



My Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Diocese of Savannah,  
I would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers upon my Ordination and Installation as the Fifteenth Bishop of Savannah. As I settle in to my new responsibilities I write to you today to provide you with an update on how we as a Diocese are moving forward in the midst of the pandemic.

While the number of new COVID-19 cases in Georgia **has declined** by more than 50% since the beginning of August - from a seven-day moving average of 3,551 on August 1 to 1,724 on September 20 - we remain cautious and concerned for the health of everyone. Therefore, I am extending the Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass through the end of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Christ the King which is celebrated on November 22, 2020.

I would like to thank our parishes for their extra efforts to ensure the safety of our faithful while also providing daily activities during these past months. Since reopening at the beginning of June, we have had no COVID-19 outbreaks traced specifically to any of our parishes. I commend our Pastors for their leadership in providing healthy places to worship and I urge everyone to remain vigilant as we continue this journey together. I would also like to thank those who have returned to in-person worship for following the guidelines and protocols put into place by your Pastor. In my short time here I am impressed with the beautiful care that I have witness in loving God and neighbor.

I ask you to join with me in continuing to pray for all of those who have been stricken by this pandemic, and for the caregivers, public health officials, and civic leaders persevering in service to the common good. We pray for those who long to return to Mass and to the Sacraments but are unable due to age or health issues. May their longing be rewarded by Almighty God with an outpouring of grace and hope. For those who are able, I encourage you to return to Mass when you are ready and comfortable. Your parish family needs you and misses you.

To those who are reluctant or unable to come to Mass or parish events, I ask you to continue to nurture your faith! Watching a live-streamed Mass is only part of the equation. Perhaps you could also deepen your relationship with our Blessed Mother by praying a daily rosary or visiting your parish church to pray privately during the day when few are present. Would you consider participating in a formative program or Bible studies at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and [www.ascensionpress.com](http://www.ascensionpress.com)? Even if we stay home, our spiritual lives and our relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church must be tended to.

As we have since the beginning of the pandemic, we ask our Mother Mary to watch over and intercede for us so that we may be healthy in soul and body. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us! Please know that I make a commit to lift you, your loved ones and your intentions in my prayers daily. I appreciate your prayers for me and for all in the Diocese of Savannah. May we meet each day in our prayers and Rejoice in the Lord always!  
Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*†Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes, D.D.  
Bishop of Savannah*

## 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."*

October 11, 2020

## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life."*

### 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

Emergencies:  
call Fr.Noel: 410-818-8149  
Office: 706- 323-8300

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Mary Beth Kozee/Joe Saulsbury

**Office Hours:**  
Pastor: Monday-Friday 10-11:30 am  
1:00-3:00 pm

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## October Birthdays

Marcel Dawson—3  
 Carlos Hern-Martinez, Jr. -9  
 Trecia Moses - 17  
 Mittie Lewis—18  
 Berton Stewart—21  
 Andrei Lane—25  
 Edward Dawson—30



## Altar Flowers



Flowers are dedicated in loving memory of **Johnny and Annie Perry** who would have celebrated their 61st Anniversary on October 10th

Flowers were *donated by Theresa Spratling*

## Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, October 18, 2020 within the context of the Sunday Mass. Mark Evans Ngugi will be received into full communion within the Church as he receives the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: counsel, understanding, knowledge, wisdom, fortitude, piety or reverence, awe or fear of the Lord. The external signs of this Sacrament are the laying on of hands and the anointing of the forehead with Sacred Chrism. Let us support our brother with our prayers, presence and example.

## In Memoriam

The family of Junius Julien mourn the death of JJ's brother, **+Sam McKenney**. Funeral services were celebrated for **+Sam** on this last Saturday, October 3rd in Raeford, North Carolina. Let us remember the Julien family in our prayers as we commend Sam's soul to the Lord. A Memorial Mass was celebrated for **+Sam** on Monday, October 5th in the Friary Chapel.

## October Pew Count

October is the month the diocese accounts for how many parishioners are attending mass on a weekly basis. This year has definitely been different from past years but it is still important to capture the attendance as our parishes continue to worship amid pandemic.

Social distancing/seating will be observed. Wearing of masks is required. The Church is sanitized after every use.

## ACA: Annual Catholic Appeal

The annual Diocesan Catholic Appeal for 2020 will be drawing to a close at the end of November. St. Benedict the Moor Church has been accessed the GOAL of \$18,019. To date we have pledged \$10,293 which gives us a balance of \$7,726. In the Name of the Church, I would like to thank all those who have pledged and encourage all those who have not done so to please help meet our common goal and responsibility of the Church's mission in the Diocese of Savannah. May the Lord keep on blessing your goodness and faithful stewardship.

## Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 11 10:30 AM  
**St. Benedict the Moor Church—Family**  
 Monday, October 12  
 +**Sam McKenney** (brother of JJ)  
 Tuesday, October 13  
 +**Fr. Herbert Obijiski**  
 Wednesday, October 14  
**Intentions of Bro. Callistus**  
 Thursday, October 15  
 +**Sr. Mary Norbert, FSMA**  
 Friday, October 16  
 +**John and Jennie Danielewicz**  
 Saturday, October 17  
 +**Alice Iagrasso**

## Stewardship Report

**Weekly Finance Report: October 4**

Offertory: \$2355	Peter's Pence: \$80
Online: \$2125	Southern Cross: \$10
Utilities: \$144	Poor Box: \$100
Online: \$100	
Outreach: \$500	
Kitchen: \$550	

## Twenty-eighth Sunday

### READING 1 Is 25:6-10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

### READING 2 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters:  
 I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

### GOSPEL Mt 11:25-30

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants

went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

## World Mission Sunday

We are Baptized and Sent! Next week is World Mission Sunday, in a special Extraordinary Missionary Month. We are called through our baptism to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice and support of missionary vocations through material aid. Remembering that we are baptized and sent as a Universal Church of Christ on mission in the world, we can... PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work OFFER financial HELP and CHARITY through The Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

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