

St. William

Catholic Church

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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.

Rosarv

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

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Parish Engineer

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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 - 912-222-6775

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

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Outreach Ministries

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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 IV

| SAT., SEPT. 30 | 8:15AM | +GERRARD IMAR HANL |
|----------------|---------|--------------------|
| | 5:30PM | PARISHIONERS |
| SUN., OCT. 1 | 8:00AM | +RORY O'NEIL |
| | 10:30AM | +SUSAN ADAMS |
| MON., OCT. 2 | 8:15AM | +BARBARA BRUSH |
| TUES., OCT. 3 | 8:15AM | +ANNA ARBO |
| | 6:00PM | +POOR SOULS |
| WED., OCT. 4 | 8:15AM | +GEORGE NIES |
| THURS., OCT. 5 | 8:15AM | +BERTHA SLAVINSKI |
| FRI., OCT. 6 | 8:15AM | +MARILYN KOZAK |
| SAT., OCT. 7 | 8:15AM | +ANNA ARBO |
| | 5:30PM | PARISHIONERS |
| SUN., OCT. 8 | 8:00AM | +JOE O'MALLEY |

Prayers

Mary Katherine Arens, Barbara DeRatto. Rebecca Gavlor. Louise Grady, John Grimsley, Shirley Hughes, Cheryl & Larry Hutchinson, Doc Jones,

10:30AM +CLAIRE FERRIS

Veronica Joseph, Mark Kelso, John Kent, Timothy Kite, Ben Koreski, Kathleen Koreski, David Mathieu, Mary McCaughey, Nancy Moore, Nina & Ralph Murphy, Paul Myrick, Fran Owen, Patricia Reilly, Turner Ellis Richmond, Richard Sedlacek, Kay Welch, Richard Wineman, Doris Wood, 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.



Please join us for First Saturday Devotions, in the Church immediately before 8:15 Mass.

at 7:30 am on September 30.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Our Religious Education office is participating in the Operation Christmas Child program of Samaritan's Purse this year. Shoeboxes are available in the parish hall. More information is available on the shoeboxes.

Please welcome to St. William, Gary, Kathleen, Grant & Kelly Offner Mark & Becky Valentine, And William & Sherie Welch.



STEWARDSHIP

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 - \$ (SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 - \$14,009.06) **PARISHIONER ENVELOPES/CHECKS - 151** MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image.

But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 10:30AM OUTDOOR MASS

For those who have never been, our outdoor Mass will be celebrated just outside the main entrance to the church. The altar centered on the concrete pad.

Bring a chair and your pets for the Blessing of the Pets immediately following Mass. Park in the parking lot, and either remain by your car, or come up closer to the altar area. Remember that this is a Mass, so please be reverent and conduct yourselves accordingly.



BLESSING OF THE PETS

will be immediately following the 10:30am outdoor Mass on October 1. Pets should be under your control at all times during Mass and after, either by leash on in a carrier. Please pray for glorious weather.

outhern Cross

It's time for the Southern Cross subscription drive. The Southern Cross is our diocesan newspaper. Each household in the parish receives a copy of the

newspaper. St. William is assessed \$15 per household which has added up to \$11,424 this year. We are responsible for paying for this as a parish. We are asking you to please consider donating at least \$15 towards your subscription. You can do so by placing your donation in the envelopes marked Southern Cross or in the memo line of your check write Southern Cross. Additional envelopes are in the church narthex and the pews.

Envelopes for the Southern Cross Subscription Drive are in the pews. They may be placed in the offertory baskets as they are passed.

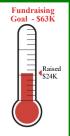


SAVE THE DATE! FOR HELPING HUGS, INC.'S ANNUAL FÊTE FOR HAITI OCTOBER 21, 6PM, ST. WILLIAM PARISH HALL

6PM Socializing & shopping; 7PM Dinner Sit-down dinner / live & silent auctions

> **HONORED GUEST SPEAKER** SUE CARLSON, M.D.

Dinner by Del Sur Artisan Eats



Tickets \$65 on sale NOW and may be purchased after weekend Masses or online at www.helpinghugsinc.org Questions about tickets: call Jan LaBoone, 912-266-3417.

The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah. On Sunday, October 15, from 12 to 3pm, St. William will host a VIRTUS training class. Seating is limited and reregistration is required online. Registration Instructions can be found at https:// diosav.org/how-do-i/register-for-virtus-training. A LAPTOP or DESKTOP is recommended for registration. No one under the age of 18 is allowed to be present. Child care is not provided.

ONLINE GIVING - We thank you for your continued support of our parish through our envelope program, mail, and online giving. Online giving is available through this **link** and on our website, stwill.net, via the Online Giving tab.



PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY - SATURDAY AT 8:15 AM. TUESDAY AT 6 PM

9AM-6PM -ADORATION (Use Chapel Entrance)

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

SUN., OCT. 1 Fete Tickets on Sale after Masses

9am -Creed

9am - Adult Ed Bible Study

9am - RCIA

9am - CIA(Catholics in Action Youth Group)

10:30am - Outdoor Mass 11:30am - Blessing of Pets

MON., OCT. 2 9am - Monday Morning Marthas

6pm - Kenpo

TUES., OCT. 3 10:30am-Tuesday Morning Womens Disc.

11am - Yoga

1pm - Rosary for Peace

WED., OCT. 4 5pm-CCW Chocolate, Cheese & Wine

6:30pm - Choir Practice

9am - Twin Parish Exec Meeting THURS., OCT. 5

1pm - Bell Choir Practice

6pm - Kenpo

FRI., OCT. 6 9am- SFO Exec Meeting

3pm - Hour of Great Mercy (RM 2 -PH)

7:30AM-1ST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS SAT., OCT. 7

10am - Kenpo

4:30pm - Reconciliation

SUN., OCT. 8 Fete Tickets on Sale after Masses

Southern Cross Subscription Drive

9am -Creed

9am - Adult Ed Bible Study

9am - RCIA

9am - CIA(Catholics in Action Youth Group)



SEW & SO will meet October 11, 10am. Room 4, of the parish hall. If you like projects, sewing, knitting, crocheting, beading, etc., please join us.



Grace Scholars Awareness Weekend September 30-October 1, 2023

Give the gift

gracescholars.org

GRACE SCHOLARS - Register for state of Georgia's 2024 your Qualified Education Expense tax credit. Registration for 2024 is open now www.gracescholars.org. GRACE Scholars provides scholarships to children from families with financial need in grades PreK-12 for use at participating schools located in the state of Georgia.

Don't miss out on your tax credit opportunity! Register Pass-Through Owners and Corporations early! increased benefits - visit www.gracescholars.org. Donors will receive a 100 percent state of Georgia tax credit for For more information, visit donations. www.gracescholars.org.



SAVE THE DATE! The St. William Catholic Church Council of Catholic Women will sponsor its Fall Bazaar & Craft Show on Saturday, November 11. We are taking reservations for booths from previous crafters now and will advise regarding any avail-

able spaces soon. We will also be looking for volunteers to head up bake sale, food prep/ticket sale, old jewelry sale, For more information, email or call Sue Amiano, sueamiano@att.net or 912-996-6270.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 1



As Christian stewards we are called to a high and holy standard — living as Christ's disciples every day and with every Son, go out and work in the vineyard today." person the Lord places in our path. But we can move towards this goal in "baby steps."

Jesus demonstrates this comforting truth through the parable He tells in today's Gospel from Matthew. It is the story of two sons whose father instructs them to go out and work in his vineyard that day. While the second son agrees to his father's request, he does not follow through — he fails to obey the father's will. The first son tells his father, "no." At least he is honest! And in the end, he reconsiders and obeys his father.

The first son's honest, less-than-perfect response, is consoling to us Christian stewards. Haven't we all felt this way at times when God's will for us seems to be just too hard?

We can be honest with God at these times. He knows our thoughts already, after all. But when we stayed engaged in a real relationship with Him, even if it's just to say, "I don't think I can, Lord," He will supply us with just the grace we need to change our minds and do what He is asking us to do.

We can even take a step backward from time to time because our Father is merciful and kind. What matters is that we keep baby stepping along, assured of the grace we need to more closely imitate the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is the beauty of the stewardship way of life.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants



DIOCESAN SCOUTING CAMPOREE - The Diocesan Scouting Camporee will be held November 17-19, at Camp Osborn in Sylvester, Georgia. All Scouting Families and Troops (American Heritage Girls, Camp Fire Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Ventures) are invited to this event. Activities include Vocation hikes for all ages, archery, climbing wall, BB range, Saint patches, rosary

activities, religious activities and more! The Annual Scout Mass and awards will be celebrated by Bishop Parkes on Sunday, No-If you would like to help plan/volunteer email: dhoustondaniel@ymail.com or chadsween@gmail.com. \$30.00/ person includes dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday. Registration and more information is available at https://diosav.org/ youth-ministry/scouting/camporee. Registration deadline is November 10.



We are Here to Listen and Take Action

DIOCESAN 24-HOUR CHILD ABUSE REPORTING HOTLINE 888-357-5330

Abuse hotline for bishops only: https://reportbishopabuse.org or call (800) 276-1562.

Abuse Hotline Number:

To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, (912)201-4074. The diocesan policy on abuse is available at www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection.

Sympathy & prayers ...

To **Mary & Larry Montani and family,** upon the death of their mother and mother-in-law, AUGUSTA BRANNEN.

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



ALTAR FLOWERS - The sign-up sheet for altar flowers is on a stand in the narthex of the church. There are several openings between now and Advent. Please sign-up if you would like to dedicate the Altar Flowers "in honor of" or "in memory of" your loved ones.



RESPECT LIFE MONTH

radical solidarity



For fifty years the Catholic Church in America has observed October as **RESPECT LIFE MONTH**.

The first Sunday of October is additionally observed as Respect Life Sunday. This year the USCCB has chosen "Radical Solidarity" as the theme. It is a term coined by St. John Paul II in reference to the need for Christians to support mothers in difficult pregnancies.

You can find out more about this theme here (www.usccb.org, type "Radical Solidarity in the search field.)



Office of Fellowship and Life RESPECT LIFE POSTER CONTEST GUIDELINES

Entry Categories: Grades 5-6; Grades 7-8; Grades 9-12

Prizes: In each entry category:

1st prize-\$75, 2nd prize-\$50, and 3rd prize-\$25

2023 Theme THE BEAUTY OF MOTHERHOOD

In Respect Life Month it is important to emphasize mother-hood. There is a unique beauty in the role that a mother plays. This beauty is especially reflected in The Virgin Mary's relationship with Jesus and all Christians. We must remember that this beauty is true of all mothers, even those whose pregnancies are difficult or unexpected. These mothers, like Mary, demonstrate courage unlike any other. Let us create art that testifies to the courage and beauty of the mothers who have said yes to life.

Contest Rules:

- > Entries should be in color.
- ➤ Artwork must be original freehand no copying or tracing.
- Artwork should be created on an 8.5 x 11 inches piece of white paper (no lined paper).
- Digital art is accepted if the entirety of the work is original.
- Acceptable media includes digital art, colored pencils, crayons, pastels, markers, and tempera or watercolor paints.
- Entry form must be included with the artwork.
- ➤ Please put your name on the back of your artwork in pencil. If digital, please put your name on the file. Do not put your name on the front of the artwork, or the artwork will be disqualified.

Entry Due Date: Friday, October 20, 2023

Submit Entries:

Via postal mail: Patrick Tunnell

Director of Fellowship and Life

Diocese of Savannah 2170 East Victory Drive Savannah, GA 31304

Via Email: ptunnell@diosav.org

Questions: Patrick Tunnell, 912-201-4068

he PELICAN PROJECT

Originating in the Diocese of Savannah, <u>The Pelican Project</u> is a ministry, approved by Bishop Parkes, that seeks to promote education on the beauty of life and theology within the home. This ministry has beautiful info and graphics designed for parents to teach their children the basic tenets of the Faith, specifically those surrounding life and love. Their resources are incredibly beautiful and completely free. Below is an example of one of the many Weekly children's Devotionals available. www.pelicanprojectministry.org.

July 90, 2029 | Green

PRAY. GROW. AND SERVE

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. (Matthew 11:25)

telling the truth with our bodies

Written in collaboration with Pearland this fe.com

God made us to be helpers for one another out of love!

PRAY: Humans are unique to all of creation because we are the only creature that God formed with both a body and soul.

God chose to create us in His image and likeness, both our body and our soul are an important part of WHO we are.

God sent this Son, Jesus, so we could encounter Him in a new way—as Afast. Jesus reveals the fullness of what it means to be human. Jesus treaches us how to use our bodies to express the truth of who God made us to be.

God made us to be helpers for one another out of fore. When we read the Gospel we learn how to be loving, bodly helpers to that around us.

Spend time in proyer thanking Jesus for your body. Every part of you from your head to your tees is a beautiful gift from God. Thanks God for the ability to physically do the things you can do!

We have a responsibility to use our body to speak the language of love in truth!

We have a responsibility to use an edge to speak this longuage of love in milfill this means that each action we take with our body must unselfailly will the absolute good of the person we are serving.

Jesus teaches us that whenever we perform bodly works of mercy we are serving IRMA (Motthew 255-540) When we choose not to speck a language of lare with our bodles we decime ourselves and those around us about the digitally of the humas body and who God created us to be.

Deceiving another is called lying. Just as it is a sin to tell a lie with our words, it is also a sin to tell a lie with our body.

cor.po.ral [adjective]

GROW. The word "corpored" means pertaining to the body. Given to us by Jesus, the corporal works of mercy are ways in which God asks us to express the truth of who lie is (Love) and the truth of who we were created to be (Inharen in Nuture).

These 7 acts of mercy are done through our bodies and specifically care for the dignity of the human body.

the corporal works of mercy:

Feed the hungry.
Give water to the thirsty.
Provide clothing for those without clothes.
Shelter the homeless.
Visit the sick.
Visit the dead.

SERVE. You can speak the truth of God's love by performing the corporal works of mercy in your home!

When you help to bring in the graceries, make dinner, take care of a spik witing, or help with the loundry you are speaking the truth of God's love and who He created you to be!

> "Our actions have a tongue of their own; they have an elequence of their own, even when the tongue is silent. For deeds prove the lover more than words."

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

www.PelicanProjectWinishy.org | P.O. Box TI, Waverly Holl, GA 518

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

October 20-22, 2023 | Near Augusta, GA

Do you or someone you know have emotional, spiritual or psychological pain due to a past abortion? If so, there is a ministry just for you. At a Rachel's Vineyard Ministry retreat you can find help, hope, and healing through their post-abortion weekends.

For more information:

912-306-0406 | rachelsvineyard.org stephaniemay135@gmail.com

Complete confidentiality will be honored at all times. Take the risk and find the peace and healing you have been searching for.



CHOCOLATE, CHEESE, & WINE

THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CORDIALLY
INVITES ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH TO ATTEND OUR
OPENING SOCIAL OF THE YEAR!

Wednesday, October 4 5:00-7:00 in the Parish Hall

Drop in and learn what CCW has in store. Bring a friend or family member. Bring the gift of you!

ST. WILLIAM CCW ACTS THROUGH ITS MEMBERS TO PROMOTE SPIRITUAL AND EDUCATIONAL GROWTH FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND TO PROVIDE SOCIAL AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS TO USE THEIR TALENTS TO NURTURE AND BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY.





ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB

Welcome Crusader Families

We are excited about this year's athletic offerings and the many opportunities to encourage our players. We would love to see you out there supporting our Crusader teams.

Here are a few ways that you can help support the Booster Club:

- 1. Become a Booster Club member
- 2. Support our fundraisers
- 3. Sign up to volunteer at the concessions

Crusaders Booster Club Membership Form

| Family Memb | • General admission for immediate family to all home games. • Family name displayed on a banner in Xavier Hall. • 2 SFX Booster Club car decals. | | |
|---------------|--|--|--|
| Black Membe | Logo/name displayed on a banner in Xavier Hall. Logo/name placement on the large banner to be displayed at all home soccer, baseball, and softball games. Recognition by level on sfxcs.org and annual sports banquet program. General admission for immediate family to all home games. 1 SFX baseball hat. 2 SFX Booster Club car decals. | | |
| Gold Member | Ship - \$500 Logo/name displayed on a banner in Xavier Hall. Logo/name placement on the large banner to be displayed at all home soccer, baseball, and softball games. Recognition by level on sfxcs.org and annual sports banquet program. General admission for immediate family to all home games. 2 SFX baseball hats. 2 SFX Booster Club car decals. 2 Invitations to the annual sports banquet. | | |
| Name: | Email: | | |
| Address: | | | |
| | Date: | | |
| Student Name: | | | |

Corporate Sponsors: Please make checks payable to St. Francis Xavier Catholic School.

SFX Booster Club 1129 Grant Street Brunswick, GA 31520

SFX Families may sign up on Web Forms.

Thank you for your support!!



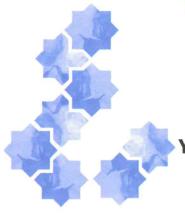
Members of the legal community and all public officials are cordially invited to join Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes, Bishop of Savannah, and the Catholic Lawyers Guild in prayer and fellowship for those responsible for the administration of justice.

Open to people of all faith traditions.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023 at 12:00 PM CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Reception to follow.
Please RSVP to Maggie Blanc at
mblanc@diosav.org or 912-201-4126

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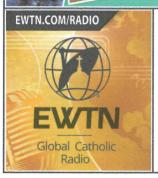
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