



### 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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*September 9, 2018*  
*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time,*  
*Year B*

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor  
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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/Maintenance

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

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day



We come together today to worship God, who “makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

The readings we hear today describe the awesome power of God that transforms our lives and

the lives of others. As we worship today, let us take comfort in the hope we are afforded by the power of God, a God who can and will make all things well.

Today’s Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 510.

From Fr. Romanus:

Key point of today’s Reflection

**The transforming power of kindness and compassion:**

When Jesus healed the man who was deaf and dumb, the people’s response to this miracle testifies to Jesus’ great care for others: *He has done all things well. There is no problem or burden that is too much for Jesus’ careful consideration.* Note that Jesus called the man aside to save him from the embarrassment and ridicule of the crowd. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do we show kindness and compassion to our neighbors and do we treat them with considerateness as Jesus treats us?

**Your “Pineapple” for the week:**

“You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate” (Luke 6:36).



September 2, 2018 Unity Mass

Offertory	\$ 5793.00
Deanery Schools	\$ 277.00
Parish Bus	\$ 300.00

“Thank you for your generosity”

**FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**September Calendar**

- 12 Wed. Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary
- 13 Thu. Memorial of St. John Chrysostom
- 14 Fri. Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15 Sat. Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows



**9:00am:** For Fr. Romanus and al MSP Priests, as they continue their work in the Lord’s vineyard. \*AMSP.

In thanksgiving for God’s healing grace on Rosa L. Stewart. \*Emma J. Preer.

For God’s healing touch on Mariah Bailey as she continues to heal. \*S. West.

**TAKE TEN & CONNECT**

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

**Readings This 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.)

**Readings for Next Weekend:**

Isaiah 50:4c-9a I gave my back to those who beat me. Psalm 116 “I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.” James 2:14-18 Faith, if it does not have works, is dead. Mark 8:27-35 You are the Christ... the Son of Man must suffer greatly. the Lord Jesus.

**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, Susie Ingram, Jessica Jackson, Charlotte Jenkins, Clevon Johnson, Richard Mack, Margie McNeal, Evelyn Porter, 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.

**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.

*“Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God’s gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.”*

## CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2018



### ENLISTING WITNESSES FOR JESUS CHRIST

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 16, 2018. The 2018 theme will be "**Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ.**" Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

**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.



Sessions for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) candidates take place on Sundays following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All who are interested in receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation and/or are seeking full reception into the Catholic Church are invited to attend. Sessions will take place in the old school building located next to the rectory. We look forward to accompanying you on your journey of faith. \*RCIA Team.

### USHERS MINISTRY

#### USHERS' MEETING

An Ushers' meeting has been called for Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you – Rosetta Brown.

#### **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.



#### 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. New employees should be allotted a 60-day window to obtain the training.

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).

#### 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.



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

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization dedicated to living up to the Commandments of God and the Precepts of the Catholic Church. St. Benedict the Moor is associated with the Knights of Columbus, Council 10274. For more information about this ministry please contact our parish representative, Matthew Jenkins.

## OUR PARISH BIBLE STUDY

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



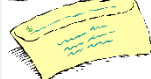
We are now using "Lectio Divina" method in our weekly bible study. *Lectio Divina* (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word. It treats scripture as the Living Word. In order 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.



*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.*

### 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!

## Lectors

### SEPTEMBER

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

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

All parishioners who are celebrating their birthdays or anniversaries are asked to contact Antoinette Hagans (912-234-4278), Alicia Carter (912-398-8995), or Wilma Brown (912-355-7634), to volunteer to participate in the planning of the October Unity reception.



St. Frances Cabrini in Savannah, GA is celebrating its 50th Golden Jubilee. Part of the celebration is a "Coming Home" as the parish honor parishioners who shared in Cabrini's "roots of faith" and helped grow the parish. The parish is looking for original members and their families to join in a Homecoming Mass on November 11, 2018, at 2:00 PM where the families will be honored - a reception will follow. If you remember St. Frances Cabrini, 11500 Middleground Road in Savannah, GA as part of your family's spiritual roots, please call at 912-925-4725 or send an email to [sfcc.office@cabrini-sav.org](mailto:sfcc.office@cabrini-sav.org) so an invitation can be sent to you.

## WHITE MASS



Please save the date of Wednesday, October 10th at 6:00pm for the White Mass at St. Mary's Chapel. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Gregory J.

Hartmayer, OFM Conv. A reception will follow in Boland Hall. Please encourage all men and women, religious and laypersons, that you know serving in any healthcare profession to attend this special Mass for recognition and blessings.

## THANK YOU

A God felt thanks to Fr. Romanus, Deacon Peter, and many parishioners for their outpouring of love, prayers and calls for my sister, Rosa L. Stewart while she was hospitalized after her fall and while she was in rehabilitation. – Emma J. Preer.

## ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION!

There will be a very important meeting for all Ministers of Communion on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 5:00pm in the Church. It is urgent that you attend this meeting and please be on time. Thank you for your cooperation. – Robert Porter/Helen Odums.