

## St. William Catholic Community

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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.

*Marriage* Arrangements should be made six months in advance.

**Baptism** 

Parents are to be registered and attend preparation class. (By appointment - Call DRE at 638-2651)

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

Creed Classes - Sundays, 9 - 10:15am. Children's Liturgy - Sundays during 10:30am Mass. Youth Group - Sundays at 5p.m.

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

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 li		
SAT., APR. 25	8:15AM	+REV. JAMES WUERTH
SUN., APR. 26	8:00AM	+MARY BOYD
	10:30AM	PARISHIONERS
MON., APR. 27	8:15AM	+PAUL DUMORTIER
TUES., APR. 28	8:15AM	+JIM SCOTT
WED., APR. 29	8:15AM	+SHERRY BARRETT
THURS., APR. 30	8:15AM	+MONSIGNOR JOSEPH MURRAY
FRI., MAY 1	8:15AM	+PAUL DUMORTIER
SAT., MAY 2	8:15AM	+JESUS SOSA
SUN., MAY 3	8:00AM	+PARISHIONERS
	10:30AM	<b>1ST COMMUNICANTS</b>



Bryant Arrington, Mario Artesiano, John Austin, TSB, Lois Baker, Gail Blanda, Tommye Cashin, Sal Cenicola, H.C., Patti Cundiff, Mark Davis, Barbara DeRatto, John Fe-

**Requests** dak, Mary Ann Ferguson, Rebecca Gaylor, Jacqueline Grady, John Grady, Keith Griffin, John Grimsley, Rod Hembree, Fred Hegeman, John Helton, Cheryl & Larry Hutchinson, Mark Kelso, Edward & Sharon Kirk, Timothy Kite, Ben Koreski, Kathleen Koreski, Alan & Lydia Kozak, H.L., Lucy Loehle, Ruth Elizabeth Melvin, Anna Grace Mallon, George Metz, Nancy Moore, Nina & Ralph Murphy, Gail Nick, Ed Nickey, Jack O'Hagan, Fran Owen, John Parkins, Frank Paul, Nell Pidgeon, MJR, Patricia Reilly, A.J. Salimando, Richard Schmidt, Gordy Seaman, Douglas Seaman, Richard Sedlacek, Michael Smith, Mike Stefanik, Richard Wineman, Herman Woodard, Charlie Yodor and our service men and women.

#### **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.

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.

"Cherish your human connections - your relationships with friends and family." - Barbara Bush

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### **Offertory Stewardship**

APRIL 19, 2020 - \$6,535.00 (APRIL 21, 2019 - \$21,891.00) PARISHIONER ENVELOPES/CHECKS - 97 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - \$25.00 HOLY PLACES IN PALESTINE - \$120.00 PRIESTS RETIREMENT - \$225.00 CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS - \$85.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO DATE Goal - \$2,162,000 Received - \$2,054,541.66

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

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out.

Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.



#### CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL Strengthening the Church at Homes

This weekend, our special collection supports the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Nearly half of our country is considered mission territory. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters here in the United States who do not have access to basic pastoral services like Mass, the sacraments, and religious edu-

cation. Through your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps these mission dioceses form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the Church at home. Please be generous. More information can be found at <u>www.usccb.org/home-missions</u>.



#### **TWIN PARISH NEWS** We are all facing uncertain times. We pray for your safety and security as well as those of our twin parish. This is the time of year that we traditionally conduct our education campaign. In

tor Harti order to keep our commitment to the three schools we help to support, we have decided to continue our direct mail campaign for education. Attached to this bulletin you will find a flyer which briefly describes the purpose of these funds and directions on how to make a contribution. The people of St. Joseph parish are counting on your generosity. Please send to whatever you can to Helping Hugs Inc., P.O. Box 24477, St. Simons Island, GA 31522. Thank you.

**APRIL 23, 2020 UPDATE** - "Knowing how much Catholics everywhere are yearning to return to the Eucharist and to gather once again in our churches, we must communicate that, having struggled with our decision, we believe that we must yet maintain the current practice of sheltering in place. With input and support from the priests of both the Archdiocese of Atlanta and the Diocese of Savannah, we are, for the safety of all Georgia residents, not authorizing the return to congregating at churches or making our churches available for devotions. This determination extends through the month of May. If the sheltering-inplace and social distancing guidelines are altered significantly during this time, we will reexamine the possibility of congregating at churches." To read the letter from the diocese in its entirety, click here.

### CATHERAL BASILICA OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

His Holiness Pope Francis, through the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, recently issued a decree granting the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah the title of Minor Basilica. This honor makes the Cathedral the first basilica in the Diocese of Savannah. Nationwide, there are just 87 churches, including 18 cathedrals, that carry this designation.

The 143-year-old Roman Catholic Cathedral will officially be named "The Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist."

The Most Reverend Gregory John Hartmayer, Bishop of Savannah, and Reverend J. Gerard Schreck, Rector of the Cathedral, will hold a press conference on Friday, April 24, 2020 at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 222 E. Harris Street, Savannah.

Minor basilicas are traditionally named because of their antiquity, dignity, historical value, architectural and artistic worth, and significance as centers of worship. A basilica must "stand out as a center of active and pastoral liturgy," according to the 1989 Vatican document Domus ecclesiae.

The bestowal of the title initiates a very particular bond between the basilica and the Holy Father. Papal symbols signifying the relationship will be installed and blessed at an inaugural Mass solemnizing the designation of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist as a basilica later this year. For more information use this link <u>https://diosav.org/basilica</u>



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 <u>www.diosav.org/faith</u> to stay connected, learn more about #FaithIsAlwaysOpen, and submit pictures and stories, and bring our diocese closer together!



Zoom Meeting ID: 848 8348 7037 Password: 2TcTbR



APRIL 26-30, 2020 @ 8:00 PM.

Join other Catholic couples from around the world for a FREE virtual date night series.

The five part series features five couples who will share very real tips for renewing your marriage during this unique time in our lives. Register today and let your marriage BE LIGHT!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

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#### 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, <u>StWilliamonSSI</u>.

#### 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 <u>StWilliamonSSI</u>, and select either the LIVE Mass or any of the recordings.

O The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist live stream Mass on Sundays at 10am at savannahcathedral.org. Click <u>here</u> to watch.

- EWTN airs Mass on television daily. See ewtn.com/ tv/schedule for a schedule or click <u>here</u> to watch.
- Bishop Robert Barron streaming daily Mass. Click here to go to the youtube channel.

#### **DIOCESAN DIRECTIVES & COVID 19 UPDATES**

To see the April 23, 2020 letter from the Diocese click <u>here</u>.

- The Parish Office temporary hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 12:30pm. Staff will be remotely working from home after 12:30pm.
- The Church will remain 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.
- 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.

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT THIRD SUNDAY - APRIL 26, 2020



Today's readings focus on a theme of "sojourning." As Christian stewards, we know our lives are a sojourn towards the ultimate destination of heaven.

Our Gospel passage today describes the sojourn of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two

are dejected and despondent after Jesus' death. They knew Jesus personally. They had heard the Gospel message directly from His lips. They heard the testimony of the women who discovered the empty tomb of our Lord and saw a vision of angels announcing He was alive. They had been informed by other disciples who went to the tomb that all was exactly as the women reported.

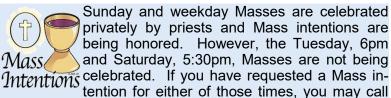
How much more obvious could the Good News be?

And yet, at times, the reaction of the two disciples describes our own stewardship journey, doesn't it? We have the fullness of the Catholic faith, the power of the sacraments, the support of our parish family. Yet, we often lose our way. We fail to see all the gifts we have been given. We lack trust in the perfect goodness and almighty power of God.

But notice what happens to the two men when eyes are opened once again and they recognize Jesus in the Eucharist — the "breaking of the bread." They are transformed! Their hearts are set on fire with love for the Lord and their faith. They recall that their hearts began "burning within" as the Lord was explaining the Scriptures to them. When we find we have lost our way, we can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus — the Scriptures and the Eucharist.

In this Easter season, resolve to feast deeply on these two sources of grace. They are the fuel that will propel us on journey towards heaven.

The Catholic Steward & Catholic Stewardship Consultants



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.



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10. Spiritual Bouquet Cards are in the entry of the Parish Hall. Names should be returned to the office by May 3 to be in the bulletin.

# **Support EDUCATION in Haiti**

# EDUCATION is a Child's Best Hope for a Better Life

A CHILD OF POVERTY cannot afford an education.

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- Trained Teachers
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Wilgens Civil attends St. Joseph parish school

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(To receive project reports from Helping Hugs, Inc.)

Please mail your gift with this form to: Helping Hugs, Inc., P.O. Box 24477, St. Simons Island, GA 31522 or "donate" on our website: <u>www.helpinghugsinc.org</u>

# 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 <u>Ten Tips for Protecting Children and Offering Outreach to Victims/Survivors</u>.

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 <u>www.virtusonline.org</u>. 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 <u>https://</u> <u>diosav.org/childyouthprotection</u> <u>Diocesean Code of Conduct</u> <u>Form for Background Check</u> <u>Safe Environment Refresher Training</u>

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 Minsters 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



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