



### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:30 pm  
SUNDAY 9 am & 11:30 am

Weekday Mass @ 8:00 am  
Wednesday-Friday in the Rectory

**FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**  
**UNITY MASS @ 10AM**

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**Most Sacred Heart Devotion**  
**@ 6:00pm**

**Christian Initiation:**  
**Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation**  
**and Holy Communion**

Preparation of each Sacrament is required. Baptisms are celebrated quarterly usually at 11:30 am Mass.

Adults seeking to receive the sacraments for the first time should contact the Pastor for further information.

#### BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday from 6-7 pm  
Healing Mass every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

#### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:25 pm and by appointment.

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Registration and participation prior to your wedding date is required. Arrangements should be made with the Priest before the wedding date is set; Instructions to begin at least four months before the wedding.



This training is required for Safe Environment Compliance for any adult who will come into contact with youth as part of their ministry and must be completed

before they begin ministry. Seating is limited, and you must pre-registration online to save your seat. To register, go to [www.diosav.org](http://www.diosav.org), and find the training listed on the Upcoming Events Calendar."

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## SUNDAY UNITY MASS

*September 2, 2018*

*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time,*  
*Year B*

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor  
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education  
Zachary Bailey, Parish Council Chairperson  
Franklin Williams, Finance Chairperson  
Shirley West, Administrative Secretary  
Bea Betworth, Accounts Secretary  
Bobbie McIver, Bldg / Maint. Mgr.  
Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Grounds Maintenance

#### Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m.

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**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day**

It's Labor Day weekend and a time traditionally associated with the beginning of a new school year. In that vein, let us pay attention to the lessons we are taught in today's readings. Jesus tries to teach the Pharisees and the scribes the importance of what we have in our hearts. He calls them hypocrites for concentrating on unclean hands instead of unclean hearts. Let us take this lesson to heart!

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 508.

*From Fr. Romanus:*

**Key point of today's Reflection**

**Clean hands or clean hearts?**

Which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean mind and heart?

The Scribes and Pharisees were upset with Jesus because he allowed his disciples to break with their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. They sent a delegation all the way from Jerusalem to Galilee to bring their accusation in a face-to-face confrontation with Jesus. Jesus dealt with their accusation by going to the heart of the matter - by looking at God's intention and purpose for the commandments. Sometimes in our religious practices, we tend to focus more on our religious obligations and rituals, instead of the purpose by which those religious obligations and rituals are made. For instance, we are obliged to attend Sunday Mass and to keep the days of obligation Holy. The question is, what is the purpose? The goal is to draw us into intimate relationship with God and to unite us with our Lord Jesus Christ. Consequently, when we are united with Christ, we begin to see and treat others with the eyes and heart of Christ. The goal is to conform our lives with that of Christ! The practice of attending Sunday Masses and keeping the days of obligation holy is not only good, but a commandment from God. However, the mere practices of these cannot lead us to heaven until we internalize the values and the spirit of such practices. Therefore, the goal of the religious practices and rituals is the transformation of our lives which brings about holiness of life!

**Your "Pineapple" for the week:**

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks".



August 25/26, 2018

Offertory	\$ 4486.00
Parish Bus	\$ 15.00

*"Thank you for your generosity"*



*In memory of Mrs. Wilhelmina Butler Chisholm on the 32nd anniversary of her passing. \*The Garvin and Chisholm families.*

*For the repose of the soul of my son, Wesley Martin Williams, on the anniversary of his passing. \*Vergie Williams.*

**TAKE TEN & CONNECT**

*With God & with others, your faith & daily life. Spend 10 minutes reflecting on God's Word.*

**Readings for This Weekend:**

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 You shall not add to what I command you...keep the commandments of the Lord. Psalm 15 "The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord." James 1:17-18, Be doers of the word. 21b-22, 27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, You disregard God's commandments 21-23 but cling to human tradition.*

**Readings for Next Weekend:**

*Isaiah 35:4-7a the ears of those who are deaf will be cleared; and the tongue of those who are mute will sing. Psalm 146 "Praise the Lord, my soul!" James 2:1-5 Did not God choose the poor to be heirs of the kingdom? Mark 7:31-37 He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.)*

**HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

*Mariah Bailey, Joe Battle, M. Marie Blue, Ida Branch, Carmen Broussard, Anne Chappell, Josefa Citizen, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, Anthony Hall, Annette Hall, Laura Harris, Jessica Jackson, Charlotte Jenkins, Clevon Johnson, Richard Mack, Margie McNeal, Janice Quinn, Albertha Smith, Margaret Weston, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tandra Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

*Michael Allen, Willie Potter & Family, Esther Jackson & Family, Jessie Owens & Family, Mildred Dogan & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Otis Smith. Kelly Berry, Dorothy Brown, Priscilla Brown, Narvia Williams.*

**FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**September Calendar**

*3 Mon. Memorial of St. Gregory the Great; Labor Day (U.S. and Canada)  
7 Fri. First Friday  
8 Sat. Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

## 2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The St. Benedict the Moor BAA Committee would like to remind everyone to please contribute towards our 2018 Campaign. Envelopes are available at the front of the Church. It is the request of Fr. Romanus that we use these envelopes to submit your donations here at the Church. This will ensure that St. Benedict the Moor of Savannah is properly credited for their donations. Let's continue to strive toward success and thank you for your support.

**THE DEFINITION OF "ACTIVE CATHOLIC"** for parish verification, required for Baptisms, Marriages, Catholic School attendance, etc., requires that a person must be registered, attend Mass regularly and involved in Time, Talent & Treasure (Stewardship.) Participation through parish offertory envelopes is one means of verification. To be considered an active, participating member of the parish, St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church takes into account a family's or individual's Mass attendance and ministry involvement. Since weekly offertory envelopes are the primary means of determining if parishioners are regularly attending Mass, we ask you to place your envelope in the collection basket each Sunday even if you cannot make a monetary contribution to show your attendance. Attendance at Mass is the most meaningful way we model and live our Catholic faith. We will then be aware of your continued participation and you will not be moved to inactive status.

### FAITH FORMATION

**RCIA:** Information for those interested in learning about the Catholic Faith. Contact Sharon Carson 912-656-0286.

**Knights of Columbus:** The KOC Council 10274 meet every third Monday at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. Contact Robert Locke for further information.

**LEGION OF MARY:** The Legion of Mary meet every Wednesday at 12:30pm in the Parish Hall.

**AMSP:** The Associate Ministry of St. Paul meet every 1st Tuesday at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

### COME AND LET US SING UNTO THE LORD!!!



Looking for new members to join the 9:00am Choir. Upcoming rehearsals will be announced soon. **PLEASE COME** and be a part of the St. Benedict Sunday Choir. If you would like to join the Choir, please Alicia Carter, Director at 912-398-8995 or Margy Betz @ 912-898-0626.



Please come & join us in asking the Virgin Mary's help as we pray the Rosary before each Mass. Through the Rosary, the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the

Mother of the Redeemer.



### UPCOMING VIRTUS CLASSES:

09/12/18 - St. James

09/22/18 - St. Benedict the Moor (9am-12noon)

Per Diocesan standards, no volunteer should begin ministry until VIRTUS training, Background Check and Code of Conduct are completed.

Online registration PRIOR to attendance is strongly encouraged and can be completed by going to the session listing on the Upcoming Events Calendar at [www.diosav.org](http://www.diosav.org).

### FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



Faith Formation for  
Children & Youth

Registration for Faith Formation classes begins after Mass this weekend. Fee is a bargain at \$5.00 for one child; 10.00 for two or more children. We have an exciting program planned for the year so please register your child/children! The program begins at a special time on Sunday, September 9th following the 11:30am Mass.

### OUR PARISH BIBLE STUDY

**Exciting News! A New Approach to our Parish weekly Bible Study!**



We are now using "Lectio Divina" method in our weekly bible study. **Lectio Divina** (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word. It treats scripture as the Living Word. In order to prepare ourselves spiritually for the Sunday Liturgy, we are studying the readings for the coming Sundays - we read the Sunday scriptural passages, meditate, pray and share the Word of God. Please join us at the Bible Study every Wednesday at 6pm in the Parish Hall! -Fr. Romanus.

### Offering Envelopes



If you are not using your numbered OFFERING envelopes for your Church contributions, please make sure that you write your envelope number on all your donations. This is very important in order for you to receive credit. Simply putting your name on the "Welcome" envelopes will not be sufficient! Please do your part!



**BABY SHOWER INVITE**

We're tickled blue and happy to say  
A beautiful baby boy is on his way!

Join us for a Baby Shower in honor of  
Ryan & Tasha Beke  
Sunday, September 16 at 2:00pm (until 5:00pm).  
St. Benedict's Parish Hall  
Please RSVP to Susan by September 16<sup>th</sup>  
330-322-6518

**LECTORS' SCHEDULE AUGUST - SEPTEMBER**

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**SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00AM UNITY MASS**  
**D. PERRY / T. UDOWANA**

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**SEPTEMBER**

<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>
<b>8-9</b>		
<b>D. Jackson</b>	<b>T. Garvin</b>	<b>S. Ingram</b>
<b>A. Perry</b>	<b>M. White</b>	<b>A. Broxton</b>
<b>15-16</b>		
<b>D. Jackson</b>	<b>R. Marshall</b>	<b>Faith Formation</b>
<b>Y. Williams</b>	<b>B. McGhee</b>	<b>Faith Formation</b>



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Knights of Columbus Council 10274 will have our business meeting on Monday September 17, 2018 beginning with our Social at 6pm. Thanks!

Knights of Columbus Council 10274 will be holding the annual "LET US COOK FOR YOU" Variety Dinner on Sunday September 30, 2018. Dinner tickets can be purchased from any Brother Knight. A portion of the proceeds will go to Deacon Peter for continued support in his studies. Please help us & thank you!

**SAVANNAH DEANERY YOUTH MASS**

**Savannah Deanery High School teens** are invited to a Youth Mass on September 23 at 5:00 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 2170 E. Victory Drive. It will be followed with dinner in Boland Hall. Come and bring a friend. All high school teens and Youth Leaders are welcome.

**ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL ALUMNI: 1960-1969**

All former students of St. Benedict the Moor School from 1960-1969 are asked to join us at the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, October 14, 2018. Contact Michael Chaney at 912-655-1856 for more information.

**ST. VINCENT'S ANNUAL TOUR OF HOMES & TEA**

Enjoy a tour of six exclusive homes in Savannah's Historic District, including the 1845 Convnet at St. Vincent's and an elegant tea. \$45/person.

Saturday, October 20, 2018. 10am – 4pm (Tour) and 11am – 3pm (Tea). Call 912-236-5505/www.svatourofhomes.net.

**JACKSONVILLE DAY TRIP**



The Traveling Moors will be taking a trip to the Orange Park Dog Races in Florida on Saturday, September 29, 2018. A full day is planned from Breakfast to dinner. Cost: \$70. Seats are still available! Tell your friends, relatives, and neighbors and let's make this a day we won't forget! See any Traveling Moor member if you have questions or pay your deposit at the Church office. More details will be coming!



O God hear our prayer  
and let our cry come to 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.  
Amen.

**OFFICE CLOSED: MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2018**



**HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY!**