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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday

8:30 am—4:30 pm

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

All daily masses in the Convent

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7:00 am

Wednesday: Spanish Mass at 7:15 pm

Friday: No Mass

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

All weekend Masses in the Church

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:15 am

1:30 pm (Spanish)

ROSARY—IN THE CHURCH

1st Tuesday of each month: 10:00 am

Sunday: 8:30 am—8:50 am

CONFESSIONS—IN THE CHURCH

Saturdays: 4:30 pm—5:00 pm

Wednesday: 1st Wednesday of the month from 7:45 pm—8:30 pm or by appt.

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St. Peter Claver Church

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.



Mark your Calendars

Advent Lecture Series

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm

(starting with Potluck)

December 12th at St. Peter Claver

December 19th at St. Francis Episcopal

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, December 10th

1:15 pm Procession begins in front of the MKD Center led by the Mariachis.

1:30 pm Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Church

Christmas Decorating Party

Thursday, December 21st—6:00 pm

Join us for hot chocolate and chili as we decorate the church for Christmas.

Please bring chili if you like!

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Sunday, December 24, 2017

9:00 am - English

12:00 noon – Spanish

3:30 pm – English, Children's mass

5:30 pm – English

10:00 pm – English

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Monday, December 25, 2017

10:00 am – English

12:00 noon – Spanish

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Sunday, December 31, 2017

9:00 am – English

11:15 am – English

1:30 pm – Spanish

5:30 p.m. – English

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Monday, January 1, 2018

12:00 noon - Spanish



2017

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Diocese of Savannah

Congratulations! We made our goal!

As of November 30th St. Peter Claver Parish has paid \$43,008 to the Bishop's Annual Appeal! Another \$6,697 remains in pledges paid monthly. So if all pledges are honored, we will have given \$49,705! That's \$8,032 over our target. 121 parishioners made a sacrificial gift. That's more than 1/3 of our parish. Thank you for supporting the important ministries of the Diocese in Middle Georgia—Fr. Bill!

Target	Pledged	Paid on Pledge	Pledge Balance	One-Time Payment	Total paid on pledge and One-Time Payment	% of Target	# of Families	# Donors	% Participation
\$41,673	\$23,265	\$16,568	\$6,697	\$26,440	\$43,008	103%	377	121	32.10%

St. Peter Claver Church—Weekly Offertory

Offertory 12/2-3/2017	\$ 9,976
Offertory Budget Fiscal Year (7/1/2017—6/30/2018)	\$ 457,000
Offertory Budget through 12/3/2017	\$ 194,068
Offertory through 12/3/2017	\$ 196,888
Additional Collections	
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	\$ 40
St. Vincent de Paul Donations	\$ 10
Immaculate Conception Donations	\$ 75
Christmas Offerings	\$ 100
Christmas Flowers	\$ 377
Southern Cross	\$ 15
Poor Box, Candles and Charity	\$ 25
Capital Improvement — Church and Convent Roof Repair	\$ 9,225

No Second Collection today. Second Collection next Sunday—St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer Line (478) 743-1454

Marion Wintons, Clara Mahoney, Xavier Green, Patricia Poole, Beverly Wimberly, Phyllis Dietrich, Sophie Lee, Angela Manson, Shirley James, Ellen Massey, Garren Bartell, Mary Pioli, Marge Hillig, Brenda Critch, Annie Burnell, Glenn Tomey, Greg Slocum, Anne James, Andrew Dudley, Attracta Sudiskis, Curtis Williams, Allie Rose Beach, Tom Bridges, Jack Jenkins, Clare Miller, Joanne Lynn, Ethan Rimando, Terry Kelly, Alma Johnson, John Toliver, Gina Beach, Leon Blue, Denise Williams, Zelita Washington, Bob Cruthoff, Doris Hamblin, Bridget Burke, Claire Gerhardt, and Cinamon Moten.



Please call the parish office at (478) 743-1454 if you wish to add a name. Names will remain for 3 weeks.

Elizabeth Ministry

Patricia Holcomb, Rosaura Morfin

Call the Parish Office if you are expecting a child so that we may pray for you!



Pray for our Military

Virous Caston, Brittani Caston, Russell Hill II, Tony Cervantes, Angel Gomez, Mishell Sonntog, Gary Oñate, Christine Petty, Tom Petty, John Cole, Jean Claude Suhl, Pedro Martinez, Jose Martinez, Christopher Tanner, Nicky Tanner

If you have a loved one serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, assigned overseas, please call Marilyn Robinson at the Parish Office to add his or her name to our prayer list. Please call us to let us know he/she has returned safely.



Yearlong Campaign to Replace Church and Convent Roofs

We are well on our way to the midpoint of our Yearlong Campaign to replace Convent and Church roofs. So far we have raised \$45,464.39! Your generosity met the \$10,000 matching grant from Kim and Fred Schnell (included in total). Thank you and thank the Schnells! The cost of both roofs (since Convent roof is slate) could total over \$100,000. If you have not yet made a gift, please consider doing so. We would like to begin with the church roof first. As you may have noticed, there are more than a few shingles missing. During heavy rains we have leaks. Bishop Hartmayer has given us permission to raise these funds without the usual diocesan assessment. That will save the parish 11% of total raised. The "Capital Improvement Collection" envelopes have been renamed "New Church and Convent Roofs" (first Sunday monthly). Whatever we can raise by God's grace and your generosity will determine how much money we will need to borrow from the Diocese. I am grateful for your support of our parish. —Fr. Bill

Money collected so far: \$45,464.39

Online Giving

To create your online account, visit our website at

<https://www.spcccmakon.org>, or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/StPeterClaverMacon/> and click on our **Giving button**.

Today's Readings

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalms — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19; 12:1-6a 10; Jdt 13:18, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2,3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9, 10-13
- Sunday:** Is 61:1-2, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 9 - 5:30 pm — In Honor of St. Katharine Drexel (SPC)

Sunday, December 10
 9:00 a.m. - Edward J. Konke, + RIP [Dolores (Dee) and Konke family]
 11:15 a.m. - Cristina Massa and Armanda Filipponi, +RIP (C. Petruso Brown)
 1:30 p.m. - For the People of our Parish

Monday, December 11 - 7:00 am — In Honor of Divine Mercy for Kennie's Recovery (S. Phagan)

Tuesday, December 12 - 7:00 am — In Honor of Our Blessed Virgin Mary (S. Phagan)

Wednesday, December 13 - 7:00 am— In Honor of St. Anthony (S. Phagan)
 - 8:20 am — School Mass in Church—Open
 - 7:15 pm— Spanish Mass in Church— Open

Thursday, December 14 - 7:00 am — Open

Friday, December 15 - No Mass

Saturday, December 16 - 5:30 pm — Nilda Castro, +RIP (J. Gonzalez)

Please contact the Parish Office at (478) 743-1454 to schedule Mass Intentions.

Parent Classes / English 2017—2018 CCD Calendar Year 10:00 am in the School Library

January 21, 2018	April 22, 2018
February 11, 2018	(Teaching Touching Safety)
March 18, 2018	May 21, 2018

Youth in need of Service hours? Bell ringers are needed!!

Bell ringers are need for the Salvation Army at Bass Pro Shops. You can sign up at www.registertoring.com and click **Bass Pro Shops** to choose times to sign up. We don't ring on Sundays. These do count for service hours, but it's great for families, too!!

Upcoming Advent Penance Services

Penance Services at 7:00 pm
 Monday, December 11 St. Patrick, Kathleen
 Monday, December 18 St. Joseph, Macon

Penance Services at 8:00 pm
 Wednesdays, December 13, 20 St. Peter Claver, Macon

....from Fr. Frank Critch

The friars of our province, Holy Name, have asked and I have accepted the position of Director of Campus Ministry at the University of Georgia in Athens. The assignment will begin January 1st, 2018. Fr. John Coughlin OFM will be assigned to St. Peter Claver and Mount DeSales and will begin assignment here mid- January. Fr. John is an exceptional friar and I am sure he will love it here and be embraced by all the good people who call St. Peter Claver home. I have been blessed by your presence, your guidance and your embrace and I will be forever thankful for all you have done for the friars and for myself. I will be forever grateful. I would not have been able to accept this position without being here first ministering at Peter Claver and Mount DeSales and I thank you for giving me the courage to say "Yes" to this next stage of my life.

As St. Francis prays, "Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily. To lean upon Your great strength, trustfully, restfully. To wait for the unfolding of Your will, patiently, serenely. To meet others, peacefully, joyously. To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously. St. Francis

Come Follow Me

The Vocation Office will sponsor a discernment retreat for men ages 18 to 40 from Friday, December 29th to Saturday, December 30th at Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge in Helena, GA. Please register at www.diosav.org/vocations and click on the retreat icon. There is no cost for the retreat and registration will close Christmas day.
Vocation Director: Fr. Pablo Migone
 912-201-4113 , Email: pmigone@diosav.org

Advent Lecture Series

Do we as Christians have a litmus test on what it is to be Christian? In Matthew's Gospel, we have heard this past year how we can be Christ to each other. "Love your God with your whole heart and your neighbor as yourself." This Advent as we approach the Incarnation, of God becoming one of us, we will reflect on the core values of neighbor and of loving, by reflecting on Christ's call to service:
 "When I was hungry...; When I was sick...; When I was a stranger... When I was in prison..." Each week we will explore a different theme and ask ourselves. "How well do I love my neighbor?"

We are delighted to announce that we will partner again this year with St. Francis Episcopal Church for this series!
We will have a Potluck, starting at 5:30 pm, prior to each lecture.
Please mark your calendars:
December 12th at S.P.C.
December 19th at St. Francis Episcopal
 Join us each week for food, reflection and fellowship. All are welcome.

Weekend Food Ministry
January 6th and 7th
Epiphany Weekend

SPC has the privilege to serve the community through the Weekend food Ministry from the kitchen of Christ Church - 582 Walnut Street, Macon, GA. We need volunteers to help prepare, (no cooking experience required, we have Chef Juan) serve food and clean up. It only requires a few hours in the morning (10:30-1) on either/both days. Come join this wonderful opportunity to continue our Christmas Spirit by bringing the gift of food to our community friends.

Call Claudia Bravo - 770-853-6713 or email at bravobunch@cox.net with your availability or questions.

December 2017 Mass Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10 9:00 am Mass 11:15 am Mass 1:30 pm Spanish Mass 3:00 pm Hispanic Teen Group	11 7:00 am Daily Mass in the Convent	12 7:00 am Daily Mass in the Convent	13 7:00 am Daily Mass 8:20 am School Mass (English) 7:15 pm Spanish Mass 8:00 — 8:30 pm Confessions	14 7:00 am Daily Mass in the Convent	15 No Daily Mass	16 5:30 pm Mass
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Bulletin Report - FY17
St Peter Claver Church
1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

6/30/2017

Revenue

Offertory Collections	535,068
Rental Income	18,205
Grant Revenues	4,500
Hispanic Ministry Revenue	36,337
Other Parish Revenue	1,841
Capital Fund Collections	23,875
St Vincent De Paul Collections	20,066
BAA Collections (Hispanic Ministry Pledge)	3,524
Funeral Fund Collections	3,404
Other Special Collections	19,048
Special Collections Paid Out	(39,860)
Total Revenue	626,008

Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	201,195
Maintenance & Overhead	131,684
Program & Ministry Expenses	93,879
FAM and SPC School Subsidy Expenses *	26,000
Purchases of MKD Air Conditioning, Computers & Furniture	9,110
Pre-School Loan Interest Expense	8,863
Total Expenses	470,731

Increase in Net Assets

155,277

Bank Balances:

Operating Account **	121,170
Money Market Account	60,013

Outstanding Loans:

Preschool Loan from Diocese	(69,581)
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* St. Peter Claver Church also pays for additional subsidies for the school such as the Preschool loan, landscaping, pest control, and water.

**As of November 30th the Church has loaned \$100,000 to the school. The loan will be repaid in January 2018 when grant money comes in. Some of the funds in the Operating Account balance are restricted to Youth Grant, Hispanic Grant, and Roof Repairs.

MINISTERIO HISPANO

Oficina Hispana

Edgar Cabrera
Leslie Miller
478 741-9916

Misas en Español

Domingos: 1:30pm
Miércoles: 7:15pm

Reuniones Juan XXIII

Lunes: 7:00pm a 9:00pm
en el Salon Social

Estudio Bíblico

Miércoles: 7:45pm
en el Salon Social

Grupo de Niños y Niñas Quinto a Octavo Grado

Jueves: 7:00pm a 8:30pm
en el Salon Social

Grupo de Evangelización

Viernes: 7:00pm
Visitan familias en sus casas

Grupo de Jóvenes

Domingos 3:00pm - 4:15pm
en el Salon Social

Charlas Pre-bautismales

Primer y Segundo Domingo
del mes de 11am a 1pm en el
Segundo piso de la Oficina

Programa de Catecismo

Niños y Jóvenes
Domingos: 11:30am - 1:00pm
Septiembre a Mayo

RICA- Adultos

Adultos que necesitan recibir los
Sacramentos de Iniciación
Domingos: 11:30am a 1:00pm
Septiembre a Mayo

Sacramento de Matrimonio

Llamar a la oficina
para hacer cita con
Padre Bill McIntyre, OFM

Para la reflexión

¿Qué me impide desarrollar todo
lo que Dios quiere de mí?

¿Qué asperezas tendría que limar
en mí mismo?

¿Qué resentimientos viejos tendría
que sanar?

¿Me doy cuenta de la presencia y
la venida constante de Dios a mi
vida?

¿Cuán paciente soy?

Segundo Domingo de Adviento 10 de diciembre de 2017

Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos. — Marcos 1:3

Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

NOTICIAS QUE DAN CONSUELO

En un tiempo de preparación, relacionado en gran medida con cosas materiales, es bueno escuchar las palabras de Isaías: “Consuelen, consuelen a mi pueblo, dice nuestro Dios” (Isaías 40:1). En un tiempo de tanto nerviosismo y prisa, cuando nuestras cargas habituales se duplican a causa de los miles de preparativos navideños, podemos elegir aminorar la marcha, dedicar un tiempo a curar las heridas y valorar el enorme regalo que estamos por recibir. Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, se ha convertido en uno de nosotros y conoce nuestras limitaciones humanas. Sin embargo, Dios, incluso ahora, nos está librando de las cargas que se nos amontonan por no prestarle atención a él ni a nuestros anhelos más profundos. El Señor llega, no como un rey con ejércitos poderosos, sino como un pastor que guía a los rebaños con amor y ternura. Isaías anuncia buenas noticias: nuestra servidumbre terminó, nuestros pecados han sido perdonados. El salvador que esperábamos está llegando, no por primera vez, sino al final de los tiempos, como nuestra salvación. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Festividad de Nuestra Señora la Virgen de Guadalupe

Gracias a los miembros de nuestra comunidad que nos apoyaron en esta gran celebración, a todos los que aportaron con sus talentos, tiempo, donaciones, ideas y trabajo arduo.

Muchas Gracias a los Restaurantes y negocios que nos apoyaron este año 2017:

Restaurante Margaritas Mexican Grill de Presidential Parkway
Restaurante Mexicano El Sombrero de Forsyth Rd.
Restaurante Margaritas Mexican Grill de Zebulon Rd.
Restaurante Mexicano El Sombrero de North Ave.
Restaurante Margaritas Mexican Grill de Bowman Rd.
Azteca's Drywall Construction, LLC
Restaurante Margaritas Mexican Grill de Mercer University
Restaurante Las Guitarras Mexican Grill LLC
Arturo Perez Bautista
Tienda Mi Preferida
The ABE Group
Sr. Luis Rafael y Maria Rodríguez
Ariel Frame & Drywall, LLC
Tienda El Carnaval

Santa María de Guadalupe, intercede por la Iglesia, protege
a todos tus hijos, oye a todos los que te invocan en sus
necesidades. Amen!!



Colecta de la Comunidad Hispana Domingo 03 diciembre: \$730.68

Historia de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Un sábado de 1531 a principios de diciembre, un indio llamado Juan Diego, iba muy de madrugada del pueblo en que residía a la ciudad de México a asistir a sus clases de catecismo y a oír la Santa Misa. Al llegar junto al cerro llamado Tepeyac amanecía y escuchó una voz que lo llamaba por su nombre.

Él subió a la cumbre y vio a una Señora de sobrehumana belleza, cuyo vestido era brillante como el sol, la cual con palabras muy amables y atentas le dijo: "Juanito: el más pequeño de mis hijos, yo soy la siempre Virgen María, Madre del verdadero Dios, por quien se vive. Deseo vivamente que se me construya aquí un templo, para en él mostrar y prodigar todo mi amor, compasión, auxilio y defensa a todos los moradores de esta tierra y a todos los que me invoquen y en Mí confíen. Ve donde el Señor Obispo y dile que deseo un templo en este llano. Anda y pon en ello todo tu esfuerzo".

La madrugada del 12 de diciembre Juan Diego marchó a toda prisa para conseguir un sacerdote a su tío pues se estaba muriendo. Al llegar al lugar por donde debía encontrarse con la Señora prefirió tomar otro camino para evitarla. De pronto María salió a su encuentro y le preguntó a dónde iba.

El indio avergonzado le explicó lo que ocurría. La Virgen dijo a Juan Diego que no se preocupara, que su tío no moriría y que ya estaba sano. Entonces el indio le pidió la señal que debía llevar al obispo. María le dijo que subiera a la cumbre del cerro donde halló rosas de Castilla frescas y poniéndose la tilma, cortó cuantas pudo y se las llevó al obispo.

Una vez ante Monseñor Zumarraga Juan Diego desplegó su manta, cayeron al suelo las rosas y en la tilma estaba pintada con lo que hoy se conoce como la imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Viendo esto, el obispo llevó la imagen santa a la Iglesia Mayor y edificó una ermita en el lugar que había señalado el indio.

Pío X la proclamó "Patrona de toda la América Latina", Pío XI de todas las "Américas", Pío XII la llamó "Emperatriz de las Américas" y Juan XXIII "La Misionera Celeste del Nuevo Mundo" y "la Madre de las Américas".



La imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe se venera en México con grandísima devoción, y los milagros obtenidos por los que rezan a la Virgen de Guadalupe son extraordinarios.

Confesiones durante el tiempo de Adviento

Los días miércoles, diciembre: 13 y 20
a las 8:00 pm

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Lc 5:17-26
Martes: Zac 2:14-17 o Ap 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-38 o Lc 1:39-47,
Miércoles: Is 40:25-31; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Jueves: Is 41:13-20; Sal 145 (144):1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Sábado: Ecl 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79):2ac, 3b, 15-16,
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Domingo: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lc 1:46-50, 53-54;
1 Tes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Programa Navideño



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Domingo, 24 de diciembre del 2017

IV Domingo de Adviento - Vispera de Navidad

***Misa a las 12:00pm**

Lunes, 25 de diciembre del 2017

La Natividad del Señor - Navidad

***Misa a las 12:00pm**

es un día de precepto, significa que es obligatorio asistir a misa

Domingo, 31 de diciembre del 2017

La Sagrada Familia

Misa a la 1:30pm

Lunes, 01 de enero del 2018

Año Nuevo - Santa María Madre de Dios

***Misa a las 12:00pm**

***Aviso importante:**

Domingo 24 de diciembre, Lunes 25 de diciembre y Lunes 01 de enero la misa será en el horario de las 12:00pm., no vamos a tener misa a la 1:30pm.

Preparándonos en Adviento - Sesiones en Inglés

Estamos tratando temas diferentes y nos preguntaremos. "¿Qué tanto amo a mi prójimo?" Este año nos volvemos a juntar con la Iglesia Episcopal de San Francisco.

Por favor marquen sus calendarios:

12 de diciembre en nuestra Parroquia SPC
19 de diciembre en San Francisco Episcopal

Únete cada semana a compartir con pot-luck y reflexionar.

Todos son bienvenidos!!

Fiesta de Decoración para la Navidad

Unete con nosotros para decorar la Iglesia en esta Navidad y también compartir de un Chocolate Caliente y Chili

el día Viernes 21 de diciembre a las 6:00 pm.

No faltes, los esperamos!!

AVISOS

1. **Virgen Peregrina:** hablar con Ruth Santiago si desea la visita de la Virgencita en su hogar.
2. **Charlas de Bautismo:** en el mes de Enero serán los domingos: 7 y 14 a las 11am en la oficina Hispana.
3. **Bautizos Programados:** En el mes de Diciembre NO tenemos por temporada de Adviento. En el mes de Enero será el sábado 20 de enero a la 1:30pm
4. **Presentación de recién nacidos y 3 años:** llamar a la oficina hispana con anticipación para poder asistirles y coordinar la presentación.
5. **Confesiones:** El primer miércoles de cada mes, después de la misa de las 7:15pm.
6. **Misa Miércoles:** Si vamos a tener misa el próximo miércoles 13 de diciembre y también estudio bíblico.

Upcoming Ministry Schedules December 16 and 17, 2017

Date	Time	Sacristans	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday	5:30 pm	Moran	W. Griffin — A S. Dufford — A Mr. Stallings — C	Cheeves Brown	Musolf, Chen
Sunday	9:00 am	Wornum	J. Pless — C A. Craddock — A J. Phillips — A H. Lane — C	McIntyre Mattman	Shakespeare, Wornum
	11:15 am	Owoho	A. Lauer — C J. Bonbrake — C M. McCullough — A	Johnson Gerhardt	Owoho, K. Russell

St. Vincent de Paul Society

A huge thank you goes out to the students at MDS who collected over 6000 canned goods for our pantry. Our shelves are full, we do not need any canned goods at this time, but we would appreciate hygiene donations such as toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, and feminine hygiene articles. Thank you for your continued support!!

DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR LUNCH AT DAYBREAK

St. Peter Claver is sponsoring and preparing lunch at Daybreak on Wednesday, December 27th. Donations and volunteers are needed to gather and serve the following items:

1. Ham - Three spiral sliced hams
2. Bread - 13 loaves of wheat bread needed
3. Romaine Lettuce - 8 heads of romaine lettuce needed
4. Applesauce - 125 cups (48 have already been donated)
5. Chips - 125 individual sized bags
6. Dessert - 125 Brownies - (already donated)
7. Mustard - 2 squeeze containers
8. Mayonnaise - 2 squeeze containers
9. Baggies: Sandwich Sized - 125 (and) Snack size - 125
10. Brown Bags - 125 - (already donated)

Please contact Kay Gerhardt, 478-745-0979 or Anne Johnson, agjohnson1@gmail.com, if you are able to donate food, to contribute money towards purchasing the food or to volunteer to serve the meal. If you are donating money, please send your check to the church office and clearly mark the envelope: **"Donation for December 27th Meal at Daybreak"**.

December Wedding Anniversaries

- Columbus and Kim Watkins (15)*
Larry and Judy Bunge (39)
William and Judith Carrigan (45)
Timothy and Karla Andrews (31)
Art and Rose Butler (35)
Gerald and Cindy Tarirah (8)
Rui and Beth Guimaraes (23)
Dawson and Kristal Justice (9)

*May God Continue
Blessing You!*



Family Advancement Ministries

... helping families move ahead.

Our hours of operation are
Mondays from 10-12,
Tuesdays-Fridays 9-12.

Anyone interested in volunteering please call 745-7165 and ask to talk to the office manager, Chris McKowen.

Our Website: www.familyadvancementministries.org

FAM is in need of gently used children's books.



We try to provide children's books to all our families who visit us for help. If you want to clean out your shelves please bring books for children 6 and under by our 570 High Place office from Monday through Thursday from 9-12pm. Thank you for all your support.



Gift of Love cards are here. Please help a child have a wonderful Christmas by taking a card in the back of church. All gifts can be dropped off at **Family Advancement Ministries** or left in the church. All gifts need to be **upwrapped** and can be dropped at

church or FAM. Please deliver by **Dec.16**. Questions contact Chris McKowen---745-7165. God Bless and Merry Christmas!!

Southern Cross

THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE
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Please support the distribution of the **Southern Cross** to every Catholic household in the Diocese of Savannah as an expression of thanks for God's blessings. Suggested contribution: \$15 per household. Please issue your check to *St. Peter Claver Church* and indicate **"Southern Cross"** in the memo section.

Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____ ZIP _____
 Phone _____

Please check:

_____ Wish to register
 _____ Change of Address
 _____ Temporarily Away (I will call Parish Office upon return)

_____ Moving out of Parish
 _____ Want Tithing Envelopes

Drop this completed form in the Sunday Collection Basket.

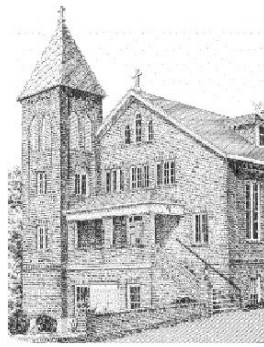
Diocese of Savannah webpage:
www.diosav.org

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
webpage: www.usccb.org.

Traveling information:
www.masstimes.org

Bible Study

Meets on Thursdays, at 6:00 P.M., in the
JOHN PAUL II SOCIAL HALL



Parish Office (478) 743-1454

Office Hours

Monday—Friday: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Summer Hours (June—July):

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Parish Office will be closed on Fridays

Registration for Parish and School

REGISTER – We are very glad you are here at St. Peter Claver. If you would like to make St. Peter Claver your home Parish, please complete a Parish Census Form (available in the parish office and vestibule in back of the church) and either mail or place in offertory basket at Mass. Persons wishing to transfer membership from another Catholic parish are also asked to complete a census form.

REGISTER FOR ST. PETER CLAVER SCHOOL—Our school accommodates children from K3 through 8th grade. If you would like to register your child in our school, please call (478) 743-3985.

Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK— Please contact the parish office at (478) 743-1454.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE – Please contact a Friar at least 1 year prior to the wedding date. Please call the parish office: (478) 743-1454.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE – 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. Saturdays or by appointment.

HOLY ORDERS (RELIGIOUS LIFE) – Anyone who thinks God might be calling them to priesthood or religious life please speak with one of the Friars or Sisters.

Bulletin/Announcements

Deadline:

At 12:00 noon on Monday,
for the next weekend.

Submissions should be emailed to
Marilyn Robinson at:
stpeterclaver@cbi.mgacoxmail.com

Abuse Hotline Number

1-888-357-5330. Copies of the policy on sexual abuse of minors is available online at:
www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection.

Illness in our Parish Family

Is someone in your family or our Parish in the hospital or homebound? Please call 743-1454 and let us know.

Visitors

We welcome you to St. Peter Claver Church. Thank you for worshipping with us and please come again.

CCD Classes

Regular CCD Classes are held each Sunday at 10:00 am in our SPC School.

Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation classes, in both English and Spanish, are also held on Sundays at our SPC School, at 11:30 am.

For more information please call Bettye Middlebrooks at (478) 743-1454 or email bettyemiddlebrooks@yahoo.com

RCIA

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Are you just curious about what Catholics believe? Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

For information please the parish office.

VIRTUS

The VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children for Adults" is **required** for all who provide either paid or volunteer ministry in our Diocese who in the course of their ministry come into contact with minors. This includes parish ministries such as **Sacristans, Lectors, Ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers**. Space is limited and **registration is required by registering online at www.virtusonline.org**. **If you do not have access to a computer, please call the Parish Office at (478) 743-1454 and our Parish Staff will assist with your online registration.**

Legacy

Please consider St. Peter Claver Church in your will. Please contact Fr. Bill or use these words: "I give, devise and bequeath to St. Peter Claver Church, Macon, GA, (insert percentage of estate or specific dollar amount) to be used where the need is greatest (or provide designation for bequest.)" *Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.* -Mt. 6:21

Knights of Peter Claver –

meet the third Sunday of every month at 10:00 am in the Parish Office conference Room.

Knights of Peter Claver

Ladies Auxiliary –

meet the first Sunday of every month at 10:00 am in the JP II Social Hall.

Ministries

Parishioners wishing to become Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, or Lectors, please contact the Parish Office at (478) 743-1454.

Offertory Envelopes

If you are a member, and would like to start utilizing Offertory envelopes, or if you are not a member and would like to join our Parish, please complete the form included in this bulletin and drop it in the offertory, or the mail, addressed to Marilyn Robinson at the Parish Office.

Mission Statement

St. Peter Claver Church is a multicultural and well-integrated Catholic Parish graced with the gift of God's presence. Together as church we form a faith community where no one just adds up to the number but everybody is important because we cherish the potency and gift of everyone. It is our desire to constantly nourish our faith in the soil of God's Word and at the table of the Eucharist, to be a credible witness of God's presence in the world and each other's companion on our journey of faith.