

MASS INTENTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours Week I

SAT., DEC. 21	8:15AM	+ANN MCCANN
	5:30PM	+JOYCE O'HAGAN
SUN., DEC. 22	8:00AM	PARISHIONERS
	10:30AM	+THERESA KENNEALLY
MON., DEC. 13	8:15AM	+THOMAS ASH
TUES., DEC. 24	5:00PM	CHILDREN OF PARISH
	7:30PM	PARISHIONERS
WED., DEC. 25	12AM	PARISHIONERS
	9:00AM	PARISHIONERS
THURS., DEC. 26	8:15AM	+LARRY D'AMICO
FRI., DEC. 27	8:15AM	+PEGGY O'BRIEN
SAT., DEC. 28	8:15AM	+REGGIE GHIOTO
	5:30PM	+ANN MCCANN
SUN., DEC. 29	8:00AM	PARISHIONERS
	10:30AM	+PEGGY O'BRIEN



Mario Artesiano, TSB, Lois Baker, Gail Blanda, Tommye Cashin, Sal Cenicola, H.C., Charlie, Patti Cundiff, Mark Davis, Barbara DeRatto, John Fedak, **Mary Ann Ferguson**, Rebecca Gaylor, Jacqueline Grady, Keith Griffin, John Grimsley, Fred Hege-man, **John Helton**, 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.

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.

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

The Grotto religious goods shop is open after all weekend Masses, and during the week by appointment.

"Stick to love; it is heavy and it will carry you. Avoid hatred; it is heavy and you have to carry it. It is left to you to make your choice."
— Israelmore Ayivo

Offertory Stewardship

DECEMBER 15, 2019 - \$9,297.00 (DECEMBER 16, 2018 - \$12,202.00)
PARISHIONER ENVELOPES/CHECK S— 210
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - \$36.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - \$3,177.86

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO DATE

Goal - \$2,162,000 Received - \$2,031,908

MONSIGNOR JOHN A. KENNEALLY SCHOLARSHIP FUND - \$44,886

Thank you, Parish Family!

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION - In Advent 2012, Bishop Hartmayer announced that the second collection at Christmas Masses each year would be dedicated solely to Catholic schools in the diocese to provide much needed tuition assistance to school families seeking a Catholic education. Half of the collection would be divided equally among the 17 Catholic schools in the diocese and the remaining half invested in the Catholic Foundation of South Georgia Endowment, designated to ensure long-term sustainability of our schools and the needs of our families. In the 2013 annual report, Bishop Hartmayer indicated that the Christmas collection continues to grow and benefit our school programs and our children. "The best experience a youngster can have is a Catholic education, and the goal of this endowment is to provide the experience for all of our families."

WE ARE 5 HIGH SCHOOLS	A DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE...	EMBODIES FAITH . . .	EMBRACES SERVICE ...	TOTAL ENROLLMENT 4,790
11 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS		EXCELS IN ACADEMICS . . .	EXEMPLIFIES LEADERSHIP...	3,243 ELEM. SCHOOL 1,547 HIGH SCHOOL

Thank you to the parishioners that donated gifts so generously to the Angel Tree Program this year. Over 300 gifts were donated by our parish to this program. The toys along with many other items for those in need were distributed this past week. Through your generosity, many will have a "Merry Christmas"!

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.

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

Our **WELCOME** tab includes information regarding our pastor, Monsignor John Kenneally, staff members and the history of St. William parish. There is a link for non-parishioners to contact the office, a page listing Mass Times, and a page with the Parish Registration form. We've also posted links/info to Spiritual and Community Partners (Diocese of Savannah, USCCB, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Francis Xavier School), IT Partners, and lots of pictures in the Photo Gallery.

If you see anything that you feel needs to be updated, please contact the office either by email at stwilliamschurch@comcast.net or call 638-2647.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUN., DEC. 22 8am & 10:30am Masses	4th Sunday of Advent 9am - Adult Ed. Study 11:30am - Gospel Portrayal Practice
MON., DEC. 23 8:15am Mass	8:15am - Daily Mass 7pm - Karate
TUES., DEC. 24 5pm & 7:30pm Masses	CHRISTMAS EVE 1pm - Rosary for Peace 5pm Children's Christmas Eve Mass 7:30pm - Christmas Eve Mass
WED., DEC. 25 5pm & 7:30pm Masses	CHRISTMAS 12am - Midnight Mass (Carols at 11:30pm) 9am - Christmas Day Mass
THURS., DEC. 26	8:15am - Daily Mass
FRI., DEC. 27	8:15am Daily Mass
SAT., DEC. 28 8:15am & 5:30pm Masses	10am - Karate 4:30pm - Reconciliation
SUN., DEC. 29 8am & 10:30am Masses	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 6:30pm - Sea Scouts

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

January 5 - No Confirmation class or youth group
January 12 - CReeD, Youth Group and RCIA Classes Resume on Sundays
January 20 - Confirmation class at 4-5pm, Youth Group at 6pm

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 fishssi@comcast.net.

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!



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. There is no cost for the retreat.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 22, 2019



As our Advent preparations draw to a close and Christmas fast approaches, it is fitting that today's readings demonstrate the intensity of the Father's perfect and passionate love for each us, culminating in the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day. In response to such an overwhelming

gift, what can we do except offer our lives as gift in return, embracing a stewardship way of life with all the love and strength we have to give?

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we find an unparalleled example of one who embraced this way of life in St. Joseph, as he obeys God's call to him through the message of an angel. We never hear St. Joseph speak, but the Scriptures tell us he was always listening, attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit for his family. It was Joseph who found the stable where the baby Jesus would be born. No doubt it was Joseph who cleaned it up and prepared it for Mary and Jesus since we know that Mary was about to give birth. Joseph protected the family, guarded them, tended to their safety, their comfort, and their well-being at the expense of his own plans and preferences. Though we do not hear any words from St. Joseph his actions clearly show that he offered himself, his whole life, as a gift to his family through his strong guidance, protection and service.

Let us imitate St. Joseph then as good stewards, giving our very lives to those around us in love and gratitude to God who has given us everything we have, especially His own Son, Jesus Christ.

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Tickets will be available after all Masses beginning January 4.

The Diocese of Savannah places the mental, physical and spiritual recuperation of victims/survivors of child sexual abuse in our churches and schools a priority. The Diocese also ensures that our Church in South Georgia is a place where children can grow in God's love without the threat of abuse. In the preamble of the Charter our Bishops state, "We rely on the Catholic faithful of the United States." Thank you to our volunteers who are compliant with the Policy on Sexual Abuse of Minors for our Diocese and are clear for ministry. You are the eyes and ears who keep children safe. If you are a victim/survivor or are aware of child abuse within our Diocese please make a report to civil authorities and call the toll-free hotline at 1-888-357-5330. More info can be found at www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection.

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 or (912)201-4068 by December 21.

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

Sympathy & Prayers ...

Debbie Stocker and family, upon the death of her husband, **KEITH STOCKER**. A Funeral Mass will be held on January 4, at 11am at St. William.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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Rev. Monsignor John A. Kenneally, Pastor

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.

- Permanent Deacon**
Dcn. George Ruehling (H - 638-9038)
- Office Manager M-T: 8:30-4 Fri: 8:30-1 pm**
Jan Roberts - 638-2647 (H - 638-7660)
- Administrative Specialist**
Stacey Bristol - 638-2647
- Religious Education Coordinator**
Nancy Power - 638-2651
- Music Minister**
Kate Hamer - 634-5040
- Parish Engineer**
Jim Spaeder - 399-7145
- Parish Council**
Burt Davitte - 269-0756, 638-6000
- Finance Committee**
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Barbara Pelletier - 638-2957
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Georgia Ann Markley - 638-6381
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- Altar Servers**
Mike Cherne - 223-9048
- Bereavement**
Camille Penders - 638-8595
- Bloomers**
Therese Raimondo - 230-7313
- Council of Catholic Women**
Sue Amiano - 638-5274
- Facilities Planning**
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- Helping Hugs, Inc. (Haiti Mission)**
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- Hospitality**
Sue Kilchenstein - 634-2811
- Manna House**
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- Marian Movement of Priests**
First Saturday Devotion
Norma McIntyre - 279-0526
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- Men's Group**
Tom McIntyre - 279-0526, 996-8752
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Valerie Kehoe - 638-3919
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