

Spiritus Gladius

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

The Weekday Kalendar

Monday Gregory, Bishop

MP 9:00 am HE 12:15 pm EP 5:30 pm

Tuesday Feria

MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm HE 6:00 pm

Wednesday Feria

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

Thursday Gregory the Great

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

Friday James Theodore Holly

 Lauds
 6:45am

 HE
 7:00am

 MP
 9:00 am

 EP
 5:30 pm

 Stations
 6:00 pm

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

The Second Sunday in Lent March 8, 2020

8:00 a.m. Early Mass

8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (upstairs)

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

Evensong (weekly) & Benediction (4th Sunday)

6:30 p.m. Evening Mass

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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

Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17 Psalm 121

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

A lot has been said in recent times about the return to basics. Many writers and commentators have chosen to engage what has become a popular "sound bite" as if it was a mantra or incantation, which by its very repetition, will solve all our problems. Basics for Christians is not merely a matter of following a set of rules and regulations or a set pattern for living, but attempting to live ones 'life as a pilgrimage of intentional relationship with God and neighbor in light of divine revelation. We are a society formed by the vision of the enlightenment and its heavy emphasis on the rational and the need to objectify all interactions. Our culture does not easily hold in tension the intuitional with the rational, a combination constantly called upon in the pilgrim life of every Christian.

The Rev. Dr. John Westerhoff has said concerning the challenge of leading the Church in a cultural environment that, is not so much hostile as it is indifferent, that not only have the moral limits of the Enlightenment been reached in our century but the privatization and relativization of religion in our culture was its natural culmination. Considering this insight, what does Dr. Westerhoff suggest we do as church? Work hard at forming a community that values the intuitive way of thinking and knowing. Cultivate the imaginative side of our way of engaging life and emphasize that God has made his way and will known to us in Revelation. We have tended to Study things to death. Instead of engaging scripture prayerfully, we study and objectify it. The same with prayer, instead of practicing contemplation and other various forms of prayer, we study them. Maybe instead of asking the question, what can I get out of prayer and Scripture we might ask what does scripture and prayer expect of me, how does it hold me accountable, what kind of dialogue does it lead me into?

The classic model for entering cooperative action with prayer and scripture is the Benedictine formula for praying the daily office. The first step is contemplation - spending time clearing your head of the cares and the occupations of the day. Next, we are asked to engage the scriptural reading. Absorbing it slowly and reading it multiple times if necessary. For conversation to begin a period of silence is in order. The Canticle which follows is designed to help us release and clear our minds for the next action.

For a number of people, the recitation of the daily office is not possible or particularly helpful, but the pattern just suggested can be used with any engagement of prayer, scripture or intercession. We have been invited to the observance of a holy Lent. On Ash Wednesday we were called to a period of self-examination and repentance; Prayer, fasting and self-denial; and reading and meditating on God's holy Word. Let us consider how we might better cooperate with the vision inherent in these words and observe with devotion the days of our Lord's passion, putting to mind the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and the need which all Christians continually have to renew our repentance and faith. Also consider how one of the weekday Masses, the daily office which is publicly offered twice a day, the Wednesday Night Study or the Sunday forums and the Thursday Bible Study along with the Friday Stations of the Cross might enable or encourage each of us in our pilgrimage. WWIII

Parish News and Events

Second Sunday in Lent Hymns:

Great Litany, 440, 401, 313, 635

Anthem

Steal Away

(Traditional African American Spiritual)

*MUSIC NOTE: In Lent the playing of the organ and other musical instruments is allowed only in order to support the singing, hence there are no organ voluntaries at the beginning or at the end of mass. Also, traditionally Gregorian chant was sung unaccompanied; we continue this tradition at St. Paul's Church.

Time Change This Sunday!

Daylight Saving Time begins on *Sunday*, March 8, 2020 at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday night, set your clocks forward one hour (i.e., losing one hour) to "spring ahead."

Volunteer Opportunity: St. Paul's Food Pantry

For over 30 years, St. Paul's has been distributing food for those in need. If you would like to help with the distribution, be at the Food Pantry building at 7am (2nd and 4th Tuesday); the time commitment is from 7am-8:30am. The Food Pantry is located behind the parish house at the corner of 34th and Lincoln. For more information, please contact Kris Lee at 912-704-3332 or Heather Downs at 912-507-4218.

Adult Forum Book Discussion: God Be In My Head

You are invited to attend the Adult Christian Education forum on Sundays at 9:15am in the Parish Hall, led by Fr. Willoughby. Discussion of the book *God Be In My Head, Sarum Prayer* by Ken Wilson, offers a step-by-step introduction to this ancient prayer with forty short meditations, drawing the reader into the different aspects of the prayer each day and serves as an easy access Lenten guide.

Children's Sunday School This Sunday

Jesus says, "God so loved the world & gave his only Son". All children are invited to attend. We meet upstairs on the 2nd floor from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Sunday school is led by Grace Downs & Mother Lauren Byrd.

Coffee Hour Hosts

The sign-up for Coffee Hour Hosts for February and March is now available on Sign-up Genius (Copy and paste this link to sign up):https://tinyurl.com/w2e2qxa

Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

Book Discussion Group on Wednesdays

Join your fellow parishioners as we meet for a light supper and discussion of the book *A Spring in the Desert* by Bishop Designate Frank Logue and his wife Victoria on Wednesdays in the Parish Hall at 6pm. Books are available for a donation of \$8.00

Stations of the Cross

Join your fellow parishioners as we pray the Stations of the Cross, every Friday during Lent at 6:00pm in the church.

Lenten Fish Frys

It is the season for Fish Frys! Join us on March 27th and April 3rd in the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm (immediately following Stations of the Cross at 6pm). Cost is \$10 Adults, \$5 12 and under. Menu: Fried fish, hush puppies, sides and a drink. Beer and wine will be available at an additional \$2 charge

Sign Up for the Quiet Day

Make time in your calendar for St. Paul's Quiet Day, **Saturday**, **March** 7th, from 8:30am-1:00pm. A Quiet Day is a retreat designed with periods of teaching and prayerful reflection. At this St. Paul's Quiet Day, facilitator The Rev. Mother Lauren Byrd will present the topic: *The Angelus: A Prayer & Pattern for Faithful Living*. To RSVP, please sign up on the bulletin board or online at: shorturl.at/oxBKV

Spring Plant Sale

Do you have any plants that need to be divided or are no longer wanted? Please consider donating your plants to the Spring Plant Sale, held on Saturday, April 25th. Parishioner and plant-whisperer Lily Wong will take your plants, divide them and repot them for the sale. Contact Lily at 912-355-3397. She needs time to prep the plants, so call today!

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Lay Ministers 03-08-2020

8 am

Richelle Southwick (LEM) Paul Hammond (Lector)

10am

Alan Boulton (Sub Deacon) Mary Willoughby (Lector)

Acolytes

Roy Morris Zachary Morris Olive Ward Wyeth Ward

Head Usher

Daniel Porter

Year-To-Date

Inflows January 2020 \$27,837.17 Outflows January 2020 \$31,987.97 Balance (-\$4,150.80)

Budget needed each week \$8,567.00

Offering 03-01-2020 \$6534.95

Restricted 03-01-2020 \$969.00

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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'd Lauren Flowers Byrd **Assisting Priest**

The Reverend Susan E. Gahagan, ECSB Deacon

The Reverend Sara Zevallos, Deacon

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Joe Daniels, Sexton

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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 Judy Naylor-Johnson '23, Erick Nowicki '23 Adriana Ramirez '23, Simona Perry '23, Kris Lee, 21, Jerry Riley, 21 Ana Carter, '22, John Ely, '22

Lorna Smith, '22

Carl Pruetz Treasurer

Thanksgivings & Memorials

*During the season of Lent, floral decoration of the altars and the shrine is discouraged, so that we may anticipate the full joy of the resurrection at Easter.

Virgin Altar Lamp

Is given to the greater glory of God and in thanksgiving for many blessings by the parish.

Sanctuary Altar Lamp

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Birthdays

Renae Scott (11) Joshua Ward (12) Alfred Waite (12) Rebecca Chancey (13) Gary Shelby (13) Thomas White (14) Billy Wooten (14)

Anniversaries

Billy Wooten & Melvin Hutcheson (14)

Expectant Mothers

Jill Jenkins, Ashley Kennedy Stefanie Morris, Grace Rafield

Departed

Anna Lawton Barnes Browne (9), Arline Hill Lide (9), Lois Campbell (9) Patrick Laves (10). Pauline McAlpin (12). The Rev. Robert Y. Marlow (12)