



St. William *Catholic Community*

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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.
(By appointment - Call DRE at 638-2651)

Marriage

Arrangements should be made six months in advance.

Creed Classes - Sundays, 9 - 10:15am.

Children's Liturgy - Sundays during 10:30am Mass.

Youth Group - Sundays at 5p.m.

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Peter Hung Nguyen - 985-516-9088

Parish Administrator

Stacey Bristol - 912-269-7243
 M-T: 8:30-4 Fri: 8:30-1 pm

Director of Religious Education

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

Fred Zeh - 638-8545

Sacristan & Grotto Religious Goods Eucharistic Minister & Lector Trainer

Barbara Pelletier - 638-2957

Adoration

Maureen Bowen - 912-222-6775

Altar Servers

Mike Cherne - 223-9048

Bereavement

Laura Nies - 912-638-1991

Bloomers

Therese Raimondo - 230-7313

Coffee and Doughnuts

Lauren Bailey - 912-222-7755

Council of Catholic Women

Joyce Callahan - 770-653-9509

Divine Mercy

First Saturday Devotion

Norma McIntyre - 279-0526

Hospitality

Sew & So

Sue Kilchenstein - 634-2811

Manna House

Spiritual Direction

Primetimers

Janice Capano - 770-500-5468

Martial Arts - Jim Keane - 638-0763

Men's Group, Adult Ed

Tom McIntyre - 279-0526, 996-8752

Outreach Ministries

Bill Horn - 638-4538

St. Vincent de Paul Society - 262-6027

Maureen Horn - 638-4538

Secular Franciscan Order

Larry Lynch - 638-0148

Tuesday Women's Discussion

Valerie Kehoe - 912-638-3919

Head Usher

Ron Casler - 912-434-9635

MASS INTENTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours Week II

SAT., APR. 18	8:15AM	+DICK MITCHELL
SUN., APR. 19	8:00AM	+EDMUND CASSIDY
	10:30AM	+PARISHIONERS
MON., APR. 20	8:15AM	+BILL KELSO
TUES., APR. 21	8:15AM	(L) KELLY HOSKO
WED., APR. 22	8:15AM	+PEGGY O'BRIEN
THURS., APR. 23	8:15AM	+BETTY CROWTHER
FRI., APR. 24	8:15AM	+PAUL DUMORTIER
SAT., APR. 25	8:15AM	+REV. JAMES WUERTH
SUN., APR. 26	8:00AM	PARISHIONERS
	10:30AM	PARISHIONERS



PRAYER REQUESTS

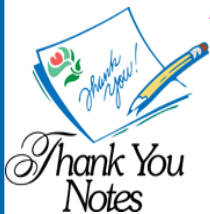
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BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

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.

TELEPHONE & EMAIL PRAYER LINE NAME IS NOT IN BULLETIN

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.



Dear St. William,

Thank you for being our vacation church and bringing God to us each week. We love your church, your choir and all the lovely people.
Dennis & Barbara Roys

*"Tell and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn."
- Benjamin Franklin*

Offertory Stewardship

APRIL 12, 2020 - \$10,385.00 (APRIL 14, 2019 - \$14,405.00)
PARISHIONER ENVELOPES/CHECKS - 97
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - \$35.00
HOLY PLACES IN PALESTINE - \$220.00
PRIESTS RETIREMENT - \$1260.00
CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS - \$55.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO DATE

Goal - \$2,162,000 Received - \$2,054,101.66

MONSIGNOR JOHN A. KENNEALLY SCHOLARSHIP FUND - \$52,550

*Are you good at making people feel welcome?
When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home?
Many of us can probably do a much better job at this.
When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded.
We are made for relationships – with God and each other.
A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.*



We are so proud of the Sew & So group and their friends who had the supplies and the connections to make and distribute **well over 2000** face masks during this time of need. We can't THANK YOU enough. They are still in need of fabric, thread, and elastic. The ladies will be glad to pick up your donations from your front porch or other designated location. Call Woodra 638-4782 or Sue 634-2811. Thank you

caring for
GOD'S
earth

This Wednesday, April 22, is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day and is the first ever Digital Earth Day! The USCCB's statement this year is that "We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored."

This week take the time to make your observance of Earth Day a truly Catholic experience. Give praise to our Creator, contemplate the wonders of God's Creations, Pray, create a "Mary Garden", read and study documents on caring for God's creations, learn about the lives of Saints Francis of Assisi and Katerina Tekakwitha, "Go Green." Send us pictures and let us know how you and your family are caring for God's earth.

Read [Global Climate Change - A Plea for Dialogue, Purdence and the Common Good](#).

The Diocese of Savannah has begun **#FaithIsAlwaysOpen** as a way for all our parishioners to feel connected during this time when they feel so isolated. Our parish has been invited to participate by sending pictures and stories of their new normal: the usually busy family that now has time to say grace before each meal, the youth and young adults participating in virtual conferences, and the family or individual who watches daily Mass before beginning their day. Click www.diosav.org/faith to stay connected, learn more about #FaithIsAlwaysOpen, and submit pictures and stories, and bring our diocese closer together!



PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

LIVE STREAMING MASS!



Daily and Sunday Masses will be celebrated in private by the priests and live streamed on our youtube channel, [StWilliamonSSI](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCStWilliamonSSI).

Daily Masses at 8:15am

Sunday Masses at 8:00am (Fr. Peter) and 10:30am (Monsignor Kenneally)

To be able to participate in these Masses from home, you can click on either the **red** youtube icon above or go to the parish website, www.stwill.net. Then go to the Live Streaming tab. Click on the blue link [StWilliamonSSI](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCStWilliamonSSI), and select either the **LIVE** Mass or any of the recordings.

◇ The **Cathedral of St. John the Baptist** live stream Mass on Sundays at 10am at savannahcathedral.org. Click [here](#) to watch.

◇ **EWTN** airs Mass on television daily. See ewtn.com/tv/schedule for a schedule or click [here](#) to watch.

◇ **Bishop Robert Barron** streaming daily Mass. Click [here](#) to go to the youtube channel.

The Easter 2020 [Word Among Us](#), and *The Little White Book - Six-minute Reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Easter* are available in baskets in the foyer of the parish hall.

DIOCESAN DIRECTIVES & COVID 19 UPDATES

New as of April 4, 2020:

1. **The Parish Office is reducing its hours.** *The office will be open Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 12:30pm. Staff will be remotely working from home after 12:30pm.*

2. **The Church will be closed and locked.** We do not want to be the reason that our faithful will be tempted to violate the Shelter at Home order of our duly elected officials. *Please, if you have keys to the church as some do, do not go against the wishes of the Diocese and enter the church. If you need something from the church, call the office.*

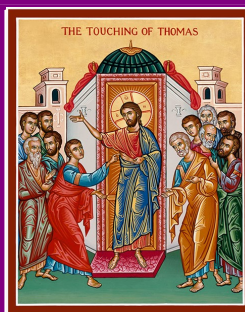
Continuing:

- ◆ There are **NO PUBLIC MASSES** celebrated in any parish churches or missions in the Diocese of Savannah.
- ◆ Please continue to support our parish church through [online giving](#) on our website, by mail. We also now have donation boxes in the church and at the office for your convenience.
- ◆ If there is a need for Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick, Last Rites or if there is a death, call Fr. Peter at (985) 516-9088. Leave a message if he does not answer. He will get back to you as soon as possible.

These Directives are subject to change based on the fluidity of the situation. Updates will be posted on our website, stwill.net, in the weekly bulletin and emailed. If you have any questions, please call the church office and we will do our best to assist you, 638-2647.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

SECOND SUNDAY - APRIL 19, 2020



The Christian steward approaches life with an “Easter vision” rooted in gratitude for the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today’s readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday teach us how this approach plays out in daily life and remind us that we can have complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step-by-step, to heaven.

Certainly, it is challenging to live for heaven when the things of the earth — job stress, family crisis, health troubles, political strife — loom large on the horizon. We can find ourselves becoming cynical like the Apostle, Thomas, in our Gospel passage today — until he had an encounter with the merciful Savior. We all recall the famous line from Thomas, who was not present with the other Apostles during Jesus’ first appearance after the Resurrection. Beaten down by the events of the last several days, Thomas refuses to believe that the others had indeed “seen the Lord” as they claimed.

Thomas stubbornly declares he would not believe their story about the Lord unless he placed his finger into the nailmarks and his hand into His side. Yet, these doubts did not repel our Lord. Our merciful Lord saw that beneath the hubris in Thomas’ statement were pain and disappointment. Our Lord is mercy itself. And so He did not condemn Thomas, but calmed his doubts and fears, and allowed Thomas to actually touch those Sacred Wounds. What amazing grace.

When we are tempted to give in to doubts to the faith for whatever the reason, all we need to do is seek the Lord — in prayer, in the sacraments, through the encouragement of our Christian communities — and just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.

[The Catholic Steward](#) & [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

Our Dear St. William Parish Family,

We thank you so much for your generosity. Even in the face of all you are struggling with, you are amazing! We sincerely thank you for your continued support of our parish.



Sunday and weekday Masses are celebrated privately by priests and Mass intentions are being honored. However, the Tuesday, 6pm and Saturday, 5:30pm, Masses are not being celebrated. If you have requested a Mass intention for either of those times, you may call the office to reschedule. **There are several available openings for Mass Intentions. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please call the office.**

Sympathy & prayers are extended . . .

to **Henny DuMortier and family**, upon the death of her husband, **PAUL DUMORTIER**.

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

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

PROMISE To Protect



Pledge To HEAL

We are all part of a larger culture of protection and healing within the Church. As members of this culture, we value the prevention of abuse and the support of those who have been abused. Each one of us can play an important role in strengthening this culture. For example, we can better prevent abuse by ensuring that the signs of abuse are identified and reported. Noticing these warning signs, taking them seriously, and reporting them could prevent abuse in the future. Even when we witness inappropriate behavior or something that just doesn't seem quite right, we must report our concerns through the appropriate channels. The USCCB has offered these [Ten Tips for Protecting Children and Offering Outreach to Victims/Survivors](#).

Abuse Hotline Number: To report 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. The diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, is available at www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection.

The Diocese of Savannah is committed to providing safe environments and fostering continuous improvement in every organization that sponsors activities and/or provides services to children and youth. Listed below are the minimum requirements that must be met by any adult (age 18 or over) who works/volunteers in a Diocese of Savannah Church, School or Social Service Agency AND comes into contact with any youth (under age 18) during the course of their ministry.

- Attendance at the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children for Adults (PGCA)" Training
- Registration of the above training on the website www.virtusonline.org. Registration is preferred prior to the class but can be completed after the class.
- A National Criminal Background check, a check of the Sex Offender's Registry, and (preferred) a verification of the Social Security Number at least once every five years
- Read the Diocesan "Code of Conduct" and agree to its terms by signing the back page and turning it into your church or school
- Completing the "Safe Environment Refresher Training" on the VIRTUS website if it has been five years or more since attending the PGCA class.

For more information, please go to the Diocese of Savannah's website. Click here for the direct link <https://diosav.org/childyouthprotection>
[Diocesan Code of Conduct](#)
[Form for Background Check](#)
[Safe Environment Refresher Training](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Power, Director of Religious Education at 638-2651 or powernancy@comcast.net.

WHAT WE ARE DOING

What's being done in our own diocese to help victims/survivors of abuse, and protect children, youth and the vulnerable?

- We report all allegations of abuse directly to law enforcement and cooperate with civil authorities on all investigations.
- Our diocese has a designated Victim Assistance Coordinator whose primary role is to accompany survivors and provide resources for their healing journey.
- We also have an independent review board, consisting primarily of lay members. The role of the review board is to review allegations and make a recommendation to the bishop regarding the suitability for ministry.
- We train adults on how to maintain a safe environment by using the VIRTUS training program.
- We train minors in parish religious education programs and in Catholic schools to identify warning signs of abuse and inappropriate behavior, as well as how to report abuse.
- By following all of our diocesan policies and procedures to create safe environments, we can maintain a culture of protection and healing.

VIRTUS will soon be doing its annual audit, to make sure everyone serving in a ministry is current with a background check and SERT. This includes Ushers, Lectors, Eucharist Ministers etc.)

So, while everyone has time, please log onto your Virtus.org account and make sure your background check, and SERT (Safe Environment Refresher training) are up to date.

If you have forgot your log in information, call Joan Altmeyer at (912) 201-4100. Ext 4074



April 6, 2020

My dear friends,

Peace and all good things to you!

During Holy Week, we celebrated Palm Sunday and the commemoration of Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. It seemed so strange to re-enact this event in an empty cathedral as we enter into the holiest week of the year. Something very essential was missing. It was YOU. It just did not seem right. During the reading of the Passion Narrative, there was no "crowd". It was a Palm Sunday, the likes of which I had never experienced before. The Chrism Mass, the Celebration of the Lord's Supper, Friday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday will be strangely memorable because of the absence of the People of God. Please know how much your priests and I miss you. We are grateful for social media and the ability to live-stream all of our liturgical events during Holy Week. But it was not the same without you.

The deadly presence of the coronavirus is frightening and is creating challenges for everyone. Please keep in mind that our Mission Diocese is not well-equipped to handle a financial shortfall. Many people depend upon the Church's compassion and assistance for basic needs. Please remember to give online or mail in your offering envelopes so that we can assist those who have less than we do. If you and your family need help, please let us know. This is a time when we need to check on each other.

A month from today, I will be installed as the seventh Archbishop of Atlanta. It will be sad for me to leave the Diocese of Savannah. I will have the opportunity to share my thoughts with my priests, deacons and consecrated religious during the Chrism Mass via the live-stream from the Cathedral as we renew our priestly promises and bless the Holy Oils used for the sacramental life of the Church.

There will always be a special place in my heart for you and for the people of the Diocese of Savannah. This is where I was ordained a bishop and where I served for the first eight years as the Shepherd of this local church. I will never forget you. I will never forget your warm welcome, your kind words, your thoughtful gestures and your loving prayers. Thank you for your praise and for your forgiveness. I have a heart full of fond memories that will always make me smile and be grateful to God for many unique experiences that I will forever cherish. Please accept this Friar's sincere gratitude for all that remains in my heart that will always remind me of you.

I humbly ask for your prayers and I promise you mine.

May the Lord grant you His peace. I am

+ Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv.

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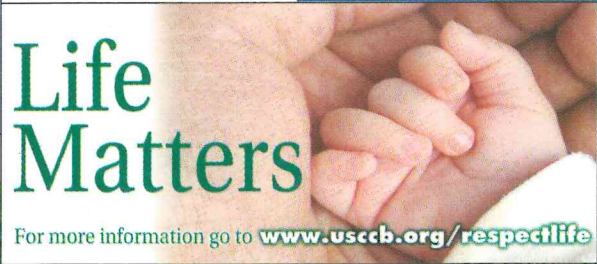
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