolve to work together in building the kingdom of God.

Mass Intentions for the week of September 6, 2020

SUNDAY
Pro Populo
Eleanor Griffin Ciucevich
Ellen M. Morgan
Poor Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY
Frances Helene Barbee
Terry Johnson

TUESDAY
John O’Neill (Anni)
Jack Stacy (Anni)

WEDNESDAY
Harvey Granger Jr.
Anna Chuc Nguyen

THURSDAY
John Thang Dang
Harvey Granger Jr. (Anni)

FRIDAY
Terry Johnson
Scott Peterson

SATURDAY
Terry Johnson
Anna Chuc Nguyen

Please Pray For: Ed Arbo, Nancy Bachner, Lola Bacon, Mabel Barba, Gerry and Maureen Bartlein, Randy Beckle, Wendy Beiner, Cynthia Blaschke, Steve Blaschke, Doris Boring, Mike Bowers, Bill Boyle, Aaron Shane Conner, Stephen Corcoran, Joan Coules, Donna Cox, Joan Devlin, Carlton Dowdy, Patrick Duffy, Eileen and Bill Dunlop, Mary Dunn, Erin Dunning, Chris Fernandez, Lance Gambrell, David Hampton, Ryan Helmes, Matt Hunter, Patricia Jarrell, Kathleen Kalagvano, James Krembs, Susan Spillane Lai, Lori Lancaster, William Leach, Virginia Logan, Lee Marmarus, Hugh Markowsky, Gayle McGhee, Dan Mobley, Brian Murphy, Cindy Doolan Murphy, Josephine Nasworthy, Jenna Nobles, USMC Derek Perez, Joy Povec, Jeffrey Powell, Tina Sanders, Tyler Smith, Jan Wilson, and Larson Zekas.

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are In Memory of Fr. Jeremiah McCarthy
RCIA Classes Begin This Week
Sign Up Now if Interested!

Classes will begin this Tuesday, September 8th, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. These 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.

We meet each Tuesday evening for one hour and the classes conclude with Easter 2021. 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 think you might be interested in attending RCIA classes this year, please contact Deacon Dewain Smith in the Church Office at 912-233-4709 for an appointment or come to the first class September 8th. We need your name, telephone number, and email address. There is still room for you in the 2020-2021 RCIA class.

Children’s Religious Education
Sign ups Next Weekend!

Attention Parents! The school year is about to begin. Registration will take place after 5:30 mass on Saturday, September 12th and 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 masses on Sunday, September 13th. Bring your child’s baptismal certificate if you are new to the Cathedral’s CRE program. In person classes begin on Sunday morning, September 27th at 8:45 in the parish center building. If you miss this registration, bring your child to the parish center on the first day of class for registration and enrollment. At registration and on the first day of school we will be handing out an information sheet regarding the precautions that will be used before and during class to comply with the CDC requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At registration I will also provide information on homeschooling as a means of providing your child’s religious education. The medical safety and religious foundation of our CRE students are very important to us. God bless us all.

Diocese of Savannah
High School Retreats

Diocese of Savannah will host a Young Men’s Retreat September 11 - 13th (check-in at 6:00PM) at Little Ocmulgee State Park. The Young Ladies Retreat will be October 23 - 25th (check-in at 6:00PM) at Camp Grace in Roberta, GA. Registration Fee is $100 (includes room and meals). For more information, or to register, please visit http://dioreg.org/register. Both facilities are working to keep our students safe at this time. For this reason, registration numbers are limited to ensure social distancing is possible.

From the Diocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry

The Office of Hispanic Ministry is pleased to announce that we are using a new way to evangelize and reach out to the Hispanic Community within the Diocese. We are using WhatsApp, a very popular application within the Hispanic Community that allows us to send text messages, videos, pictures, etc. Through WhatsApp, we will be sending daily reflections in Spanish. Also, once a week (Thursday), we will be sending Diocesan News. For more information, call Lidia at 912-201-4067.
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory Aug. 30, 2020: $15,196.28
Offertory Sept. 1, 2019: $17,119.50

New Parishioners and Address Changes
Anyone wishing to become a parishioner of the Cathedral Basilica can complete the following, cut out and drop it in the offertory collection basket. A census form will be mailed to you to be completed and mailed back. You can also let us know if your address has changed.

New Parishioner / Change of Address
Name ________________________________________
Address ______________________________________
___________________________________________
Telephone Number ___________________________

Cathedral Basilica Flowers and Evergreens
Cathedral Flowers and Evergreens offers sachets and potpourri bags created from dried florals and botanicals. “Autumn Harvest” is a rich blend of apples, oranges, and cinnamon in autumn colors. “Lavender Mist” is a calming blend of lavender and floral colors of purple and cream. Perfect as a gift for any occasion. Available for purchase at the docent desk and online at www.savannahcathedral.org.

Cathedral Basilica Ornaments
Cathedral Ornaments are available. You can purchase them at the back of the church or online at www.savannahcathedral.org.
Join Us for the 2020-2021 Season!

Noack & Friends
Sunday, October 18th, 5PM

Sinisa Ciric, Concertmaster, Savannah Philharmonic
Paul Lott, Principal Trumpet, Hilton Head Symphony
Jillian Durant, Voice teacher and Cathedral Soprano

The Cathedral’s director of music, Dr. Paul Thornock, is joined by three of Savannah’s most visible professional musicians in a celebratory concert featuring the restored Noack organ.

Social Distancing guidelines will limit capacity to 200 seats for this concert.

Baroque in the Basilica
Sunday, February 14th, 5PM

Celebrate Valentine’s Day with the sweet music of Bach, Handel, Vivaldi and others performed by the Cathedral Choral Scholars and Chamber Orchestra.

Tenebrae
Cathedral Choir
Wednesday, March 31st, 8PM

The Cathedral Choir sings the Tallis setting of the Lamentations of Jeremiah, penitential psalms, and other works for the Office of Tenebrae on this darkest of nights.

Christmas at the Cathedral
Cathedral Choir and Chamber Orchestra
Sunday, December 20th, 5PM

The Cathedral Choir and Chamber Orchestra present their annual program of music for Advent and Christmas.

A Sonic Spectacle
Sunday, January 17th, 5PM

The directors of music from Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church, St. John's Church, Christ Church, and the Cathedral are joined by the Cathedral Brass for an evening of music of heroic proportions!

Become a Friend of Cathedral Music

There’s never been a better time to join. To make your donation, please visit SAVANNAHCATHEDRAL.ORG/GIVE