

# Spiritus Gladius

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

## The Weekday Kalendar

Monday THE

ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD

MP 9:00 am

**HE** 12:15 pm

**EP** 5:30 pm **HE** 6:00 pm

Prayers at the Islamic Center 6 pm

Tuesday Lenten Feria

MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm

**HE/HS** 6:00pm

Wednesday Charles Henry Brent

**Lauds** 6:45 am **HE** 7:00 am

MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm

Thursday James Solomon Russell

MP 9:00 am HE/HS 10:00 am EP 5:30 pm

Friday John Keble

**Lauds** 6:45 am **HE** 7:00 am **MP** 9:00 am **EP** 5:30 pm

Stations of the Cross 6PM Followed by a Fish Fry

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

# The Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 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<sup>th</sup> 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  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  Sundays of the Month

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The Propers

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

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# Reflections

#### Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Time like the weather is something we talk about but seldom engage creatively. Frequently we let our unreflective perception of time set our daily and long-term agendas. Our tendency in the West has been to see time a commodity, "time is money", we are told, instead of a tool by which we can organize our lives mentally, spiritually and physically. Because of our emphasis on the mechanical aspect of time in the West we have created various "time saving" devices over the years to enable us to get more done in a given day. Yet at the top of the third millennium more people complain about the lack of time, despite the plethora of devices and gadgets which are available to us, including this computer on which I am writing, to get things done which would have taken weeks or months in previous generations.

If we are honest in our reflections about how we currently live our lives it is frequently the case that things which have been created to make us more efficient often consume more time from our day than they save. This is often a result of our unwillingness to make spiritually informed choices. The issue of time management is not unlike issues surrounding finances and information. How many of us have found ourselves saying at the end of the month, "if only I made a little more money", or when we are trying to accomplish something, "it really would be better if I had more time," or even still, when faced with a crucial decision we hanker after more information. Frequently our perception is that there never seems to be enough even in the face of enormous resources. This is because spiritual wisdom must be a controlling factor in our discernment to avoid the trap of desiring more. Both Holy Scripture and Tradition bear witness to amazing things being accomplished with little or no money, in short periods of time and with what we would consider in this day and age of polls, studies and reports a paltry amount of information.

The Psalmist tells us the beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord. Awe and reverence which this phrase from the Psalms implies is not generally cultivated or supported in our culture. Too often we forget that reverence and awe for God is at the heart of the Christian Gospel. Our pilgrimage of holiness demands a common commitment to its nurture in the Body of Christ. Religious fear is connected to an awareness of the holy and the birth of imagination. The Holy is intimately tied to the cultivation of humility and involves the commingling of impulses and feelings from the full range of human experience - some of which are mutually exclusive. Ultimately the pursuit of Godly fear is not negative but the realization of God's intense love and concern for us.

Our Lord has given us the gift of the Church, his body in the world and our ark of salvation, as the means by which we can grow in spiritual wisdom and holiness of life. Because our God's self-disclosure is ultimately a gracious uncovering of active will, saving intent and creative purpose within the context of human history: time spent in prayer and reflection with a focus on building community and relationships is the kind of creative engagement which incarnational Christians are called to relish.

Too often we think that significant things can only be accomplished by large movements or popular phenomenon. The thinking goes, in order to get things to happen significant know-how and money must be at our disposal and for something really to be accomplished those in control of the levers of power must be on board. As Christians we must keep ever before us that a penniless itinerant teacher with a small group of friends, who him at the crucial moment, gave us a way of life which continues to have an enormous impact on the world. This Lent and on to Holy Week let us take advantage of the gift which is ours to cultivate an appropriate fear of the Lord. **WWIII** 

# Parish News and Events

### Hymns & Music for this Sunday, March 24

The Great Litany Gradual Hymn: 635

Tract: i

Anthem) What wonderous Love Love – Arlan

Clarke

Offertory Hymn:518

Communion Anthem: Lord, for Thy Tender Mer-

cies Sake

Communion Voluntary: O Lamn Gottes un-

schuldig, BWV 656 – J S Bach

**Processional Hymn: 388** 

The Annunciation: There will be a 6:00pm Mass on Monday, March 25th in honor of the Feast of the Annunciation.

### Confirmation/Reception

Are you interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church? If so, please speak with Fr. Willoughby. Preparation is happening on Sunday mornings at 9:15am and at Wonderful Wednesdays at 6:00pm. The book for Wonderful Wednesdays is Walk in Love by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe. Books are available from Fr. Willoughby.

### **Stations of the Cross**

will be held every Friday at 6:00 pm during Lent.

#### **Lenten Fish Fry**

There will be 3 Lenten Fish Fries this year: March 22, March 29, and April 5 following Stations of the Cross.

#### Chair Yoga Class

Heather Downs is offering a Chair Yoga class for all ages. It meets in the Parish Hall on Mondays at 10:30am.

### **Coffee Hour Hosts**

The sign-up for Coffee Hour Hosts for January through March is now available on Sign-up Genius. You may use this link to sign up: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yb8aclr8">https://tinyurl.com/yb8aclr8</a> Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

### **Listening Session for XI Bishop Search**

A listening session for the search for the XI Bishop of Georgia will be held for the Savannah Convocation at St. Paul's at 3 PM, Sunday, March 31.

The Search Committee has designed a survey for the XI Bishop Search that includes the questions that are also asked at the Diocesan Listening Sessions.

To take the survey go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G5FNRY3

### Parish Clean-up Day for Easter

We will have a parish clean-up day on Saturday, April 6th from 9:00am until noon. We really need everyone to give us a hand getting the Church ready for Easter. Please consider joining us for this clean-up day, even if you can only give an hour - every little bit helps!!

### Women's Mid-Life Yoga Retreat at Honey Creek

Women in mid-life across the Diocese of Georgia, including all who are new to yoga and those who have been practicing for awhile, are invited to settle their souls at the newest event at Honey Creek, a Mid Life Women's Yoga Retreat. Hosted by Yogi Gabriele Stauf, this two-day event (arrive Friday evening) will include yoga, mindfulness, a look at the spiritual yoga practice and end with a Eucharist. Optional massages and one on one yoga instruction are also available. Space is limited so sign up soon! To register go to: http://honeycreek.org/?event\_listing=womens-life-reset-2019

#### **Annual Plant and Bake Sale**

Saturday, April 27 from 9:00am until noon. If you have plants that need dividing or repotting, garden accessories, plastic pots or garden related items, you may bring them to the church and leave them between the chapel and the elevator shaft. You may also call Lily Wong at 355-3397 or Ellen Wyatt at 695-1819 if you have questions. If you would like to contribute to the Bake Sale please contact Sarah Ward at 596-4240. Volunteers are welcome!!

### Prayers at Islamic Center/ March 25th

Tragedies inflicted upon innocent human beings by senseless individuals, such as the shooting at Mother Emanuel Church, Charleston SC., The Tree of Life Synagogue, Pittsburg PA., and the most recent shooting at two Mosques in Christ Church, New Zealand, are acts of violence that are rooted in hatred, fear, malicious intolerance, and ignorance.

With certainty the perpetrators and the enablers of these heinous, monstrous acts would delight in knowing that we would become isolated schismatics. We must instead, continue to stand in support of each with our words and our actions!

To this end, our faith communities, cordially request your presence for a "Stand of Solidarity", Compassion, Tolerance and Perseverance;

Monday March 25,2019, 6:00-7:30PM The Islamic Center of Savannah, 1030 Dutchtown Road

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### Lay Ministers

#### 8am

Richelle Southwick (LEM) Bonnie Tyler (Lector)

### 10am

Ed Minor (Subdeacon) Omelia Donahoo (Lector)

### Acolytes

Craig Hopkins Jackson Whalen Palmer Walker Quinn Scott

Head Usher Jim Burch

### Year-To-Date

Inflows Jan 2019 \$61,686.43 Outflows Jan 2019 \$71,094.86 Balance (-\$9,408.43)

Budget needed each week \$8,567.00

Offering \$5,203.00 Restricted Offering \$295.00

### St Paul's Collegiate Church

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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
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Colleen Willoughby, Youth Minister

#### 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

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### Thanksgivings & Memorials

### **Birthdays**

Desmond Chaney (25) Ronan Chaney (25) William (Bill) Sellers (29)

### <u>Departed</u> Fred Stephens (24)

Catherine Murken Hoagland (27) Endslow Hoagland (27) William Willoughby II (27)

George Stone Saussy (28) Joseph George Watkins (29)

Helen Scott Byrd (30)

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### Collect for Lent 3

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.