



Spiritus Gladius

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

The Weekday Kalendar

Monday	Ninian MP 9:00 am HE 12:15 pm EP 5:30 pm
Tuesday	Hildegard MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm HE/HS 6:00pm
Wednesday	Edward Bouverie Pusey/Ember Day Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Thursday	Theodore of Tarsus MP 9:00 am HE/HS 10:00am EP 5:30 pm
Friday	John Coleridge Patteson/Ember Day 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 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 15, 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

[Exodus 32:7-14](#)
[Psalm 51:1-11](#)
[1 Timothy 1:12-17](#)
[Luke 15:1-10](#)

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday
10 am - 12 pm / closed on Friday
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REFLECTIONS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

After prayer and consideration I hope you are becoming convinced about the dangerous character of Holy Scripture. How it asks questions that every generation has found uncomfortable. Questions that challenge us to consider our priorities and whether we truly support the vision of God's Kingdom which Jesus preached – do we have ears to hear. The downside of Christian community is that it can become a place where we grow comfortable with what we perceive as discipleship, using the Church as a means of protecting ourselves from the demands of the Gospel

Our challenge is not to treat scripture casually. Just because we have heard a passage many times does not mean that we cannot hear it anew. We can gain new insight each time we engage a passage when we realize that the word of God behind scripture is a living dialogue that incorporates the whole of our life and experience. In addition, no passage of scripture is ever read in isolation from the whole of scripture or the community that gave it life and continues to use it as a means to a lively relationship with God.

How can we break out of our comfortable relationship with scripture? How can it become a dangerous and challenging part of our lives? First, we must listen. We must listen hard and we must listen hard together. To actively listen is the first step to becoming engaged in any endeavor. This is especially true of making ourselves present to Scripture. We must give ourselves the tools to listen intelligently. You do not have to be scholar, but no one should think that their sixth grade Sunday School engagement with Scripture is enough for maturation in the pilgrim life with Christ.

If you are unable to go to a Bible Study, there are other options, like joining the Bible Reading Fellowship. Using *Forward Day by Day* or purchasing a good general commentary like Roger Ferlo's, [Opening the Bible](#) or Michaels Johnston's, [Engaging the Word](#), both of which are part of the New Church's Teaching Series published by Cowley Publications. In addition, the former Bishop of Durham, the Rt. Rev. N.T. Wright, one of the most influential New Testament scholars of our time produced a series of biblical guides called, [For Everyone](#). To quote Bishop Wright, "Its designed so that a 12-year-old ...or a 70-year-old person in the congregation who's never been to a commentary before will be able to find their way into what is, after all their own book."

In addition to listening and engaging scripture intelligently we must ponder individually and collectively the mysteries of our life with God. As important as it is for us to understand the inherent context and meaning of Scripture it is equally important to cultivate a heart that is vulnerable and open to being changed by Scripture and the community it supports. The proof of an engaged and life-giving relationship with Scripture will be our willingness to carry its message into all aspects of life.

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Parish News and Events

Hymns & Music: The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Hymns: 410, 439, Doxology 490, 645
Anthem: *Have Mercy On Me (Tomkins)*

Have mercy on me, O Lord, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies, wash away my offenses.
(*Psalm 51:1*)

Today's Composer:

English composer and organist. Thomas Tomkins was born into a musical family and studied with the preeminent English composer William Byrd. He was appointed organist of Worcester Cathedral in 1597. Tomkins graduated BMus at Oxford in 1607, and became a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal between 1617 and 1620; he was its organist in 1621. He continued, however, to hold his Worcester post until 1646, when services were suspended because of the Civil War. Tomkins composed music for the Coronation of Charles I (1625) and was Organist of the King's Chappel 1625-1628.

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.

Vestry Meeting Monday, Wonderful Wednesday's This Week

The Vestry will gather for Evening Prayer and a meeting on Monday at 6pm. On Wednesday, you are invited to join fellow parishioners for a meal and a discussion of the book "Walk in Love" at 6pm, in the Parish Hall.

Youth Events on Sunday

Sunday at 11:30am: **Sunday School** (2nd Floor, 10 yrs and younger). Children over 10 yrs of age, meet at the Food Pantry. **Youth Convo:** 6pm-8pm—Bishop Brady Hall. For more information, like: www.facebook.com/savannahconvo.

Episcopal Church Women's Meeting

The Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) meeting, will be held at St. Paul's this Saturday, September 14th, at 10:00am, in the parish hall. The purpose of this organization is to empower the women of The Episcopal Church to carry out Christ's work throughout the world, and to persist in the work of healing, justice, and peace.

Assistance For Food Service Workers

The Diocese of Georgia received a \$25,000 grant from the Episcopal Relief & Development Office to assist food service workers affected by loss of income due to the hurricane. We are partnering with the Atlanta-based nonprofit [The Giving Kitchen](#), which will provide the online applications for a grant and the staff to work through those applications, approving qualified persons. They will then notify the Diocese who will coordinate getting support to recipients with churches providing the pick-up location; St. Paul's will be one of those pick-up locations.

Bahama & Eastern North Carolina Relief

If you wish to provide financial support for the Bahamas or for eastern North Carolina, then please do so by writing your check to St. Paul's, with "Bahama Relief" in the memo line. 100% of what you give will go straight to the current need in the Bahamas and in East Carolina.

Lay Ministers 9-15-2019

8 am

Katie Easterlin (LEM)
Harvey Ferrelle (Lector)

10am

Br. Nicholas (Sub Deacon)
Marsha Tolbert (Lector)

Acolytes

Roy Morris
Zachary Morris
Collin Parker
Olive Ward
Wyeth Ward

Head Usher

Audrey Lang

Year-To-Date

Inflows July, 2019
\$251,936.72
Outflows June, 2019
\$254,342.72
Balance (-\$2,406.00)

Budget needed each week
\$8,567.00

Offering 9-1&9-8-2019

\$19,027.45

Restricted 9-1&9-8-2019

\$1225.00

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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

Are given to the greater glory of God and in memory of my brother Andy by Billy Wooten.

The Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace Flowers

Are given to the greater glory of God and in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Patrick and Stephen Curler-Bangs

Walsingham Shrine Flowers

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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

Jay Weaver (15)
Georgia Anne DeLoach (17)
Denise Fisher (18)

Anniversaries

Dottie & Thomas Dunn (15)
Patrick & Steven Curler-Bangs (15)

Expectant Mothers

Karen Lorelli

Departed

The Very Rev. William (Bill) Stewart
The Rev. Canon John B. Luce III (17)