

MASS INTENTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours Week 1

SAT., NOV. 30	8:15AM	+MIKE KLEIN
	5:30PM	PARISHIONERS
SUN., DEC. 1	8:00AM	+WENDY MELHORN
	10:30AM	+GERTRUDE SPAEDER
MON., DEC. 2	8:15AM	+DR. MICHAEL HEEG
TUES., DEC. 3	8:15AM	+BOB MCCOOEY
	6:00PM	+PEGGY O'BRIEN
WED., DEC. 4	8:15AM	+GEORGE PUTNAM
THURS., DEC. 5	8:15AM	+MARTIN VEATER
FRI., DEC. 6	8:15AM	+PEGGY O'BRIEN
SAT., DEC. 7	8:15AM	+MARTIN VEATER
	5:30PM	+RUTH HOLMES
SUN., DEC. 8	8:00AM	OLSEN FAMILY
	10:30AM	PARISHIONERS



Mario Artesiano, TSB, Lois Baker, Gail Blanda, Craig Bolint, Tommye Cashin, Sal Cenicola,

H.C., Patti Cundiff, Mark Davis, **Barbara DeRatto**, John Fedak, Mary Ann Ferguson, Rebecca Gaylor, Jacqueline Grady, Keith Griffin, John Grimsley, Fred Hegeman, Cheryl & Larry Hutchinson, Bill Kelso, Mark Kelso, Timothy Kite, Ben Koreski, Kathleen Koreski, H.L., Nancy Moore, Nina & Ralph Murphy, Ed Nickey, **George Nies**, Fran Owen, John Parkins, Mary Ellen Parkins, Frank Paul, Nell Pidgeon, MJR, Patricia Reilly, A.J. Salimando, Gordy Seaman, Douglas Seaman, Richard Sedlacek, Michael Smith, Mike Stefanik, Keith Stocker, Richard Webb, Richard Williams, Kay Willis, Richard Wineman, Charlie Yodor and our service men and women.

Help us keep our above prayer list current. You may add a name to the list by calling the church office at 638-2647 or e-mailing us at stwilliamschurch@comcast.net.

St. William Prayer Line is a group of people who pray daily for the intentions received from voice mails left at 638-4287 or by email at stwilliamsprayerline@gmail.com.

PRAYER SHAWLS/LAP RUGS by Sew & So are available in the office for shut-ins or anyone needing some comfort from the cold. We have approximately 25 of all shapes, sizes and colors. Call the office if you need one!

December 7, 6:30pm Parish Pot Luck for ALL parishioners. Dishes may be dropped off before Mass and will be kept warm. Bring a dish, and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners!

"If you fell down yesterday, stand up today."
- H. G. Wells

Offertory Stewardship

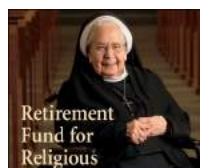
NOVEMBER 24, 2019 - \$8,005.00 (NOVEMBER 25, 2018 - \$7,864.00)
PARISHIONER ENVELOPES/CHECKS - 214
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - \$20.00
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - \$2,091.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO DATE
Goal - \$2,162,000 Received - \$2,023,791

MONSIGNOR JOHN A. KENNEALLY SCHOLARSHIP FUND - \$44,536

Thank you, Parish Family!

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.



Our second collection next weekend is for the **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**. A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart - seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Many senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years for little to no pay. Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your support helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Advent Communal Penance Service will be on Thursday, December 5, at 7pm. St. Francis Xavier Church will have their service on Wednesday, December 4, at 7pm.

PRIMETIMERS will be dining out on Thursday, December 5, at 11:30am at Coastal Kitchen. Please make your reservation through Janice Capano, 770-500-5468 by Monday, December 2.



Join St. William's Families in Fellowship in the Parish Hall for a dessert bar and game night! Bring a dessert to share and your favorite game. Friday, December 6 at 7pm, Everyone is welcome!

ST. NICHOLAS will visit St. William with stories to tell, crafts to make and treats to eat on December 8 at 9:30am in the Parish Hall. Everyone of all ages is very welcome to attend.



The Angel Tree is up and filled with Angels to fly. Please take an Angel, wrap requested item, SECURELY TAPE Angel to the package and return the gift under the tree. ALL gifts need to be turned in NO LATER than Monday, December 16. Please call Nancy at (912) 638-2651 or (912) 638-1530 with questions.

FOOD DRIVE - Beginning November 17 thru December 15 our Religious Education programs, CREED and Youth Group, will be collecting for non-perishables for local food pantries/banks such as St. Vincent de Paul, Sparrows Nest, Second Harvest, etc. Please bring your non-perishables to the church during this time and leave them in the collection box in the back of the church.

C.RE.ED is looking for a first grade teacher and substitutes. Please call the RE office if you can help.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUN., DEC. 1
8am & 10:30am Masses

1st Sunday of Advent

9am - Coffee & Doughnuts

9am - Adult Ed. Study

9am - CReeD

10:30am - Rite of Acceptance/ Welcoming

11:30am - RCIA

11:30am - Gospel Portrayal Practice

2pm - CCW Family Card-Making Party

4pm - Confirmation Class

5pm - Youth Group

6:30pm - Sea Scouts

8:15am - Daily Mass

7pm - Karate

MON., DEC. 2
8:15am Mass

TUES., DEC. 3
8:15am & 6pm Masses

WED., DEC. 4
8:15am Mass

THURS., DEC. 5
8:15am Mass

FRI., DEC. 6
8:15am Mass

SAT., DEC. 7
8:15am & 5:30pm Masses

SUN., DEC. 8
8am & 10:30am Masses

2nd Sunday of Advent

Religious Retirement Collection

9am - Adult Ed. Study

9am - CReeD

9:30am - St. Nicholas

11:30am - RCIA

11:30am - Gospel Portrayal Practice

2pm - CCW Family Card-Making Party

Coffee & Doughnuts

While we work to get a full schedule going, Coffee & Doughnuts will be offered only after the 8am Mass on December 1 and 15.

If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, please call Lauren Bailey at 222-7755.

***Save the Date - January 26, 2020**
Wines of the World & Coastal Cuisine*

CCW FAMILY CHRISTMAS CARD-MAKING PARTY! WE NEED YOUR HELP MAKING CHRISTMAS CARDS! We will be organizing materials to make Christmas cards on Wednesday, December 4, 2pm-4pm. The Christmas card-making party will be Sunday, December 8, from 2-4pm. Contact Joyce Callahan (dawg3215@gmail.com) if you have questions about or can help with any event!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

First Sunday of Advent - December 1, 2019



Today we begin the beautiful season of Advent. It is a season meant for preparation. For what exactly are we preparing? Two things: the celebration of our Savior's birth and the anticipation of His second coming. These are weighty tasks with eternal consequences. So, let us stewards make the words of the Prophet Isaiah our motto for the season: "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways and we may walk in his paths."

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, it seems everywhere we turn we are pushed to do more to create a "perfect" Christmas day. But the Church's guidance to use these weeks to focus on our spiritual lives can indeed seem like a mountain-climb.

The intentional use of the gift of time is what the Christian steward is called to do and with even greater intensity during Advent. How can we use our time to prepare for Jesus' birth on December 25 and for His second coming at a date we do not know? We can push back against the world's pressure to have the "perfect Christmas." Scale back on materialism so we have more time for spiritual preparations: Confession, weekday Mass, adoration, family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, acts of kindness.

In the end we will be prepared to celebrate a truly meaningful Christmas, be-come more like our Savior and be ready for Him to come again.

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CALLING ALL ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS! Children grades Pre-K through 5 are invited to be a part of the live portrayal of the Gospel at the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass. Practices will be on Sundays after 10:30 Mass and Wednesdays at 5:45PM, and will begin Sunday, December 1. It is not necessary that all practices be attended. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to take part in Mass and embrace the Reason for the Season. If interested, please contact Terri Mikowski (912)223-0293 or fishssi@comcast.net.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL NEWS

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Christmas Concert will be held on December 5 from 6:00 - 8:00pm at St. Francis Xavier Church. All are welcome.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Pre-Register for Your GRACE Scholars 2020 Tax Credit Before December 15, 2019. Time is running out, and we are only half-way to meeting our goal of \$60,000. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of children by providing financial assistance for them to attend our school. Your contributions qualify for a 100% credit against Georgia income taxes. Visit www.gracescholars.org, and click on the PRE-REGISTER NOW button on the home page. For more information, contact Frank Ferra (parent of two St Francis Xavier Catholic School students) fferra28@yahoo.com, 912-466-9228.

ABUSE HOTLINE NUMBER - To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number at 888-357-5330 or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection.



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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
"We, the community of St. William's Parish, St. Simons Island, led by the power of the Holy Spirit, are committed to serving God and our brothers and sisters in Christ by living the message of the Gospel. We believe we are called to share our time, talents and our material gifts as an outward sign of the Treasure we hold in Jesus."

Mass Schedule
Weekdays: Monday - Saturday at 8:15 a.m., Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Saturday Vigil at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday from 9 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in chapel.

Reconciliation
Saturdays from 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. or by appointment.

Rosary
Monday - Saturday at 7:50 a.m. & after Mass.
Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

The Grotto Religious Goods Shop
Open after weekend Masses. Call the office during the week.

Baptism
Parents are to be registered and attend preparation class. (Second Tuesday at 6 p.m. Call 638-2651 to reserve.)

Marriage
Arrangements should be made six months in advance.

Creed Classes - Sundays, 9 - 10:15am.
Children's Liturgy - Sundays during 10:30am Mass.

RCIA - Mondays at 6pm, September - Easter.

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| Permanent Deacon
Dcn. George Ruehling (H - 638-9038) | Adoration
Georgia Ann Markley - 638-6381
Larry Lynch - 638-0148 | Manna House
Cecil Clontz - 638-4782 |
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Norma McIntyre - 279-0526 |
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| Parish Council
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