



Spiritus Gladius

The Weekly News Letter of the Parish of
Saint Paul the Apostle, Savannah
Episcopal Diocese of Georgia

The Weekday Kalendar

Monday Feria

MP 9:00 am
HE 12:15 pm
EP 5:30 pm

Tuesday Feria

MP 9:00 am
EP 5:30 pm
HE/HS 6:00 pm

Wednesday St. Thomas the Apostle

MP 6:45 am
HE 7:00 am
Confessions 5:00 pm
EP 5:30 pm
HE 6:00 pm

Wonderful Wednesday to follow

Thursday Feria

MP 9:00 am
HE 10:00 am

Greening of the Church

EP 5:30 pm

Friday Feria

MP 6:45 am
HE 7:00 am

Greening of the Church 9:30 am

EP 5:30 pm

MP - Morning Prayer

HE - Holy Eucharist

HS - Healing Service

EP - Evening Prayer

The Fourth Sunday Of Advent December 18, 2011

- 8:00 a.m. Low Mass
9:15 a.m. Christian Education
9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass
11:45 a.m. Church School (September–May)
12:15 p.m. Misa en Español
5:30 p.m. Evensong (weekly)
& Benediction (4th Sunday)
6:30 p.m. Celtic Mass

There is a 3 pm Mass at St. Bartholomew's,
Chevis Road at Wild Heron Road on the
2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month

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The Propers

The Lesson – 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26

The Epistle – Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel - Luke 1: 26-38

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday

9 am-3 pm / closed on Friday

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Reflection

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The approach of the Christmas season puts us in mind of the gift which is ours in Jesus Christ. This is why we ourselves give gifts, because God gave us the gift of His only begotten Son. In you are like me the majority of my gifts go to people that God has gifted my life with. Consequently the gifts which I give are an attempt to acknowledge the joy and delight which they bring to bear in my life. But maybe like me you have a haunting suspicion in the back of your mind that this season of gift giving should involve more. That our gift giving should also be an expression of thanksgiving which encompasses those most dear to the sacred heart of Jesus: ... "the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or love him not or who by sin have grieved his heart to love." (From the Bidding Prayer for the Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols)

The Episcopal Church has a wonderful array of opportunities available for making a concrete response to our Lord's many admonitions to care for those in need. One way to honor friends and relatives is to make donations in their name. It is also a good way to express thanksgiving for the life and hope which is ours in Jesus. Following is a list, by no means comprehensive, of local, national and international groups who would appreciate a few unrestricted dollars at their disposal. If you send a donation in someone's name please be sure to provide the organization with clearly printed information about who, you are, in whose name you are making the gift and the addresses for both of you. This will help them send appropriate acknowledgments.

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Episcopal Youth and Children Services, 611 East Bay St. Savannah, GA 31401
Scholarship and Medical Aid to youth and children in the Diocese of Georgia. 236-4279

Episcopal Relief and Development, POB 7058 Merrifield, VA 22116-7058 800/334-7626
A ministry of the Episcopal Church which provides relief from devastating loss worldwide.
Especially consider their Gifts for Life Program, catalog available at St. Paul's or on line at www.er-d.org

Greenbrier Children's Center, 3709 Hopkins St. Savannah, GA 31405
An Emergency Shelter for Children. 234-3431

Tara at Thunderbolt 3223 Falligant Ave. Thunderbolt GA 31404. A Skilled Nursing and rehabilitation Center.
691-2512 talk to Deacon Sue Gahagan for more information.

The St. Francis Academy, PO Box 1340 Salina, KS 67402-9925
A child welfare ministry of the Episcopal Church serving the Nation. 800/423-1342

St. Jude's Ranch for Children, PO Box 60100 Boulder City, NV 89006
A residential center for neglected and troubled children affiliated with the Episcopal Church. 800/492-3562

Habitat for Humanity, 121 Habitat St. Americus GA 31709
A partnership with poor people around the world to build simple affordable housing. 800/HABITAT

Heifer Project International, PO Box 8058 Little Rock, AR 72203
Provides livestock and training for needy families worldwide.

United Thank Offering - through the local parish
A mission arm of the Episcopal Church which supports a wide range of domestic and foreign community based ministries. 800/334-7626

Parish News and Events

Celtic Server Rota December 18, 2011

Usher —Tony Joiner

Reader—Bette Day

Chalice—Sean Kane

Christmas Flowers

We are now taking orders for our Christmas Flowers and Greenery. Please complete the form below and place it in the alms basins or mail it to the parish office. The flowers are \$12.00.

() In thanksgiving for

() In Loving Memory of

Schedule for Christmas Eve

Mass/ Children's Pageant 5:30 pm

Festival of Carols 10:30 pm

Midnight Mass of Christmas 11:00 pm

Masses of Christmas Day

10: am, 12:15 pm (en Espanol) 6:30 Celtic

Mass

Christmas Dinner

For those who might otherwise be alone on Christmas, there will be a Christmas Dinner in the parish hall at 3:00 pm on Christmas Day. Please bring your favorite dish. There is a sign up sheet in the parish hall for you to use.

Note!

Parents, please note that practice for our Christmas pageant will be held in the Church after the 10 am Mass. All children are welcome to participate.

Trolley and Caroling Party

On Friday December 16 from 6 pm to 8 pm we will have a Trolley & Caroling Party. Please assemble at the church at 6:00 pm. The trolleys will leave the church **promptly** at 6:30 pm. We will sing carols for an hour and then return to the church for light refreshments from 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm. While the event is sponsored by the Sunday School, it is open to all who are young at heart.

Goliard Concert

Sunday, December 18th, 3:00 pm

St. Paul's

Savannah Celtic Concert and Ceili

Featuring Moira Nelligan and the Dixie Jigs

7:30pm Thursday, December 22nd at St Paul's

See Gabriel Lawrence for more information

Dean & Sexton's Luncheon

The congregation is invited to a luncheon on New Year's Eve (December 31) prepared by the Dean and the Sexton. The meal will begin at 1:00 o'clock and will be preceded by a Mass at Noon. Please visit the Sign Up Sheet in the Parish Hall if you plan to attend.

Christmas Decorations

We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Thursday, December 22nd and Friday, December 23rd.

On Thursday we will be making the window decorations and wreaths.

On Friday we will be decorating the church.

We will begin at 10:00 am both days.

Please come and help to make the church beautiful for the Christmas Season.

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Lay Ministers

8 am

Chere Peterson
Tony Joiner (Lector)

10 am

Charles Todd (Sub Deacon)
Sean Kane (Lector)
Eric Nowicki (MC)

Acolytes

Rebecca Chancey
Leila Sullivan
Jackson Whalen
Zachary Morris

Coffee Hour Hosts

Jan Carter and Ben Head

Usher

Stewart Ford

Year-To-Date

Inflows 10.31.11 \$300,036.
Outflows 10.31.11 \$306,616.
Balance - \$6,580.
Budget needed each week
\$7,524.00
Offering 12/11/11
\$5,885.00
Capital Campaign to date
\$453,717.18

Saint Paul's Church

1802 Abercorn Street - Savannah, GA 31401

The Episcopate

The Rt Rev Scott A. Benhase, D. Min., D.D.
Bishop of Georgia
The Most Rev Katharine Jefferts Shori, Ph.D.
Primate, Episcopal Church, USA
The Most Rev & Rt Hon. Rowan Williams, D.D.
Archbishop of Canterbury

Clergy

Canon J. Robert Carter Jr., Ph.D.
Father George M. Maxwell
Father George B. Salley
The Rev. Dr. Elena Thompson O.P.A.
The Rev. John G. Anderson
Lutheran Pastor in Residence
The Reverend Charles Castles
Deacon for St. Bartholomew's
The Right Reverend H. W. Shipps, D.D.
Bishop in Residence
The Very Reverend Wm Willoughby III, Ed.D.
Rector & Dean of Savannah
The Reverend Susan E. Gahagan, Deacon

Staff

Tony Chancey, Music Director
Gabriel Lawrence, Choir Director
Kay Saussy, Parish Secretary
Joe Daniels, Sexton
Rebecca Alt, Youth Minister
Charles Todd, Hispanic Missioner
Michael Chaney Seminarian

The Vestry

Marsha Tolbert, Senior Warden, '12
Eric Nowicki, Junior Warden, '12
Richelle Southwick Clerk, '12
August Breton, '14, Susie Clinard '14
Deanna Cross, '13, Amy Ford '14,
Ben Head, '13, Tony Joiner, '13,
Audrey Lang, '13, Larry Robinson, '12,
Scott Singeisen, '14

Jill Lockwood, Treasurer

Thanksgivings & Memorials

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in Memory of Pauline Graviano by her granddaughter Jen Singisen

Advent IV

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Walsingham Shrine

The flowers at the Walsingham Shrine are given by Shirley and Bill Weaver in honor of the birthday of their daughter, Leslie.



Birthdays

Cindy Bignault 24

Calendars

The 2012 Ordo Calendars are here. They are \$3.00 each and may be purchased from the Gift Shop or the parish office. Be sure you get one soon