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We Are One Holy + Catholic + Apostolic CHURCH

Dear sisters and brothers,

May the blessings of the Lord be upon you in this New Year of Grace!

January heralds the beginnings of our preparation for launching the Annual Catholic Appeal 2022. St. Benedict the Moor is one of 76 churches that comprise the Diocese of Savannah which we are an integral part of.

Last year, 2021 we were accessed \$16,550 as our Goal for ACA. This year due to a drop in our Offertory Giving, we have been asked to raise **\$14,605 as our Goal for 2022.**

This year's theme is **"We Are ONE:
Holy + Catholic + Apostolic
CHURCH!**

As part of the Catholic presence in South Georgia, we are witnessing to Christ through our Parish Communities; through our outreach centers that fall under the umbrella of Catholic Charities. ACA offers substantial funding for the education of our seminarians and candidates for the diaconate.

Education Ministries such as Faith Formation; Youth and Young Adult Ministry; Campus Ministry; Office of Catholic Schools; Ecumenism; Marriage, Family and Respect Life are likewise supported through ACA. Multi-Cultural Ministries as Hispanic and Black Catholic Ministry are also funded through this appeal.

Communication and Technology receive support from ACA that addresses the need for communication between the Diocese and both the Catholic and secular communities in South Georgia and throughout the world.

Finally, the area of special ministries as stewardship and development, and the Church Court known as the Tribunal. These ministries reflect well what it means to be a network of Churches that comprise who we are as the Diocese of Savannah.

Thanks to your generosity throughout the years, we are called to do our part in helping to fund these ministries that extend beyond our parish borders.

As Bishop Parkes announced the ACA Goal for 2020, we are part of helping reach the forecasted Goal of **\$ 2,600,000.** We are one of 7 deaneries: the Columbus Deanery of 5 parishes that are projected to raise \$ 269,956.00. Sisters and brothers, you and I are asked to pray in thanksgiving for all the blessings that we have received, and in return express our gratitude to God by our pledge. Let us work together, as we enter into this time of the Appeal with an open heart that knows the depths of God's goodness to us. May we express our generosity on ---

***February 13th as we observe
Commitment Sunday!***

**Let us begin to pray and commit
ourselves to making a difference
for the good of all!**

Ever—grateful for your goodness,
Friar Noel, OFM Conv.
Your Brother and Pastor

CALENDAR FOR ACA—

January 23, 2022 ACA Kick—Off Weekend.
Video: "We are ONE CHURCH:
Holy, Catholic & Apostolic"

January 29, 2022 First Pulpit Announcement
& Prayers of the Faithful

February 13, 2022 Commitment Weekend:
Lay Ministers speak at all Masses

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."

January 23, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Your words, Lord, are spirit and life."

St Benedict the Moor Parish

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am
Daily Masses: Mon.,Wed.,Fri. 12:00
Tues.,Thurs. 11:00am
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:
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Pastoral Concerns

Christian Unity Week- is observed from January 18th-24th. This is a call to prayer and action as we gather with our sisters and brothers of other Christian churches: that all may be One in Christ!

Blessed Candles: Wednesday, February 2nd is the feast of the **“Presentation of the Lord.”** Anyone who would like their candles blessed, please bring them in on Sunday, January 30th to have them blessed.

Blessing of Throats: Thursday, February 3rd is the feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. The traditional blessing of throats will follow the Mass for those wishing to have their throats blessed.

Thank you: Gail Buffong has generously donated a Turkish Rug for the Altar in the Sanctuary. It has traditional designs and Turkish patterns. In the name of us all, thank you Gail for your goodness and generosity! God bless you!

Ministry for Better Living: is our newest ministry designed to help all of us enjoy a healthier life. It incorporates the three basic components for wholistic spirituality: **body + mind + spirit.** Mark your calendar for **the second Friday of each month** at 12 noon. We begin by nurturing the spirit with the Eucharist, followed by exercise, lunch and games. Next gathering is slated for Friday, February 14th at 12 noon. The theme is Valentine’s Day. Special thanks to Gladys Ford for hosting January’s menu: home-made soup and sandwiches.

Happy Wedding Anniversary: to our young couple, **Junius and Ceolia Julien** on their 52nd Wedding Anniversary. May God keep blessing them with good health, and holiness of life. You remain in our prayers and those of the entire St. Benedict Church family.

ACA Donors for 2021: Church, we could not reach **our GOAL of \$16,500 for the Year 2021** without the generosity of each and everyone. Our final payment was \$16,700. Due to a drop in Offertory during the past year, our **GOAL for 2022 is \$14,605.** May the Lord bless our efforts and those of our chairperson—Mr. Richard Gibbs.

Altar Flowers

Happy Anniversary!

Altar Flowers are donated in honor of
Mr. and Mrs. Junius Julien

Celebrating 52 years of Marriage
Fifty-two years of memories
Fifty-two years of devotion
Fifty-two years of happiness
Fifty-two years of God’s blessings
CONGRATULATIONS!

Sanctity of Life Sunday

Today is **National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday!** At this time each year many of us are motivated to make a difference to save a life. You can help save lives in 2022 by supporting your local Pregnancy Center; enabling them to continue to provide no cost services to women, men and families facing unplanned pregnancies.

Deimel Legacy Ball

With care and consideration for our school, church, and wider community, we believe the most loving and compassionate decision we can make is to not gather together this year for the 17th Annual Deimel Legacy Ball amid the surge of COVID-19.

As we long to see each other, we know that the reason for our gathering is in support of our children and Catholic education in Columbus, Georgia. It has been that way for 17 years since the first gathering of parishioners from our deanery churches planned the inaugural Deimel Legacy Ball and designated Catholic education as the recipient of the funds raised.

Your support is greatly needed!

We invite you to reserve your (un)ticket, and continue your *sponsorship* again this year for the tuition assistance fund at St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School. We thank you for funding the mission of St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School and partnering with us to create knowledgeable, faithful, and responsible Catholic citizens who compassionately serve others.

Red Sand Project

January is **Human Trafficking Awareness Month**

The **Red Sand Project** is a participatory artwork that uses sidewalk interventions and earthwork installations to create opportunities for people to connect and take action against vulnerabilities that can lead to human trafficking and exploitation.

Take part in raising awareness for those affected by modern day slavery on **January 30, 2022** following Mass when St. Benedict will participate in the Red Sand Project to join the fight against human trafficking—sponsored by Micah’s Promise.

Micah’s Promise exists to “act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly” in our mission to restore stolen childhoods. We work with and in our local community to educate on the risks and prevention of domestic minor sex trafficking, advocate for victims, and provide restoration through our therapeutic residential home for girls ages 12-17.

Stewardship

Weekly Finance Report: January 16, 2022
Offertory: \$2827.00 (online \$250.00)
Utilities: (online \$85.00)
Church Repair: (online \$100.00)
Kitchen Reno: \$430.00

Our stewardship is an act of thanksgiving for everything we have and are. It is an act of personal response to our Baptismal call: *to live in a faith community committed to the Lord Jesus Christ and committed to serve each other’s needs.* In this season of joyful giving, may we give to God in proportion to what God has done for each of us. (Luke 12:48) May we begin to tithe, not from our leftovers, but from our abundance.

Worship and Pastoral Schedule

Sunday, January 23, 2022
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM intention of St. Benedict Church
Monday, January 24, 2022
St. Francis de Sales
12:00 Noon +**Ella Jones**
Tuesday, January 25, 2022
Conversion of St. Paul
11:00 AM + **Emma Dawson Byrd**
Wednesday, January 26, 2022
Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops
12 Noon +**Ruby Dawson Gros**
Thursday, January 27, 2022
St. Angela Merici
11:00 AM +**Dennis Vershowsky. OFS**
Friday, January 28, 2022
St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church
12 Noon +**Carl Quicquaro, Aquinas ‘66**
Saturday, January 29, 2022
In honor of Mary at Cana
8:00 AM healing for **Valentina**
8:30 AM Sacrament of Penance

Mass intentions can be offered for both the living and deceased. A \$10 stipend helps support the Franciscan Friars.

In Our Prayers



Fr. Noel Danielewicz	Elvia King
Valentina Nejfelt	Donna Koerner
Helen Bell	Lenny Korona
Amanda Cole	Mittie Lewis
Mik Cole	Brenda Malone
Robert Cole	Delores McLeod
Paul Danielewicz	Ruben Meinhofer & Fam.
Robert Dozier	Denvey Nelson
Carl English	Major Nettles
Carlos Gaslin	Cordell Parker
Yvonne Gilberti	Gwendolyn Parker
Elizabeth Grey	Debra Pough
Sarah Hicks	Evelyn Pough
Ginnette Hughes	Joe Ravalese
Lillian Humber	Joan Rogala
Cecelia Hyams	Adryonna Rutherford
Sabrina Jackson	Elaine Shorty
Clarence Johnson	Lydia Sliva
Brittany Jones	Madeline Smith
Cecil Jones	Emi Talbert
Donald Julien	
Earl King	