



Spiritus Gladius

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

The Weekday Kalendar

Monday	Feria MP 9:00 am HE 12:15 pm EP 5:30 pm
Tuesday	Bernard MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm HE/HS 6:00pm
Wednesday	Feria Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Thursday	Feria MP 9:00 am HE/HS 10:00am EP 5:30 pm
Friday	Martin de Porres, Rosa de Lima, Toribio de Mogrovejo Lauds 6:45am HE 7:00am MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm

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

The Feast Of St. Mary, The Virgin August 18, 2019

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
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
Isaiah 61:10-11
Psalm 34:1-9
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 1:46-55

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday
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REFLECTIONS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Among early Greek Christians the writings of Irenaeus are an important example of a focus on the potential ability of humanity to mature in this life. In this framework good and evil are required for human beings to master the art of informed decisions. Evil is a necessary prerequisite for the full formation of each human. To become fully animate in God's image the existence of evil is a necessary. Therefore, in choosing to disobey God's command to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, Adam and Eve give evidence to God's gift of free will.

Important to this way of engaging the problem of good and evil is the biblical injunctions to "choose good." According to Irenaeus this divine challenge is pointless without a real choice between good and evil. Life from this framework is a series of opportunities to cultivate and choose the image which God intended from the creation of humanity. Ultimately contact with evil provides the necessary nexus for spiritual growth and development. (Against Heresies, vol. 1 Ante-Nicene Fathers p. 518)

Among modern writers John Hick is generally regarded as the most able proponent of this approach. Hicks' contends that human beings are incomplete, and they must contend with the problem of good and evil in order for them to become what God intends. This approach obviously emphasizes the human ability to respond freely to the will of God. It also presents a world in which the presence of good and evil are the crucible for informed and meaningful human development to take place.

This account of good and evil protects the place of human freedom and it reverberates with the insight that often God's grace and love can be experienced most profoundly amid suffering and anguish. It proves less than resilient in the face of profound evil. A legitimate critique can and should be posited about how evil plays a positive role in the formation of the image of God in humanity when it involves wholesale destruction like the Nazi Holocaust or wholesale terrorist attacks with no regard to the complicity of those caught in the event - from where comes any moral direction or stimulus to resist and overcome the evil out of which they arise?

Considering this question, it is time to turn to St. Augustine of Hippo's approach to the question of good and evil which continues to have a major impact on the western theological tradition of the Church. The answer that he developed in the fourth century is directly related to countering the Gnostic vision of the world asserted by the followers of Mani. The Manicheans accounted for the existence of evil as resident in the evil nature of all matter. For the followers of Mani and their Gnostic Christian disciples the purpose of salvation was to be found in the deliverance of humanity from the evil material world into a spiritual world completely uncontaminated by matter.

Central to most Gnostic systems was the idea of a demiurge – a demigod who created the heavens and earth from preexisting matter. Both the defects of matter and the need to escape from the present world were due to the inadequacies of the demigod. It was the job in this cosmological system for a redeemer god to intervene and free humanity from the prison of this world of matter.

For Augustine, creation and redemption was the work of one God. It was impossible for him to blame the existence of evil on creation, since that would merely transfer it to God. According to Augustine, God created the world good. This meant that all matter was intrinsically good; so, the question remained how to account for evil. The fundamental insight of Augustine concerning evil is that it is a direct consequence of the misuse of Human freedom. Like Irenaeus human freedom is fundamental to Augustine's construct and the presence of evil in the world can be squarely placed before humanity and its choice of self will over the will of God. By choosing evil Humanity introduced the contamination of evil to the world. (Reply to Faustus, vol. IV The Nicene and Post Nicene Fathers p. 270)

WWIII (to be continued)

Parish News and Events

Hymns & Music: The Feast of St. Mary the Virgin

278, 265, Solo: Ave Maria (Grace Downs),
Doxology, 620, 437

Coffee Hour:

The sign-up for Coffee Hour Hosts for August and September is now available on Sign-up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4EAEA62CA4FF2-august>

Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

Welcome the Rev. Lauren Flowers Byrd

“I am married to Mr. Russell Byrd, who was baptized at St. Paul’s in 1956. We met when I came to Savannah in 2014, to serve St. Peter’s Episcopal Church as an associate priest. We married a year later and moved to Wilmington Island, where I began my ministry with St. Francis of the Islands, serving there four years as priest and later rector. Born into a military family in Oklahoma, I grew up in Huntsville, Alabama. I am a double graduate of Sewanee: majoring in English literature in 1980, and returning there thirty years later for a Master’s of Divinity. In 2013, I was ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Central Gulf Coast and served as rector of St. John’s, Monroeville, Alabama, before moving to Savannah. Prior to seminary, I served seven years as Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry at the Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Dothan, Alabama. My work experience also includes copywriting and editing. I am the mother of three adults and recently became a grandmother. My marriage to Russell has widened the circle of my family to include a Byrd covey of parents, brothers, sons, and lots of grandchildren. At present, I am looking forward to offering a class at St. Paul’s for young children on Sundays after the second service. The class will follow the Sunday Lectionary and will make use of the familiar model of *Sharing the Word of God, Responding to the Word*, and *Praying and Feasting Together*.

I am also looking forward to learning new traditions – customs near and dear to the good people of St. Paul’s – and to serving our rector Father William Willoughby. Tracking in that direction, I humbly ask that you call me Mother Lauren in keeping with a “developing” Anglo-Catholic tradition. The ordination of women is, after all, a new creation that finds us all working together to discern its evolving contributions to the life of the Church. You may email me at lauren.flowers.byrd@gmail.com or call me at 912-398-9847. Again, I am delighted to be among you. “

Youth Convo This Sunday

Join us for the first Convo event of the year: a POOL PARTY at Isle of Hope Community Pool (409 Parkersburg Rd)! Sunday, August 18, 2019 at 6 PM – 8 PM with special guest: Pizza. Open to anyone in grades 6-12. Bring your friends and soak up the last bits of summer together. The next Convo will be at St. Paul’s on September 15th.

Acolyte Festival

Acolyte Festival is set for Saturday, August 24 through services on Sunday, August 25 at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Augusta. There will be multiple workshops led by local leaders for acolytes of every age from grade 3 through 12.

Mother Lauren Byrd to Teach Sunday School

Mother Lauren will be teaching Sunday school starting on Sunday, September 8th at 11:30am (between 10am mass and 12:15 mass). All children 10 and under are invited to participate. We are grateful to her for taking on this important ministry. She will need assistance from time to time and a second set of hands and eyes are always appreciated when working with children. If you are interested or available to assist, please call Sarah Ward 596-4240.

Youth Event: New Beginnings

New Beginnings will be held September 6 through 8, 2019 at Honey Creek Camp and Conference Center for youth in Grades 7-9. Contact the Rev. Joshua Varner

Lay Ministers 8-18-2019

8 am

David Saussy (LEM)
Harvey Ferrelle (Lector)

10am

Katie Easterlin (Sub Deacon)
Steven Curler-Bangs (Lector)

Acolytes

Roy Morris
Zachary Morris
Collin Parker
Garrett Shoemake
Olive Ward
Wyeth Ward

Head Ushers

Vicki Minor

Year-To-Date

Inflows June, 2019
\$217,538.97
Outflows June, 2019
\$218,808.27
Balance (-\$1,269.30)

Budget needed each week
\$8,567.00

Offering

\$6,521.00

Restricted Offering

\$575.00

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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 Leonel Polanco
Latino Missioner
The Rev. Lauren Flowers Byrd
Assisting Priest
The Reverend Susan E. Gahagan, ECSB
Deacon
The Reverend Sara Zevallos, Deacon
Robert McDowell Fogle III
Music Director & Administrator
Nathan P. Wilson, Asst. to the Dean
Joe Daniels, Sexton
Victor Moreno, Pastoral Assistant
Colleen Willoughby
Convo Coordinator
Grace Downs, Children's Ministries
& Children's Choir
The Vestry
Sarah Ward, Senior Warden, '22
Mark Frissell, Junior Warden, '21
Heather Downs, Clerk, '21
Jim Burch '20, Cuffy Sullivan, '20
Marsha Tolbert, '20, Dan Porter, '20,
Kris Lee, '21, Jerry Riley, '21
Ana Carter, '22, John Ely, '22
Lorna Smith, '22
Carl Pruetz Treasurer

Thanksgivings & Memorials

High Altar Flowers

The High Altar Flowers are given to the greater glory of God and in celebration of the anniversary of their marriage (August 14, 1982) by
Mary and Fr. Willoughby



If you wish to give flowers or candles in honor or in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the forms located on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

Birthdays

Jim Burch (20)
Wynne Hodges (22)
Fr. Michael Chaney (23)

Expectant Mothers

Karen Lorelli

Departed

Herbert H. Hubbard (18)
John Frank Kuller (18)
Maude Elizabeth Weber (21)
Rosemary Towers (21)
Caroline Lewis Lovett (22)
Eddie Walton (24)
Robert Edward Carlyle (24)