



Spiritus Gladius

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

The Weekday Kalendar

Monday	Paul of Thebes, 1st Hermit 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	Antony, Abbot in Egypt MP 6:45 am HE 7:00pm Confessions 5:00 pm EP 5:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday 6:00pm
Thursday	The Confession of St. Peter the Apostle MP 9:00 am HE/HS 10:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Friday	Wulfston, Bishop of Worcester MP 6:45 am HE 7:00 am EP 5:30 pm

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

The third Sunday after the Epiphany January 21, 2018

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

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The Propers

The Lesson - Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:6-14

The Epistle - I Corinthians 7: 29-31

The Gospel - Mark 1:14-20

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday
9 am-3 pm / closed on Friday
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Reflections

Invite, Welcome and Connect

Last year at Vestry retreat, your vestry committed to a model of church engagement called “Invite, Welcome, Connect”. The program was brought to our attention by Bishop Benhase.

According to their website, www.invitewelcomeconnect.com, Invite Welcome Connect was created by Mary Parmer and developed through the Episcopal Diocese of Texas Newcomer Ministry Project. It is a transformational ministry that equips and empowers clergy and lay leaders to cultivate intentional practices of evangelism, hospitality, and connectedness rooted in the Gospel imperative to “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). In July, it became a ministry of the Beecken Center at the School of Theology, University of the South. Today let’s look at “Welcome”.

“Welcoming the stranger is welcoming Jesus. Jesus paid attention to what was going on around him and especially to those people he encountered on a daily basis. He modeled for us a new way of seeing the other - the way of love, compassion, and forgiveness.”

When I first moved back to Savannah, I went church-shopping. My shopping list included a number of things, such as “good music”, “extemporaneous preaching”, “role for women in leadership”, and most importantly, “that the old lady in the pew next to me greets me, and remembers my name again next week”.

Now that I am that “old lady”, I wonder if I’m doing the best I can do.

We all know who our super-greeters are at St. Paul’s; the ushers who make a great first impression, and those notable individuals who unfailingly seek out newcomers to make them feel welcome. But what about the days the super-greeters are out. Wouldn’t it be nice if we cultivated an intentional, congregation-wide sense of welcome? That we all become super-greeters?

Many of us remember that dreaded feeling of walking into the school lunchroom and having no obvious place to sit, or no one welcoming us to join them. Visiting a church is sort of like the adult version of this. You’re up, dressed, made it to church, and entered into a strange new place where all the cliques and cool kids are already established, and you have no idea where to sit or what to do.

Think back to what a friendly wave and a “come join us!” would have meant to you in the school lunch room.

How can we be the kind of congregation that is intentional in its welcome by being, like Jesus, aware of what is going on around us and paying attention to those we encounter on a daily – or weekly – basis.

Parish News and Events

Annual Parish Meeting

On Sunday, January 28th, we will have our annual parish meeting following the 10am Mass. We will have our meeting (a nursery will be provided.) and then a covered dish luncheon. Those whose last names begin with A - K, please bring a meat dish, Those whose last name begins with L - P, please bring a rice or pasta dish. If your name begins with Q - Z, please bring a salad or a vegetable dish. Make your plans now to attend this important meeting.

Vestry Nominations

Before you nominate someone to serve on the Vestry, please consider the following: the canons (laws) of the church state that to serve on a vestry a person: A must be an adult, confirmed, communicate in good standing and an eligible voter of the parish. B. Must be 18 years or older. C. Has contributed to the support of the church within the past six months. In addition (not stated in the canons) a Vestry candidate must be willing to actually attend monthly meetings and be an active participant in parish life. Please carefully consider your nominations.

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Congratulations

Father Willoughby will celebrate his 35th anniversary to the Sacred Order of Priests on January 27th. We thank God for his ministry among us.

If you would like to donate some things to the Backpack program, here is a list of ideas.

Non-refrigerated white or chocolate milk boxes
Juice boxes (not Kool aide)
Sandwich crackers (peanut butter or cheese)
Jars of peanut butter
Small boxes of cereal
Pudding cups
Cereal bars
Fruit cups
"Meal type" small cans (Beans & franks, ravioli, beef stew, etc.)
Boxes of Saltine/Ritz crackers in paper sleeves
Thank you.

Lay Ministers

8am

Jim Weathers
Paul Hammond

10am

David Saussy
Marjory Stephens

MC

Roy Morris

Acolytes

Jackson Whalen
Palmer Walker
Zachary Morris
Quinn Scott

Head Usher

Stewart Ford

Year-To-Date

Inflows 11.30.17

\$367,251.74

Outflows 11.30.17

\$406,383.71

Balance (-\$39,131.97)

Budget needed each week

\$8,371.00

Offering this week

\$4,794.60

Restricted Offering

\$590.00

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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, Organist-Choirmaster

Kay Saussy, Parish Secretary

Joe Daniels, Sexton

Victor Moreno, Pastoral Assistant

Colleen Willoughby, Youth Minister

Robert M. Fogle, 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 Flowers on the High Altar are given by her loving family in honor and celebration of the 90th birthday of Marjory Stephens.

The Sanctuary Lamp

Given in thanksgiving.

Virgin Altar Lamp

Given in memory of loved ones.



Birthdays

Billy Wooten

Roy Morris

Marion Paquin

Tony Joiner

Janet Mckay