

Mass of Christian Burial for our sister:

+DOROTHY STEWART

St. Benedict the Moor Church

~Columbus, Georgia

Wednesday, September 23, 2020 10 AM

Scriptures: **Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31~**

Psalms 23 ~ 1Corinthians 15: 35-37, 42-49 ~

John 21: 3-11~

- May the peace and the consolation of the Lord Jesus be yours sisters and brothers! Our prayers and deepest sympathies on behalf of St. Benedict the Moor Church—Family to Dorothy's children: *Yolanda, Sonsia, Clinton, Reginald, Tracey, & Rodney.*
- To your families, her grand-children, and the entire Stewart Family. Sisters and brothers....This morning we gather as a family of families to pray for the soul of our sister, Dorothy; for her family, and for all of us gathered that our FAITH in the Resurrection of the Lord and one Day our own resurrection with all those who have died in Christ Jesus.
- Your mother, grandmother, our sister, friend and Church member lives in the Lord. For her **life is NOT ended, but CHANGED!**
- Beginning with our first reading from the Book of Proverbs, the author offers us an iconic image of a **"worthy wife."**
- Your Dad, Jimmy chose well the woman he would marry and together they would raise a family of six children. He was military, serving our country largely overseas as a Master Sgt. in Germany and Korea, while was a NURSE and MOTHER who worked at the Columbus Medical Center,... Piedmont Hospital for 32 years and The Chatachochee Valley Health Care
- *As the author of Proverb says most eloquently:*
- *"When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband has an unflinching prize."* Clinton attests, that his Mom showed us unconditional love, stability and strength. She was the "matriarch of the family" with her love for the outdoors, grilling, fishing, and gardening that she fed her family and gave them appreciation for all that God has given us. Words that flowed freely of **this virtuous wife** were: **Mom was a sweetheart, a woman with a big heart, who loved her family, her neighbors of 55 years, her garden, and her garden shoes, and simply loved growing vegetables and herbs.**
- Dorothy was a Catholic—Christian woman who loved her God, loved her Church, and loved her

saying: *"give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates."*

- Church, we are talking about **the works of mercy** and **compassion** that are our living testimony that we have heard the Gospel mandate to serve our sisters and brothers who are hungry, thirsty, sick, naked, imprisoned and dying. Jesus in the **Gospel of Matthew 25:** 31ff is speaking about the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Write that down for yourselves: it's the final Exam Question—your ticket to ride into heaven—Matthew 25. Sonsia shared with me this clip from the 1970's...As your Mom set-up shop in the neighborhood and with her medical skills began "piercing the ears" of the sistas'....as they walked down the street with a piece of string dangling from their ears. Stepping in fashion and medically free from infection. Sisters and brothers, St. Benedict the Moor has a long history of serving the local community **"a hot lunch"** twice a week for the past 32 years. One of the anchors of the Outreach Program has been Sister Stewart. We are talking about some down—home cooking! She and so many others through their shared ministry made a difference for others, but among themselves deep friendships developed. They are among just some of the living witnesses that could testify to her compassion and unconditional love that she shared with **Jesus in the disguise of poverty and homelessness....Matthew 25 in action!**

Today's Gospel from John speaks of the disciples being somewhat put out having spent a night of fishing and catching nothing. Jesus asks them to cast their nets off to the starboard side of the boat....and to their amazement they caught so many fish that their nets were nearly bursting forth but did not tear.

It's been said of the Stewarts: **"We are a fishin' Family—Mom loved to fish, love to eat them and loved to fry. She gave you the natural level of loving to FISH...and she invites you in the name of Jesus to throw out the nets...cast the lines....and go fishing for souls...be fishers of men and women for the Kingdom of God.**

P.S. *The sign of the fish was used by the early Christians as a password. The word for fish in Greek is: ICHTUS: standing for Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God Savior. They marked the place where they would gather for Eucharist with the sign of the ICHTUS/FISH.*

May we see the mystery of LIFE unveil itself in the mystery of LIFE: birth, development, struggle, sickness, and even death. As Jesus was grilling fish on the shore for his Apostles, he is calling us to gather to be fed by His Word, Sacrament, and Community. Let us *go fishin' on the seas of life for more sisters and brothers to assure them there is LIFE beyond death and we are living witnesses!*

Alleluia! and Amen!

The writer of Proverbs closes this selection

St. Benedict the Moor Church



Our Mission

St. Benedict the Moor is a Catholic Christian Community that celebrates its African-American heritage and welcomes cultural diversity. Join us at the Table of the Eucharist as sisters and brothers in the Lord. We are committed to grow and diversify the Church through the new evangelization, family, catechesis, young adult ministry and outreach to the poor. In the spirit of the prophet Joshua, we can say:

"As for me and my household; we will serve the Lord."

September 27, 2020

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Remember your mercies O Lord."

St Benedict the Moor Parish

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am

Daily Masses: Mon.-Fri. 12:00 noon

Saturday: 8 am

Holy Days of Obligation:

Mass: 12 noon & 6:30 pm

(Exceptions will be posted)

Sacrament of Penance: Divine Mercy

Room Saturday 8:30-9:30am

or by Appointment

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Altar Flowers



Flowers this week were donated in memory of
Marchelle Rutherford

by Lula Adryonna Rutherford

Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer, OFM, Conv.

The Archdiocese of Atlanta joyfully announces the Imposition of the Sacred Pallium upon his excellency, the Most Rev. Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv. As Archbishop of Atlanta by his Excellency the Most Reverend Christopher Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States on October 2, 2020 at 12:30 PM

livestream.com/archat/hartmayer
Pax et Bonum!
Peace and all good things!
(Franciscan motto)

New Rosary Schedule

***begins Sunday, September 27th 8pm nightly**
Sunday, Sept. 27: Liturgy of the Word—
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday, Sept. 28: The Joyful Mysteries
Tuesday, Sept. 29: The Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday, Sept. 30: The Glorious Mysteries
Thursday, Oct. 1: The Luminous Mysteries
Dial in at 706-894-9969

Stewardship Report

Weekly Finance Report: September 20
Offertory: \$1445.00
Online: \$200.00
Church Repair: \$75.00
Altar Flowers: \$200.00
Kitchen: \$50.00

Transitus of St. Francis

This year we will be celebrating the Transitus of St. Francis at the Church of St. Anne on **Saturday, October 3rd at 7:00 P.M.** The Franciscan Friars of Columbus would like to invite you to **remember FRANCIS** as he passes from earth to heavenly glory. Fr. James McCurry, OFM Conv., our Minister Provincial will preach the homily.

Gaining a spiritual perspective on *The mystery and reality of Sister Death...* Francis of Assisi offers us an opportunity to reflect on our own death, as we too long to be with our God as our journey of LIFE unfolds.

Social distancing/seating will be observed. Wearing of MASKS is required. Anyone interested in exploring the *"Secular Franciscans"* is asked to fill out the index cards found in the Lobby of the Church and place it in the basket.

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

The Friars throughout the United States have secured permission from our local Diocesan Bishop to **celebrate the Mass of St. Francis of Assisi** with its readings and prayers **on Sunday, October 4, 2020.** Our guest homilist will be Friar James McCurry, Provincial Minister of the Province of Our Lady of the Angels that we Friars belong. Join us the first Sunday of October at 10:30 AM. Social Distancing and seating are enforced/ masks are required to be worn. The Church has been sanitized after use.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 27 10:30 AM
for the **St. Benedict Church—Family**
Monday, September 28
Blessings on Mother Genevieve & The Little Sisters of the Poor
Tuesday, September 29
Healing for **Joseph Hamilton**
Wednesday, September 30
+Dorothy Stewart
Thursday, October 1
for all holy infants
Friday, October 2
Jamaya Kennedy (surgery, 13 yrs. old)
Saturday, October 3
for all **victims of Covid-19**

This week the daily Masses will be celebrated in the Chapel of the Franciscan Martyrs Friary.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READING 1 Ez 18:25-28

Thus says the LORD:

You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!"

Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?

When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

READING 2 Phil 2:1-11

Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL Mt 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

ACA: Annual Catholic Appeal

As we join the Catholic Churches throughout the Diocese of Savannah to do our share in financially participating in the Annual Appeal, we are gratified to see the response in giving has increased. May the Lord bless all those who have been so generous in pledging and paying on your **Pledge.**

Our GOAL is: \$18,019
We have pledged: \$10,028 (9/22/20)
We are short: \$ 7,991

If you have not honored your pledge, please do so as soon as possible. May the Lord use our giving to make a difference in our ministerial outreach as a Church throughout the Diocese of Savannah. May God keep on blessing us....the Lord healed me from COVID-19.....literally spared my life to keep on growing the Church of St. Benedict the Moor into the future with each of you. Know that I lift each member of the Church before the Lord in my prayers and Masses. Let us take a RISK and be generous as our God is generous..

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our sick list is for parishioners, family and friends in need of prayer. Please keep our list current by calling the office to add or remove a name.

Fr. Noel Danielewicz	Lenny Korona
Sr. Agnes, fsma	Ida Ruth Lane
Sr. Delores Anne, cssf	Mittie Lewis
Helen Bell	Delores McLeod
Amanda Cole	Ruben Meinhofer & Fam.
Mik Cole	Denvey Nelson
Robert Cole	Sr. Norberta, fsma
Robert Dozier	Cordell Parker
Bertha Gibbs	Gwendolyn Parker
Yvonne Gilberti	Debra Pough
Elizabeth Grey	Evelyn Pough
Ginnette Hughes	Marcus Ransom
Clarence Johnson	Lydia Sliva
Donald Julien	Madeline Smith
Paul Julien	Friar Jude Winkler
Jamaya Kennedy	
Earl King	
Elvia King	
Michael King	