



St. William Catholic Community

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Rev. Monsignor Christopher J. Schreck, *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.

Rosary

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

Creed Classes (PreK-8th Grades) - Sundays 9:00 - 10:15am.

Children's Liturgy (thru 2nd Grade) - Sundays during 10:30am Mass

CIA Youth Group (9th-12th Grades) - Sundays at 11:30a.m.

RCIA - Sundays at 9:00am, September thru May

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)

Reconciliation

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

Marriage

Arrangements should be made six months in advance.

Funerals

Family or funeral homes should contact the Church office to set up dates and times for funerals. The Church Office will work with the family and the funeral home.

Parish Administrator

Stacey Bristol - 638-2647

Director of Religious Education

Nancy Power - 638-2651
powernancy@comcast.net

Director of Music

Kate Hamer - 912-634-5040

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Jim Spaeder - 912-399-7145

Parish Council

Burt Davitte - 912-269-0756

Finance Committee

Jack Welch - 912-571-0489

Grotto Religious Goods

Laura Nies - 912-638-1991

Adoration

Maureen Bowen - 915-222-6775

Adult Ed Bible Study

Tom McIntyre - 279-0526, 996-8752

Altar Servers

Mike Cherne - 912-223-9048

Bloomers

Therese Raimondo - 912-230-7313

Coffee and Doughnuts

RaeAnn Allen - 404-791-1043

Council of Catholic Women

Joyce Callahan - 770-653-9509
Stephanie D'Amico - 912-399-9396

Divine Mercy

First Saturday Devotion

Norma McIntyre - 912-279-0526

Twin Parish & Helping Hugs, Inc.

Evy Marshall - 404-895-8831

Manna House

Kevin & Joyce Callahan - 770-653-9509

Martial Arts Ministry - Kenpo

Jim Keane - 912-638-0763

Primetimers

Wayne Ciano - 914-419-6535

Spiritual Direction

Janice Capano - 770-500-5468

Outreach Ministries

Bill Horn - 912-638-4538

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Store - 912-262-6027
Sheila Ryan - 912-996-7755

Secular Franciscan Order

Lois Cutia - 912-580-8158

Tuesday Women's Discussion

Valerie Kehoe - 912-996-0723

Ushers

Ron Casler - 912-434-9635

MASS INTENTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours Week III

SAT., JUNE 10	8:15AM	+PAT CLARKE
	5:30PM	+ANTHONY SLAVINSKI
SUN., JUNE 11	8:00AM	PARISHIONERS
	10:30AM	+JAMES A. ATWOOD, SR.
MON., JUNE 12	8:15AM	(L) JO ORR
TUES., JUNE 13	8:15AM	+GINGER CIANO
	6:00PM	+ANN MCINTYRE
WED., JUNE 14	8:15AM	+ELLEN THOMASSON MALECEK
THURS., JUNE 15	8:15AM	+MSGR. JOHN KENNEALLY
FRI., JUNE 16	8:15AM	+BOB SHEPHERD
SAT., JUNE 17	8:15AM	(L) NANCY KRULL
	5:30PM	PARISHIONERS
SUN., JUNE 18	8:00AM	(L) JO ORR
	10:30AM	+CONSTANCE MURTAUGH

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

Anna Arbo, Katherine Arens, Steve Colquitt, Mary Bess Crumbley, Mark Davis, Barbara DeRatto, Maria Gallagher, Rebecca Gaylor, John Grimsley, Shirley Hughes, Kaye Hartridge, Sandra Hochwald, Cheryl & Larry Hutchinson, Doc Jones, Mark Kelso, John Kent, Timothy Kite, Ben Koreski, Kathleen Koreski, Jim Loisel, Don Long, William Luther, Denise Margavich, David Mathieu, Mary McCaughey, Peggy Mitchell, Nancy Moore, Michael Muldowney, Nina & Ralph Murphy, George Nies, Fran Owen, Patricia Reilly, Carol Roberts, Stephanie Schleicher, Richard Sedlacek, Elizabeth Van Tilborg, Kay Welch, Richard Wineman, the priests serving St. William and the priests serving St. Joseph in Haiti, 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.

*Names listed in bold are new to the prayer list. These names stay on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise requested.

TELEPHONE & EMAIL PRAYER LINE

St. William Prayer Line is a group of people who pray daily for the intentions received from voice mails left at 912-638-4287 or by email at stwilliamsprayerline@gmail.com.

In observance of JUNETEENTH, the church office will be closed, Monday, June 19.



BABY BOTTLES
MAY 14 - JUNE 18
(Mother's Day - Father's Day)

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Take a bottle home to fill with coins, bills, or a check. Return your bottle to church on Father's Day
- You may also donate online at helloskylark.com/give



STEWARDSHIP

JUNE 4, 2023 - \$15,172.00 (JUNE 5, 2022 - \$14,391.60)
PARISHIONER ENVELOPES/CHECKS - 182

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us.

We are called to be fed and to feed others.

Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose.

One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth

Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

It becomes our roadmap to Heaven.

Let's help each other get there!



Week 2 of construction of the new church cupola to replace the skylight is underway and will continue through June, July. The old glass is out and framing has begun. **Please remember that no one should enter the nave of the church during construction, even if the door is open.**

Repaving of our parking lot has been scheduled for June 12-16. Please be mindful of this when you are entering the property. The back entrance to the property will be closed to all traffic during this time.



TWIN PARISH NEWS - A Letter of Gratitude to St. William by Sovencia Enil, resident of Morne Blanc, Haiti

"Without water, plants, animals, everything would perish. Morne Blanc, a small village in the town of Côtes-de-Fer, is one of the driest in the area. In the past, in order to bring water back to our community, residents had to travel several kilometers, to other neighboring villages.

In 2021, we were saved by strangers (from St. William) who donated a well. And that's when our life of hardship came to an end. Since then, a new life has begun for us. The animals' water supply is assured. We also use the water for farming and stockbreeding. Our gardens are flourishing. We grow fruit and vegetables. We also use it for washing clothing at home - no need to go to distant rivers to do the laundry.

It would be unfair and ungrateful not to thank these benefactors for the progress they have made in our community. A Change For All!"



Father's Day is Sunday, June 18.

Spiritual Bouquet Cards are in the parish hall.

Names should be returned to the office by Sunday, June 11.

CATECHISTS - The Religious Education program is looking for Catechists, for Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade, for the next school year. If you love children and are interested in sharing your time, talent, and love with those wishing to learn, please contact Nancy Power, Director of Religious Education (912-638-2651, powernancy@comcast.net.) Classes are held during the school year, from 9am until 10:15 am. Classes are not held on long or holiday weekends. Most classes have two catechists that alternate teaching days.



ADORATION is available at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church every First Friday of the Month, from 1pm until 7pm, followed by Mass, and also every Thursday, 6pm-7pm, followed a Mass in Spanish.

PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

The **VIRTUS** Protecting God's Children training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah. The following sessions have been added to the schedule in our Deanery: **July 23—St. Francis Xavier Church, 1–4pm.** Seating is limited and pre-registration is required online. Registration Instructions can be found at <https://diosav.org/how-do-i/register-for-virtus-training>. A laptop or desktop (not a phone) is recommended for registration. No one under the age of 18 is allowed to be present. Child care is not provided.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MASS SCHEDULE

**ALL MASSES ARE IN THE PARISH HALL
WHILE THE CHURCH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY - SATURDAY AT 8:15 AM,

TUESDAY AT 6 PM

SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5:30 PM & SUNDAY AT 8 AM & 10:30 AM

SUN., JUNE 11

**ALL MASSES IN PARISH HALL
SOLEMNITY OF THE
BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**

9am - Adult Ed Bible Study

9am - RCIA

MON., JUNE 12

PARKING LOT RESURFACING

9am - Monday Morning Marthas

6pm - Kenpo

TUES., JUNE 13

PARKING LOT RESURFACING

9am - SFO Exec.

11am - Yoga

1pm - Rosary for Peace

WED., JUNE 14

PARKING LOT RESURFACING

FLAG DAY

THURS., JUNE 15

PARKING LOT RESURFACING

9am - Twin Parish Meeting

6pm - Kenpo

FRI., JUNE 16

PARKING LOT RESURFACING

3pm - Hour of Great Mercy (PH-Rm2)

10am - Kenpo

SAT., JUNE 17

4:30pm - Reconciliation (PH-Rm2)

SUN., JUNE 18

ALL MASSES IN PARISH HALL

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

9am - Adult Ed Bible Study

6pm - Sea Scouts

LIVE STREAMING MASS!

Live streaming of weekend Masses will not be available while the church is under construction.

We thank you for your continued support of our parish church through use of donation boxes, the [ONLINE GIVING](#) icon, on our website and via mail.



Women's Retreat

Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist
Regina Coeli Hall, 222 East Harris St., Savannah

"Filling Your Life with God's Love"

August 19, 2023

9am - 5pm

"Lord, teach us to pray."
Luke 11:1



Do your prayers feel like they bounce off the ceiling?

Can't find the time to pray?

No idea what to say to God?

THIS RETREAT IS FOR YOU!

Spend the day in fellowship with other women experiencing different approaches to prayer, meditation, contemplation, & small group sharing.

Women of all ages welcome! Cost \$40

Light breakfast and lunch included

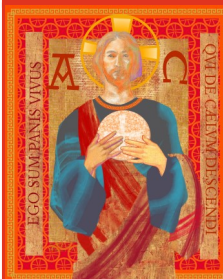
REGISTER ONLINE: www.savannahcathedral.org/news

Led by Catholic author, Carl McColman, experienced retreat leader, spiritual director, and teacher of prayer; Carl's enthusiasm and love for the Lord will inspire you to begin your own adventure of growing closer to Jesus through the gift of prayer.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST - JUNE 11



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Our readings are focused on the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist. This feast has deep significance to those of us living the stewardship way of life.

Why? As stewards, we recognize that all that we are and all that we have been given are gifts from God. We are called to treasure these gifts and use them for God's glory. Our Solemnity today and the readings for this week invite us to a deeper gratitude and better stewardship of the two sublime gifts of God's Word and the Eucharist.

In our first reading from Deuteronomy, Our Heavenly Father (such a good teacher) reminds us that just as we experience physical hunger from lack of food, we become spiritually malnourished through a lack of feeding on the Word of God. It is that important.

And, just as the Word of God is vital to our spiritual nourishment, so, too, is the nourishment of the Eucharist. Jesus could not make this any clearer to us: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you."

Without the Eucharist, we die spiritually. But through the Eucharist, we experience a taste of heaven right now — "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life."

As Christian stewards, we must recognize that in the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist, we have everything we need to sustain us in this world and guide us to heaven. Let us resolve to steward these precious gifts well with all our hearts, always.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)



ATTENTION ALL MINISTRIES - Please provide the office with unavailable dates in July & August for ministries, by Thursday, June 15.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

Every third Sunday of the month a St. Vincent de Paul Collection is taken up at St. William. The next collection is next weekend June 17-18.

Please remember to make a separate check payable directly to St. Vincent de Paul.

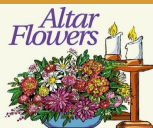
THRIFT STORE - Volunteers are needed in the thrift store on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.

FOOD PANTRY - Volunteers are needed on Thursdays. We especially need a volunteer to help set up, move and restock grocery shelves, who can lift heavy boxes of canned goods, remove plastic wrapping from boxes, and maintain 'unity' of the groceries' position on shelves to make it easy for baggers to access the groceries. Contact Paula Donovan at (912)266-0880. *The food pantry also needs donations of Canned Tuna or Chicken, Spam, Cereal, Jelly, & Canned Vegetables.*

COLLECTION COUNTING - Volunteers are needed to help count St. William's monthly St. Vincent de Paul collection. The count happens in Brunswick at SVdP on Newcastle. The time commitment is about 2 hours one Monday a month. If you are interested, or want more information, please contact Sheila Ryan at 912-996-7755.

St. Vincent de Paul Donations

Collection baskets are in the hall for food pantry items only. Please do not drop off other donations for St. Vincent in the hall.



*Flowers are placed at the altar
in memory of Ellen Thomasson Malecek
by Jerry & Margaret Thomasson.*

A Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat may be just what your marriage needs!

Spend a weekend focusing on your marriage and learn how to reconnect with each other. Retrouvaille is a marriage program that teaches a way to communicate with your spouse on a feeling level. It will provide encouragement, hope, and practical tools to help rebuild your marriage. You will listen to engaging talks from married couples, just like you, that have navigated the path of reconnecting a disconnected marriage. Then, you privately share guided exercises that allow you to practically apply the concepts you have learned. You will learn powerful communication tools that will help you to stay connected for years to come!

The program begins Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. There are ample breaks and meal times allotted to break up the day. Rooms for Friday and Saturday night, weekend meals, and all program materials are included. Retrouvaille is a non-profit ministry. This proven program is Catholic in origin and Christian-based. Couples of all faiths or no faith basis are encouraged to attend, as the primary focus is on marriage strengthening.

Retrouvaille Retreats are held in hotels or retreat centers. The registration deposit to hold your spot is between \$350-400 per couple. A voluntary donation will be asked for at the end of the weekend to cover the full program costs. Costs vary by location due to accommodations and number of participants. Overall program costs are affordable and financial assistance is available.

Retrouvaille is a three-phase program for marriages that helps couples face their marriage challenges in a productive and healthy way. It begins with the weekend program, followed by post weekend follow up sessions, and ongoing monthly marriage support offered in person and online.. Both husband and wife will need to participate in the program.

Phase 1: The Retrouvaille Program begins with a weekend retreat experience in which couples are helped to re-establish communication and gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple. This part of the program is presented by three couples and a chaplain. The presenting team has experienced disillusionment, pain, and conflict in their own lives and offer hope as they share their personal struggles of reconciliation and healing. You and your spouse will find courage and strength in the realization that you are not alone in your struggles. You will not be asked to share your issues with anyone, however, you will be encouraged to put the past behind you and to look beyond the hurt and pain, to rediscover each other in a new and positive way. The Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat provides tools to help you with communication, forgiveness, and trust. It teaches a dialogue process of meaningful communication.


Phase 2: The Post Weekend Sessions

A series of follow-up presentations is the next important phase of the Retrouvaille program. The hurt and pain of a disconnected marriage cannot be healed in a single weekend experience, though it is a positive start. The Post-Weekend sessions include a series of 2-hour talks by additional couples that expand on the Weekend concepts. The Post sessions are offered over a 6-week period, and are also offered online in a 12-week format, as well. Most couples, without a doubt, find this to be one of the most productive components of the program.



**Register Today at HelpOurMarriage.org
For More Info Call 1-800-470-2230**





Work Together to Build a Marriage You Actually Want to Be In

Phase 3: The final phase is a monthly online or in-person small-group support meeting, called CORE (Continuing Our Retrouvaille Experience). It allows for a casual and supportive interaction with other couples who have attended the Retrouvaille program. This monthly meeting continues to reinforce the communication tools learned on the weekend and allows couples to form strong and lasting bonds as they continue to strengthen their marriages.

What will we learn?

- A communication technique that will be marriage changing
- To express feelings in a way your spouse can better understand
- Work to resolve conflict in healthier, more productive ways
- To forgive freely and completely by rebuilding trust
- Increase your commitment—and your closeness to each other

Marriages do not typically fail because couples do not love each other. They fail because couples do not understand each other. The primary focus of the Retrouvaille program is to help couples learn to communicate more effectively and rediscover each other.

Most couples live in the misery of a struggling marriage for nearly five years before seeking help. Some couples turn to counseling for answers, often with no resolve. Others divorce and end their marriages, while others continue to live in misery for the sake of their children. No matter how difficult your marriage challenges may seem, there is help and hope for a better marriage.

Retrouvaille has impacted more marriages and families than any other marriage help program in the world with 80% of attending couples still married five years after attending their weekend.

Just a few words from couples that have attended . . .

"We thought we were unbreakable. And then we broke. We fell in love. But real life wasn't far behind, and power struggles nearly tore us apart. Our Retrouvaille Weekend taught us to invest in each other and work to strengthen our marriage—no matter how unfixable our problems seemed. We learned tools to help us to better communicate and with God's help, we were able to put our marriage back together. We are a living miracle."



"We looked like the perfect couple. But the reality of our marriage was very different. We were headed down a path of divorce. Our house was built on a foundation of anger, irreconcilable differences, and constant separations. Marriage counseling sessions that left us feeling more frustrated than healed. We knew we needed help. We loved each other but could not figure out how to make it work. We did not want to become another divorce statistic. The Retrouvaille Program helped us to turn our marriage around. And it can do the same for you."

"A Retrouvaille Weekend was exactly what we needed to get our marriage back on track. We learned to communicate in ways that were deeper than we had ever shared before. Our marriage had been dealt a swift blow by infidelity and we were unsure if our marriage could survive. While we had lots of work to do on ourselves and our marriage, this program was life changing for us."

"We were so busy with work and raising a family that we lost sight of our marriage. We became so disconnected that even our children noticed it. We knew we needed help to better communicate and learn to make our marriage a priority. We put so much emphasis on everything else, our intimacy had simply vanished. Retrouvaille gave us the tools we needed to bring our marriage back together. We are forever grateful for the tools we learned on our weekend."

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Fr. Wade Menezes



Michael Warsaw



Jim and Joy Pinto



Pepe Alonso



Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers



Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J.



Omar Aguilar



Patricia Sandoval



Johnnette Williams



Carolina Ramirez & Daniel Godínez



Doug Keck



Astrid Bennet Gutierrez

Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex Birmingham, AL • Saturday, August 26, 2023

Join Fr. Wade Menezes, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Jim and Joy Pinto and many more for this FREE one-day-only event! Be part of a television audience, attend Holy Mass and Confession, shop for Holy Reminders, meet EWTN Television and Radio hosts, and spend time with leading Catholic authors. Then, to honor Jesus, join a Eucharistic procession with His Excellency Steven J. Raica, Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama, to the historic Cathedral of St. Paul. Make a weekend of it and join us for tours and other activities on Friday, August 25th here at EWTN and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, AL.



**Go to www.ewtn.com/familycelebration for more information,
call, 1-800-447-EWTN(3986) or scan the QR code to register!**





Schedule of Events

Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex

Saturday, August 26th

8:00am	Doors Open/Registration (<i>Concert Hall Entrance or North Exhibit Hall</i>)
9:30am	Opening Prayer and Welcome by Michael P. Warsaw, EWTN Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (<i>Concert Hall</i>)
9:45am	Address by Fr. Wade Menezes, host of "Work Out Your Salvation! The Theology of Faithfulness to Daily Duty" (<i>Concert Hall</i>)
10:30am	Address by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, host of "The Eucharist: A Taste of Heaven On Earth" (<i>Concert Hall</i>)
11:30am	Lunch Break/Shopping/Interactive Displays including special Children's musical concert with the Donut Man and Duncan! (<i>North Exhibit Hall</i>)
1:30pm	Address by Jim and Joy Pinto, hosts of "At Home with Jim and Joy" (<i>Concert Hall</i>)
2:30pm	Family Talk with Michael P. Warsaw, EWTN Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer; Doug Keck, EWTN President and Chief Operating Officer; Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, M.F.V.A.; Montse Alvarado, President & Chief Operating Officer, EWTN News (<i>Concert Hall</i>)
3:30pm	Special <i>Live Show</i> with Fr. Mitch Pacwa, Johnnette Williams and other EWTN hosts (<i>Concert Hall</i>)
4:30pm	Pray the Rosary with the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word (<i>Concert Hall</i>)
5:00pm	Holy Mass with the Most Reverend Steven J. Raica, Bishop of Birmingham and the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word (<i>Concert Hall</i>)
6:30pm	Eucharistic Procession to The Cathedral of St. Paul for Closing Benediction

Throughout the day, there will be opportunities for *Confession and Adoration* of the Blessed Sacrament. Your favorite EWTN hosts & the Friars will be available in the *Family Corner*. Children will have fun learning about their faith at the *EWTN Kids Booth*. A full Spanish line-up of speakers and talks. EWTN's bestselling authors will be available at *Meet the Author*. Shop for Holy Reminders at the *EWTN Religious Catalogue Shoppe*. Find out about all the different ways you can access EWTN via Television, Radio or Online.

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