

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Liturgy of the Hours Week I

SAT., DEC. 14	8:15AM	+LARRY D'AMICO
	5:30PM	+MARY RATH
SUN., DEC. 15	8:00AM	PARISHIONERS
	10:30AM	+LARRY D'AMICO
MON., DEC. 16	8:15AM	+MIKE KLEINE
TUES., DEC. 17	8:15AM	+PEGGY O'BRIEN
	6:00PM	+LEN SUSALLA
WED., DEC. 18	8:15AM	+GEORGE H. METZ
THURS., DEC. 19	8:15AM	+PEGGY O'BRIEN
FRI., DEC. 20	8:15AM	+RICK ROUSSELOT
SAT., DEC. 21	8:15AM	+ANN MCCANN
	5:30PM	+JOYCE O'HAGAN
SUN., DEC. 22	8:00AM	PARISHIONERS
	10:30AM	+THERESA KENNEALLY



Mario Artesiano, TSB, Lois Baker, Gail Blanda, Tommye Cashin, Sal Cenicola, H.C., Charlie, Patti Cundiff, Mark Davis, Barbara DeRatto, John Fedak, Rebecca Gaylor, Jacqueline Grady, Keith Griffin, John Grimsley, Fred Hegeman, Cheryl & Larry Hutchinson, Bill Kelso, Mark Kelso, Timothy Kite, Bernie Korch, Ben Koreski, Kathleen Koreski, H.L., Lucy Loehle, Anna Grace Mallon, Nancy Moore, Nina & Ralph Murphy, Ed Nickey, George Nies, Fran Owen, John Parkins, Frank Paul, Nell Pidgeon, Bobby Powell, MJR, Patricia Reilly, A.J. Salimando, Gordy Seaman, Douglas Seaman, Richard Sedlacek, Michael Smith, Mike Stefanik, Keith Stocker, 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](mailto: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](mailto:stwilliamsprayerline@gmail.com).

### Christmas & Holy Day Mass Schedule



Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00pm  
 Christmas Eve Mass at 7:30pm  
 Midnight Mass, Carols at 11:30pm  
 Christmas Day Mass at 9am

December 31  
 Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass at 6pm  
 January 1 Mary, Mother of God Mass at 9am

"Joy is a state of mind and an orientation of the heart. It is a settled state of contentment, confidence and hope." ~Theopedia

## Offertory Stewardship

DECEMBER 8, 2019 - \$9,435.64 (DECEMBER 9, 2018 - \$10,392.00)  
 PARISHIONER ENVELOPES/CHECK S— 263  
 CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - \$34.00  
 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - \$4,102.50  
 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO DATE  
 Goal - \$2,162,000 Received - \$2,026,464

MONSIGNOR JOHN A. KENNEALLY SCHOLARSHIP FUND - \$44,636

Thank you, Parish Family!

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.



Hand Bell Choir Open House!  
 Join our Ding-a-Lings for an informal Christmas ring on Thursday, December 19, at 7:15pm in Room 8 of the Parish Hall. Cookies will follow!



There will not be Adoration on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. It will resume on January 7.

The **NURSES LUNCH BUNCH** will meet at The Public House Restaurant at Sea Palms on December 19, at noon. Please call 912-222-1771 by Tuesday December 17, to reserve a spot. Feel free to invite a colleague. No work, just play!



**TWIN PARISH NEWS** - Helping Hugs Inc. is preparing to send our Medical Mission Team to Haiti this February. The team will need 10 medium sized suitcases to transport equipment. The bags must have rollers, must weigh less than 10 pounds and be no more than 62 overall inches (add length plus width plus depth). If you have one you can donate, please call Sandra Hochwald at 912-638-3143, for pickup. The suitcases are needed by January 15. Thank you.



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.

**STWILL.NET** - Have you been to our Parish website lately? There are several "Tabs" across the top for easy access to helpful information.

**WELCOME MINISTERIES & DEVOTIONS VIRTUS SACRAMENTS FAITH FORMATION PARISH LIFE BLOG DAILY MEDITATION**

Did you know that the MINISTRY SCHEDULE is "live". As it is updated in the office, you can see it updated on the website.

Go to: [Stwill.net](http://Stwill.net) >Ministries & Devotions > Ministry Schedule, and click on the link next to the arrow and you will see the current schedule for a 2-month period of time.

Available positions will say "Volunteer Now." Those dates that have passed are greyed out, the positions that are **still available** are in **green** with a light green circle around them. If you would like to volunteer for the open positions, please contact the office either by email at [stwilliamschurch@comcast.net](mailto:stwilliamschurch@comcast.net) or call 638-2647, and we can add you into the position in real time.

### ABUSE HOTLINE NUMBER

To report sexual abuse of a minor at a Diocese of Savannah Church, School or sponsored event, call the abuse hotline at 1-888-357-5330.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUN., DEC. 15

8am & 10:30am Masses

3rd Sunday of Advent

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

9am - Adult Ed. Study  
 9am - CReeD  
 9am - Coffee & Doughnuts  
 11:30am - RCIA  
 11:30am - Gospel Portrayal Practice  
 5pm - Youth Group Progressive Dinner  
 6:30pm - Sea Scouts  
 9am - Manna House  
 7pm - Karate

MON., DEC. 16

8:15am Mass

TUES., DEC. 17

8:15am & 6pm Masses

9am - Adoration  
 10am - Tuesday Women's Discussion  
 11:30am - Women's Discussion Group Luncheon

WED., DEC. 18

8:15am Mass

THURS., DEC. 19

8:15am Mass

FRI., DEC. 20

SAT., DEC. 21

8:15am & 5:30pm Masses

SUN., DEC. 23

8am & 10:30am Masses

1pm - Rosary for Peace  
 9am - Sew & So  
 5:45pm - Gospel Portrayal Practice  
 7pm - Choir Practice  
 7pm - Hand Bell Rehearsal

7:15am - Ding-a-Ling Open House

8:15am Daily Mass

10am - Karate

4:30pm - Reconciliation

4th Sunday of Advent

9am - Adult Ed. Study

11:30am - Gospel Portrayal Practice

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS - YOUTH GROUP



Pictured: Youth Group members at Magnolia Manor.

**December 15** - Progressive Dinner (5-8pm). Youth ONLY. Meet at the church NO LATER than 5pm. Trolley leaves at 5:05pm. First home is appetizers; second is entrée; third is dessert and white Elephant gift exchange. Pick up

is at 8pm at the church.

**January 5** - No Confirmation class or youth group

**January 20** - Confirmation class at 4-5pm, Youth Group at 5-6pm.

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



The Vocation Office will sponsor a discernment retreat "Come Follow Me" for men ages 18 to 40 from Friday, December 20, at noon to Saturday, December 21, at 2pm at Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge in Helena, GA. Please register at [www.diosav.org/vocations/retreat](http://www.diosav.org/vocations/retreat).

There is no cost for the retreat.

**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!

**CALLING ALL ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS!** Practices for the live portrayal of the Gospel at the 5pm Christmas Eve vigil are on Sundays after 10:30 Mass and Wednesdays at 5:45PM. All children grades Pre-K through 5 are invited to participate. It is not necessary that all practices be attended. If interested, please contact Terri Mikowski (912)223-0293 or [fishsi@comcast.net](mailto:fishsi@comcast.net).

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

### Third Sunday of Advent - December 15, 2019



Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb, and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.

Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith we know this day is coming. Let us grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord... Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."

This is excellent advice for Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas, when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life.

In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain.

We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.

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

### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL NEWS



**CONGRATULATIONS!** The St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Quiz Bowl team won the PAGE Academic Bowl Regional Championship and will be competing in the state championship January 25 in Milledgeville, GA. Team members - Anastasia Barr, David Thompson, Caleb Rowell, Jack Hunt, Daniel McHugh, Alejandro Santini, and George Jamieson.

### ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Hartmayer, OFM Conv., invites all couples celebrating 25 years (1995) or 50 years (1970) of marriage in 2020 to the annual Gold & Silver Jubilee Anniversary Mass on February 23, at 11:30am at the Cathedral. If you wish to attend, contact [www.diosav.org/gold-and-silver](http://www.diosav.org/gold-and-silver) or (912)201-4068 by December 21.

Flower names are due in the office by Monday, December 16, in order for them to be in the bulletin.

**FOOD DRIVE** - Our CReeD and Youth Group programs will continue to collect non-perishables for local food pantries/banks such as St. Vincent de Paul, Sparrows Nest, Second Harvest, etc. until December 15. Please bring your non-perishables to the church during this time and leave them in the collection box in the back of the church.



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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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| <b>Permanent Deacon</b><br>Dcn. George Ruehling (H - 638-9038)   | <b>Adoration</b><br>Georgia Ann Markley - 638-6381<br>Larry Lynch - 638-0148 | <b>Manna House</b><br>Cecil Clontz - 638-4782   |
| <b>Office Manager M-T: 8:30-4 Fri: 8:30-1 pm</b><br>Jan Roberts - 638-2647 (H - 638-7660)                              | <b>Altar Servers</b><br>Mike Cherne - 223-9048                               | <b>Marian Movement of Priests</b><br>First Saturday Devotion<br>Norma McIntyre - 279-0526 |
| <b>Administrative Specialist</b><br>Stacey Bristol - 638-2647  | <b>Bereavement</b><br>Camille Penders - 638-8595                             | <b>Martial Arts - Jim Keane - 638-0763</b>  |
| <b>Religious Education Coordinator</b><br>Nancy Power - 638-2651   | <b>Bloomers</b><br>Therese Raimondo - 230-7313                               | <b>Men's Group</b><br>Tom McIntyre - 279-0526, 996-8752                                   |
| <b>Music Minister</b><br>Kate Hamer - 634-5040   | <b>Council of Catholic Women</b><br>Sue Amiano - 638-5274                    | <b>Outreach Ministries</b><br>Bill Horn - 638-4538  |
| <b>Parish Engineer</b><br>Jim Spaeder - 399-7145   | <b>Facilities Planning</b><br>Ann McCann - 638-7686                          | <b>Right to Life</b><br>Wiltz Bernard - 230-2404  |
| <b>Parish Council</b><br>Burt Davitte - 269-0756, 638-6000   | <b>Helping Hugs, Inc. (Haiti Mission)</b><br>Bob Hochwald - 638-3143         | <b>St. Vincent de Paul Society - 262-6027</b><br>Maureen Horn - 638-4538                  |
| <b>Finance Committee</b><br>Fred Zeh - 638-8545  | <b>Hospitality</b><br>Sue Kilchenstein - 634-2811                            | <b>Secular Franciscan Order</b><br>Larry Lynch - 638-0148                                 |
| <b>Sacristan &amp; Grotto Religious Goods</b><br>Eucharistic Minister & Lector Trainer<br>Barbara Pelletier - 638-2957 |  | <b>Tuesday Women's Discussion</b><br>Valerie Kehoe - 638-3919                             |
|  |  | <b>Head Usher</b><br>George Nies - 638-1991   |