



Spiritus Gladius

The Weekly News Letter of the Collegiate Church of
Saint Paul the Apostle, Savannah

The Weekday Kalendar

Monday	St. Philip & St. James MP 9:00 am HE 12:15 pm EP 5:30 pm
Tuesday	Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm HE/HS 6:00 pm
Wednesday	The Finding of the Holy Cross MP 6:45 am HE 7:00pm Confessions 5:00 pm EP 5:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday 6:00pm
Thursday	Monnica, Mother of Augustine MP 9:00 am HE/HS 10:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Friday	Conversion of St. Augustine MP 6:45 am HE 7:00 am

MP - Morning Prayer HS - Healing Service
HE - Holy Eucharist EP - Evening Prayer

The Third Sunday of Easter April 30, 2017

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 (4 th Sunday)
6:30 p.m.	Evening 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



The Propers

The Lesson—Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-3,10-17

The Epistle—1 Peter 1: 17-23

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Reflections...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Lent is the season when we challenged ourselves to strip down our lives and pay attention to the essentials. The Church in Her wisdom knows that we need to do this because we are prone to mistaking wants for needs. Just as important the Lenten season of preparation allows us to value the outrageous abundance which God places at our disposal. This is particularly apparent when we fully participate in the liturgies of the sacred triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter. Just like Her Lord the Church is stripped bare, the Cross becomes the central focus of the space and we finish it all in a splendid garden celebrating the empty tomb and the Resurrected Lord in our midst.

The great fifty days of Easter challenges us to focus on a different set of essentials. If Lent is about pruning back the desires which erode the energy of our lives, Easter is about embracing those things which give us life and meaning beyond the narrow confines of our limited experience. First of all Easter asks us to embrace the Risen Lord. Christ Jesus, the God/Man shows us the full nature of God, which is summed up in one outrageous and impossible word, Love. God in Christ Jesus is reconciling the world to its true purpose, living in God's love. The empty tomb not only represents the limitations of our experience in this life but beckons us to consider realities greater than ourselves, our souls and our bodies.

What makes the Resurrection so hard for us to fully embrace is that it puts God at the center, rather than ourselves. The Resurrection is an extension of the love poured out at the beginning of creation. It gives ultimate witness to the power of vulnerability, which God has always shown in dealing with us. By making us in God's image, male and female we are made, our Creator gave us freedom to make choices. The Father's desire was that we live lives of love, creativity, reason and harmony with each other and God. But we choose to misuse our freedom and make choices based on the limited knowledge of self and our experience. By putting ourselves in the place of God we segregate ourselves from full participation in God's love and live in disharmony with creation and each other.

St. John's Gospel, the one we read the most of during Easter, makes it abundantly clear that the Way, the Truth and the Life for all creation is to be found most perfectly in Jesus; for it is in Jesus that sin and death are overcome and the way is opened for eternal life. Throughout Easter the Church gives us opportunities to encounter the resurrected Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Because the Holy Spirit is able to use all sorts and kinds of encounters the season is rich with an abundance of images, stories and opportunities for festal celebration. Each experience of the resurrection has within itself an opportunity to become vulnerable and embrace the empty tomb, thereby living into the possibilities of the Resurrection. The challenge is and has always been to live into this truth in ways that are not sectarian but acknowledges the universality of God's reconciliation of creation. This does not mean abandoning the radical particularity of God in Christ Jesus in order not to offend those of other faith traditions. It does mean living more openly and vulnerably so that God may use us as a proclamation of Love and through that love bring people into the Resurrected Life.

This great Fifty Days of Easter join me in learning the grammar of vulnerability that we may surrender to the grace of God's love. Let us challenge each other to embrace the life which only comes from knowing the crucified Lord of Life. That we might move beyond the narrow confines of our imaginings, and catch a glimpse of the limitless world of the Kingdom of God. Together as a Body which has died and risen again in the waters of Baptism we can live lives more in harmony with the desire of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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Parish News and Events

Rest in Peace+

Julia D. Witt
departed this life
April 21, 2017

*“Into Paradise may the angels lead thee,
And at thy coming may the martyrs receive
thee, and bring thee into the holy city Je-
rusalem.”*

**The Memorial Service of Christian Buri-
al for Julia will be held at All Saints;
Church, Tybee at 2pm**

Plant Sale

We will have a plant and bake sale from
9am – 1pm on Saturday, May 6. Make your
plans now to come out and buy some great
plants and some delicious goodies.

Brunch

Please join us for a delightful Mother’s
Day Brunch following the 10am Mass. on
Sunday, May 14. All proceeds will go to-
ward the Honey Creek Camp Scholarship
Fund. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and
\$5.00 for children under 10.
This is a wonderful way to give your Moth-
er, Grandmother, Friend or Aunt a real
treat.

Ascension Day

Mark your calendars for the Ascension Day
Mass on May 25, at 6:00pm. A lamb dinner
will follow the Mass. Please make your reserva-
tions soon so that we may plan accordingly.
You may make your reservations by calling the
parish office at 232.0274 or using the sign up
sheet in the parish hall.

Volunteers Needed!

St. Pau l’s Altar Guild is understaffed and
needs more members. If you are looking for a
way to give some time to the church, please
contact Father Willoughby or Kay Saussy and
let them know you are interested.

St. Mark, the Evangelist

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evan-
gelist you have given to your Church the Gos-
pel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank
you for this witness, and pray that we may be
firmly grounded in its truth; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen

*“Alleluia He is Risen!
The Lord is Risen Indeed!
Alleluia!”*

Lay Ministers

8am

David Saussy
Chere Peterson

10am

Ed Minor
Billy Wooten

Acolytes

Erick Nowicki
Roy Morris
Tony Joiner
Zachary Morris
Palmer Walker

Head Usher

Carl Pruetz

Coffee Hour

Rena Scott

Year-To-Date

Inflows 3.31.17
\$98,569.87

Outflows 3.31.17
\$113,003.50

Balance -(\$14,443.63)

Budget needed each week
\$8,371.00

Offering this week
\$5,915.00

Restricted Offering
\$315.00

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The Episcopate

The Right Reverend Scott A. Benhase, D.D.
Bishop of Georgia

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, D.D.
Primate, Episcopal Church, USA

The Most Rev & Rt Hon Justin Welby, D.D.
Archbishop of Canterbury

Honorary Assistant Clergy

Canon J. Robert Carter, PhD
Fr. George B Salley, Jr
The Rev. John G Anderson
Lutheran Pastor in Residence

Staff

The Very Rev. Dr. Wm Willoughby III, OStJ
Rector & Dean of Savannah

The Reverend Charles E. Todd, ECSB
Vicar & Latino/Hispanic Missioner

The Reverend Michael J. Chaney,
Associate & College Missioner

The Reverend Susan E. Gahagan, ECSB
Deacon

Dr. Irene Feddern, Director of Music
Kay Saussy, Parish Secretary
Joe Daniels, Sexton

Victor Moreno, Pastoral Assistant
Colleen Willoughby, Youth Minister
Gregory Powell, Evening Mass Musician

The Vestry

Beth Robinson, Senior Warden, '19
August Breton, Junior Warden, '19
Sara Ward, Clerk, '19

Jim Burch '20, Heather Downs, '18
Frank Hodge, '18, Erick Nowicki, '19,
Dan Porter, '20,

Carl Pruetz, '18, Cuffy Sullivan, '20
Lily Wong, '20, Ellen Wyatt, '18

Carl Pruetz Treasurer

Thanksgivings & Memorials

The High Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by St. Paul's parishioners.

The flowers at the Walsingham Shrine are given by Erick Nowick in loving memory of his parents.



Birthdays

Marsha Tolbert
Jonah Eckmann

Anniversaries

Phyllis and Alan Boulton