

St. Michael Catholic Church  
801 Butler Avenue – Tybee Island, GA 31328

December 10, 2017 | Second Sunday of Advent

**Mission Statement:** St. Michael's is a Community of believers rooted in Catholic tradition that seeks to serve others through living out the Gospel message by witnessing to the values of love, community, stewardship, and service.

*Our Parish Community extends a warm welcome to all our guests and visitors.* If you would like to register as a member of our parish community, please call the Parish Office or register on-line.



**PARISH STAFF**

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**PARISH CONTACTS**

Parish Council Co-Presidents – Mike Beytagh/Carolyn Williams  
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Endowment Fund – Tommy Butler

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Vigil: 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

**Weekday Mass Schedule:**

Monday - Thursday - 8:00 a.m.  
Friday – **No Morning Service**

**Holy Day Mass Schedule:**

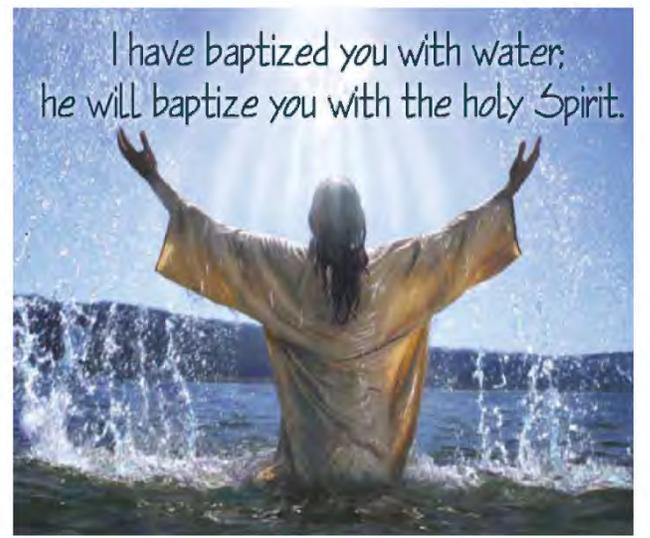
8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – *consult the bulletin*  
*Gluten-free hosts* – please check in the sacristy

**CONFESSIONS: 5:00-5:45 p.m. on Saturday OR by appointment**

**St. Michael Thrift Store Hours**

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. – 12 noon  
Corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Butler Avenue

**Parish Emergency Number** – (912) 499-4900



**SERVERS FOR MINISTRIES**  
**December 16 and 17, 2017**

**6:00 PM**

Lectors: Theresa Pottratz  
Altar Servers: Mac/Charlie Williams  
EMEs: Kathy Cook/Carolyn/John Jurick  
Ushers: Kevin Cook/John Jurick  
Cantor: Georgia Gillen

**8:00 AM**

Lectors: Andy/Dina Watson  
Altar Servers: Matthew Ferry  
EMEs: Joan/Tony Heidt/Arnie Seyden  
Ushers: Arnie Seyden/Dana Johnson  
Cantor: Ken Douberly

**11:00 AM**

Lectors: Deanna Fanning/Roger Von Duyke  
Altar Servers: Ella/Joey Murphy  
EMEs: Patty Adamcak/Ginny Murphy/  
Ushers: Carl Looper/Eddie Sheppard  
Cantor: Mary Chapin

**May the Blessing of God be upon you,  
The blessing of the Father and the Son,  
May the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Love,  
Be with you all your days.**

**Fr. Jerry's Corner – December 10, 2017  
Second Sunday of Advent**

Advent is that time in the liturgical year when we celebrate new beginnings and hopefully it will be a time that offers us an opportunity to deepen our relationship with Christ. One of the most powerful ways we can grow in our relationship to Christ has always been to humbly admit that it is not everything that it could be; it is not everything that we would hope it to be. So, a very basic

Catholic practice that too many Catholics have avoided for far too long is to confess our sins and seek out God's great mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I am hoping that you will rise to the challenge and come to the Adoration and Advent Penance Services that are being held in Church on **the next two Monday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. It will be a time to spend a few minutes in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and also an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Msgr. Jim Costigan will join me this Monday (12/11) in hearing Confessions.**

If it has been a while, please trust me when I tell you that for any priests worth being called "father" compassion is always going to be the bottom line. I have known priests who have been unkind in the confessional and I'd never ask them to hear confessions in any parish that I pastored. Part of that compassion comes in helping you to make a good confession especially if you have forgotten the "how" of confessing your sins. You only need to be able to "name" your sins and I will be happy to lead you through the details of celebrating the Sacrament. The insert should help you with the examination of your conscience so that you will be able to state your sins in a brief and straightforward manner.

The presence of unconfessed sin is like a cancer eating up our sense of God, our sense of right and wrong. We should have absolutely no doubt that 'confession is excellent medicine for our soul'. It is good for us psychologically and spiritually. The sacrament properly prepared for and received also gives us the grace to fight future temptation to sin and helps us to make choices that will strengthen and not weaken our commitment to Christ. So, if you have not received the grace of this sacrament in years, I am especially hoping and praying that God will give you the courage to 'bite the bullet' and come to confession on Monday. Again, if you are not sure what to say, just say: "It's been a long time since my last confession, and I am not sure how to proceed." And with that humble honesty, we'll proceed to explore God's love for you.

**Some Housekeeping Notes**

1. The Retirement Fund for Religious is being taken up this weekend. As you may have already heard me say, I am not a big fan of second collections, but I think this one is super important. If you forgot your envelope, please know that you can place it in next week's offertory.
2. Not being a fan of second collections, I was not thrilled to see the "Initial Offering" envelope in my boxed set of envelopes. Really!!! That is soooo 1950's Church. It is like the hangman asking you to pay for the rope with which he hangs you. Ignore it.
3. I've added an extra Mass for Christmas, so invite family and friends here on Tybee to join us. I'm guessing the 4pm on Christmas Eve with its children's pageant will be crowded, but the 6pm hopefully will have room for guests and I always like the peace and tradition of Mass on Christmas Day at 10am.
4. What happened to the "cheat sheet" with the Mass responses on it? I too am very slower to put anything to memory, so look in the inside cover of the new hymnal.
5. I am told we are doing a slow transition to the new hymnal. When it is completed the two remaining red hymnals in each pew will be replaced with the blue hymnals. The hymn number board will either have a red block (for the old red hymnal) in front of the number or a blue block (for the new blue hymnal) to indicate what hymnal you need to use. During this time of transition, it really is okay to share the old hymnal with your neighbor.
6. And if you know your neighbor is a visitor, be boldly welcoming and show them where we hide the vocation prayer so that they can join us in praying it.
7. We "sold out" of the *Word Among Us* for Advent. Praise God for the hunger to draw closer to God. There are some blue books available with meditations for Advent and Christmas. Take one quick before they disappear too.

**Fr. Jerry**

**PRAYER ANGELS** - The following families will be remembered in prayer the week of December 10<sup>th</sup>:

**-Mary and Tom Lingenfelter**  
**-Elizabeth and Scott Maher**  
**-George Rentiers**



**PRAYER LIST:** Donnie Anderson, Laura Angell, Lou Arcangeli, Odilo Blanco, Sr. Michael Mary Brabner, David Clark, Colt Delverne, William Green, Nedra Hendrix, Linda Hodges, Gene Maxey, Pat O'Connor, Nora Oliver, Marilyn Price, Erica Reardon, Bill Robinson,

LaVerne South III, Helen Stevenson, Sam Watford, Bob Wheat, David White, and Ashley Wolfe.



**WITH THE LORD:** We extend sympathy to the family of **Timothy "Buck" Joe Dotson**, son of Jacqueline Brown, who died on Sun., Dec. 3, 2017. May he, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT:** THIS weekend your generous contributions will help care for elder religious and to say "thanks" for all those who helped serve in our Catholic communities in schools, hospitals and parishes.

**COME FOLLOW ME:** *Discernment Retreat* for men ages 18 to 40, Fri., Dec. 29 – Sat., Dec. 30 at Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge. Register at the retreat icon: [www.diosav.org/vocations](http://www.diosav.org/vocations). No cost/closes Christmas Day. [pmigone@diosav.org](mailto:pmigone@diosav.org) or 912-201-4113.

**2018 Diocesan Gold & Silver Wedding Jubilee Mass & Celebration:** Sun., Feb. 11, 2018, 9 AM Breakfast; 11:30 AM Mass; [www.diosav.org/familylife-marriage-jubilee](http://www.diosav.org/familylife-marriage-jubilee). Register on-line by Dec. 18 to receive a formal invitation with all details. 912-201-4068

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES** are in the back of Church or in your envelope sets, and must be in by NOON on Mon., Dec. 18 to be in the Christmas bulletin. Please **PRINT** all information for remembrances.

**ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS:** Mon., Dec. 11 and 18, 5:30 – 7 PM – stop by for prayer and confession as you make your preparations during the Advent Season.

**MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST:** Part-time position open at Blessed Sacrament Church. For complete job description and to send resume and cover letter: [pryan@mbschurch.org](mailto:pryan@mbschurch.org).

**MARCH FOR LIFE 2018:** Fri., Jan. 19, bus trip to Atlanta, 7 AM, parking lot off of I-16 Dean Forest and Town Center Rd., arrive back by 6:30 PM. Trip is free but RSVP no later than Jan. 6. Forms at the church entrances.

**2018 TybeeMLK Parade & Program:** Sat., Jan. 6, 2 PM, begins at the Tybee Pier. Fr. Jerry will participate in the program at the Old School Cafeteria so mark your calendars.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live – the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

**Sacrificial Giving**  
**December 3, 2017**



**Yearly Offertory Budget** \$324,000.00  
**Weekly Average Needed** \$ 6,230.77

**Collected Offertory** \$ 6,292.00  
**Same Time Last Year** \$ 7,128.00

**Budgeted YTD** \$ 143,307.71  
**Collected YTD** \$ 118,093.00

**BAA (2017 goal)** \$ 27,761.00  
**BAA (pledged to date)** \$ 11,775.00  
**BAA (paid-one time/pledges)** \$ 41,978.00

**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK

Sat. Dec 9 6:00 PM † Martin Bennison  
Sun. Dec 10 8:00 AM Melissa McGinnis  
11:00 AM The Parish  
Mon. Dec 11 8:00 AM † Margie Mathews (A)  
Tues. Dec 12 8:00 AM † Greg Cantin (A)  
Weds. Dec 13 8:00 AM † Kevin Bunger  
Thurs. Dec 14 8:00 AM † Gloria Jones  
Fri. Dec 15 8:00 AM No Morning Service  
Sat. Dec 16 6:00 PM † Harry Perrse (A)



**Mon., Dec. 11 Adoration and Confessions 5:30-7 PM Church**  
**Wed., Dec. 13 Choir practice 5:45 PM Church**  
**Sat., Dec. 16 Confirmation 6 PM Vigil Mass Reception following**  
**Mon., Dec. 18 Adoration and Confessions 5:30-7 PM Church**

**LOW COUNTRY CATHOLICS – YAM: Theology on Tap**  
**Advent Series, Thurs., Dec.12, "Living Radically Like Mary", 7 PM, K of C, 3 West Liberty.**  
[yamsavannah@gmail.com](mailto:yamsavannah@gmail.com).

**SARAH KROGER AND DANA CATHERINE – IN CONCERT:** Thurs., Dec. 14, 7 PM, at FBC of the Islands in Savannah with award-winning artist, Josh Wilson. Tickets are \$10 in advance; use the code THERESE at checkout. For more information and to get your tickets, [littleflowerevents.com!](http://littleflowerevents.com!)

**2018 ENVELOPE SETS & CALENDARS:** Please pick up in the Church meeting room. All sets are in alphabetical order. Calendars one per family.

**TYBEE ISLAND BLOOD DRIVE:** Mon., Dec. 11, 2-7 PM, Tybee Island Cafeteria, [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) to make appointment with sponsor code: TYBEE or see QR code on bulletin notice.

**'TIS (ALMOST) THE SEASON:** Rediscover the joy in preparing for Christmas. Sign up for the free email program from *Dynamic Catholic*. Prepare your hearts for [www.bestadventever.com/youreinvited](http://www.bestadventever.com/youreinvited) Christmas.

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## **An Examination of Conscience**

**Did I attend Mass on the Holy Day? Do I take time to nurture my relationship with God in prayer or does God usually get my leftovers—a few quick prayers as I go to bed?**

**Do I speak to God honestly from my heart or do I tend to just ‘say prayers’ without ever sharing with God what is going on inside of me? Is my relationship real or is it superficial?**

**To what extent do I try to seek God’s will when it comes to decisions? Or is it my tendency to rarely, if ever, take the time to search what might be God’s will in a particular situation?**

**Is my Catholic faith something I am very private about or is it something I am happy to share with others when the right opportunity presents itself?**

**To what extent do my Christian beliefs impact the way I live my everyday life—the way I relate to others, deal with hurts, work and finances?**

**To what extent am I a positive presence in my family, extended family, work place and church family? Do my words and actions build up or tear down, foster unity or division?**

**Do I tend to be judgmental of others, ever ready like the Pharisees to expose the sins of another while forgetting to face and confess my own sins?**

**Do I tend to abuse food, alcohol or drugs? Do I look at or read pornographic materials thinking, “It hurts nobody?”**

**Have I abused the gift of speech by using vulgar language and by being verbally abusive of others?**

**Do I remain silent when the good name of another is being attacked, forgetting that “all that is needed for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing?”**

**Do I tend to be proud, vain, egotistical, lie, steal or cheat?**

**Whether married or single, do I seek to be chaste in mind word and deed?**

**To what extent am I a prayerful and engaged presence at church? Or do I tend to be a spectator frequently criticizing the way the liturgy is being conducted?**

**To what extent am I a wise and generous steward of the Lord’s gifts of time, treasure and talent? Or do I tend to be stingy with the Lord’s blessings in my life? Do I share a portion of my time and treasure or talent with the larger community to which I belong, remembering those to whom much has been given and much is to be expected?**

**Where am I when it comes to the great issues of our time: protection of human life, born and unborn, poverty, war and the environment? While I cannot be actively involved in all of these, I am supportive of those who are involved and do I try to be personally supportive insofar as my time, talent and treasure allow me?**



### **The Need**

**Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members.**

### **Lack of funds**

**Of 539 communities providing data to the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), only 41 are adequately funded for retirement. Historically, Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—known collectively as women and men religious—received small stipends that just met the needs of the day. Any surplus funds were reinvested in ministry and the education of younger members. As a result, hundreds of U.S. religious communities lack adequate retirement savings.**

**At the same time, the income available to support older religious is decreasing. Currently, earnings from the ministries of younger religious cover a significant portion of eldercare expenses, but the number of religious able to serve in compensated ministry is rapidly diminishing.**

### **Rising costs**

**Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare. Currently, the average annual cost of care for women and men religious past age 70 is \$42,344 per person. Skilled care can reach more than \$63,000. The total cost of care for senior women and men religious in the United States has exceeded \$1 billion annually for each of the last nine years.**

### **Changing demographics**

**During the early and mid-twentieth centuries, the Catholic Church in the United States experienced a surge in vocations to religious life, with numbers peaking in the mid-1960s. Care for elderly members was provided largely by younger ones. Over time, however, the number of vocations decreased while lifespans increased. The result is far fewer younger members available to support the retirement and eldercare needs of senior members.**

## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The St. Michael Stained Glass Committee announces that these are the remaining unsold windows which were refurbished and restored during the parish's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. The location of the window, the original donor, and the cost is shown below. During this final month of the year as you consider "end of the year" donations, please feel free to contact any member of the committee.

WD7	<i>The Scourging at the Pillar</i>	Huggins Family	3,500.00
WD8	<i>The Crowning with Thorns</i>	John J. Garrity	3,500.00
WD10	<i>The Crucifixion</i>	Mrs. Catherine Chapman	3,500.00
WD29	<i>The Holy Spirit</i>	J. P. Muller Family	2,200.00
WD30	<i>The Eye of God</i>	Joseph H. Hutton	2,200.00
WD31	<i>The Crown and the Cross</i>		2,200.00
WD32	<i>Keys of the Kingdom</i>		2,200.00

## CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE 2017

Sat., Dec. 23	6 PM Vigil 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent ( <i>no confessions</i> )
Sun., Dec. 24	10 AM 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
Sun., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Vigil 4 PM (Children's) ( <i>3:45 PM congregational singing</i> )
Sun., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve 6 PM ( <i>5:45 PM congregational singing</i> )
Mon., Dec. 25	Christmas Day 10 AM ( <i>9:45 AM congregational singing</i> )
Sat., Dec. 30	6 PM Vigil
Sun., Dec. 31	8 AM and 11 AM
Sun., Dec. 31	6 PM Vigil Solemnity, Mary, Mother of God <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>
Mon. Jan 1	10 AM Mary, Mother of God <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>





## SHARING YOUR BLESSINGS AT CHRISTMAS

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is despair, hope  
Where there is darkness, light  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that I may not so much seek to be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive.*  
- Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

At St. Michael's we would like to give you opportunities to share in the spirit of giving by putting your faith into action. Please prayerfully consider touching the lives of others with your generosity.

- **CHRISTMAS OUTREACH**



- Last year we gave gift cards to families which allowed them to purchase gifts and food for their children and loved ones and they were grateful for this outreach.
- **Gift cards** to various grocery stores, i.e. Tybee Market IGA, Publix, Kroger; Wal-Mart and Dollar Tree; **gas cards** from Chu's or Kroger; **cash cards** like Master Card and Visa; these may be put in the offertory collection in an envelope labeled "**Christmas Giving**" or brought to the Parish Office.

- **OUTREACH TO OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS AND TO OUR PARISHIONERS AT THE NURSING HOMES**



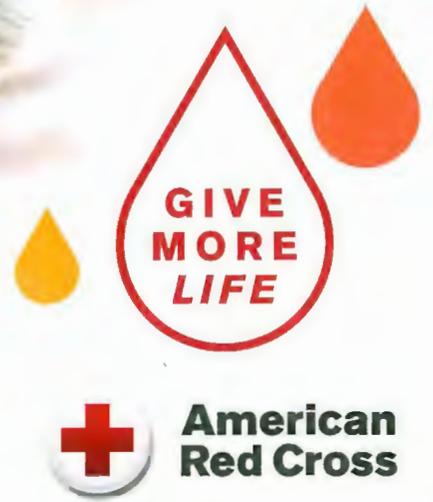
Ministry of Caring/Bereavement and the Nursing Home and Sick and Shut-in Ministry of the parish will be delivering **poinsettias** to all our parishioners in the Nursing Homes, as well as our sick, shut-ins and homebound parishioners to enjoy for the Christmas season. **You may help defray the cost of these by making donations** and placing it in the offertory collection in an envelope labeled "**Christmas Giving**" or bringing it to the Parish Office.

***All donations should be made by December 15 so that the Christian Service Committee and its "team of elves" can make all their deliveries on time!***

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.**  
Single Gift Acknowledgment forms are available in the parish office for those who request them.

**THANK YOU FOR MAKING CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FOR THOSE AMONG US WHO ARE OFTEN FORGOTTEN!**





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Wedding Anniversaries in 2018  
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by December 18, 2017 in order to receive a formal  
invitation with the detailed information.

Questions?: Contact the Diocesan Office of Family Life, 912-201-4068.

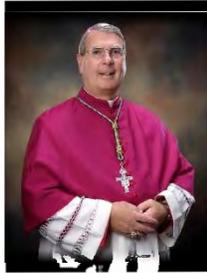


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## *Gold & Silver Jubilee Mass and Celebration*

### *Misa y Celebración de Bodas de Oro y Plata*

Sunday: February 11, 2018 – 9:00 Breakfast, 11:30 Mass

Domingo: 11 de febrero de 2018 - 9:00 am Desayuno, 11:30 am Misa

**Congratulations on the 50<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of your Marriage! Bishop Gregory John Hartmayer, OFM Conv., would like to thank you for your perseverance and faithfulness to the path you began when you proclaimed your vows to one another before God. He is grateful you can celebrate the Gold & Silver Jubilee Mass and Celebration with him in your honor.**

¡Felicidades por el 50 o el 25 Aniversario de su Matrimonio! El Obispo Gregory John Hartmayer, OFM Conv., desea agradecerle por su perseverancia y fidelidad en el camino que iniciaron cuando proclamaron sus votos ante Dios. Él está agradecido de que ustedes puedan asistir a la Misa y Celebración de Bodas de Plata y Oro que se realizará en su honor.

**We will attend the Mass / Asistiremos a la Misa: Yes/Si \_\_\_\_\_ No/No \_\_\_\_\_**

***Breakfast for family and guests will be provided prior to the Mass from 9:00 am to 10:45 am***

*Se ofrecerá un desayuno para la familia y sus invitados entre 9:00 am a 10:45 am*

**We will attend the Pre-Mass Breakfast: No: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Asistiremos al Desayuno Previo a la Misa: No: \_\_\_\_\_ Sí: \_\_\_\_\_ Número de personas: \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*\*Please enter your names as you wish them to appear in the Program and on the Certificate.**

**Example:** Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, or John and Eleanor Smith

**\*\*Ingrese sus nombres como desea que aparezcan en el Programa y en el Certificado.**

**Ejemplo:** el Sr. y la Sra. John Smith, o John y Eleanor Smith

Name of Couple / Nombre de la Pareja: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address / Dirección: \_\_\_\_\_

City / Ciudad: \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip Code / Estado, Código Postal: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish / Parroquia: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish City / Ciudad de la Parroquia: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address / Correo Electrónico: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone / Teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Married / Año en que se casaron: \_\_\_\_\_ 1968 (Golden Jubilee / Jubileo de Oro)

\_\_\_\_\_ 1993 (Silver Jubilee / Jubileo de Plata)

Special Assistance Needed: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Necesita ayuda especial (Espacio para silla de ruedas u otro): Sí: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be considered for having your wedding story shared in the Southern Cross?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

¿Les gustaría ser considerados para compartir su historia de bodas con el Southern Cross?

Si: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send completed forms to/** Por favor envíe los formularios completos a:

Office of Family Life/Pastoral de Vida Familiar

Catholic Pastoral Center

2170 East Victory Drive

Savannah, GA 31404

**Or Scan and email to/** Escanee y envíe un correo electrónico a: [familylife@diosav.org](mailto:familylife@diosav.org)

**Thank you / ¡Gracias!**



# March for Life 2018

“Let your light so shine before men....and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

A **March for Life** bus trip is planned for **Friday, January 19, 2018!** This will be the second pilgrimage organized by the **Savannah Deanery Respect Life Ministry** to Atlanta, Ga, on the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade. Since **Nellie Gray** organized the first March for Life in Washington in 1974, the number of marches has increased to hundreds of rallies in January all over the country. These marches give thousands of life-affirming leaders, clergy and citizens a chance to speak up for the defenseless, so that one day each may stand before God and say, “I did speak out; I was not silent in the face of the wanton killing of innocents.”

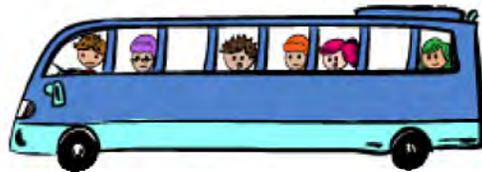
Our pilgrimage will begin at **7:00 a.m.** in the parking lot off of I-16 at Dean Forest (307) and Town Center Rd. (directly across from the entry gate to Southbridge). **Parking is free.** Prayer, scripture reading, singing and other activities are planned on the way to and from our state capital. Upon arrival in downtown Atlanta, we will visit a local parish and eat lunch. At 1:00 p.m., we will take part in a roadside witness until 2:00 p.m. Around 2:30 p.m. our bus will load for the return trip to Savannah. **Arrival time back at the point of departure will be approximately 6:30 p.m.**

Due to the generosity of our sponsoring Deanery Churches and the Knights of Columbus, the cost of the bus trip is FREE! (Food and incidentals will be the responsibility of each pilgrim, as well as any tip for the bus driver.)

A reservation form (below) is required so that reservations do not exceed seats (56) on the bus. **All reservations should be submitted to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Church Office** (mailing address: 222 E. Harris Street, Savannah, GA 31401), care of **Gretchen Reese, by January 6.** Once the bus is full, remaining names will be placed on a waiting list in order received and notified should space become available. **Please book as soon as possible.**

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Savannah Deanery Respect Life Ministry



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Return reservation to Cathedral Office (address above). Please print information below clearly.

## 2018 March for Life Bus Trip to Atlanta

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_