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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday

8:00 am—4:30 pm

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

All daily masses in the Convent Chapel

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

Friday: No Mass

No daily masses in the Convent Chapel:

December 28, 29, 30, and 31, 2015

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

All weekend Masses in Church

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:15 am

1:30 pm (Spanish)

CONFESSIONS—IN THE CHURCH

Saturday: 4:30 pm—5:00 pm or by appointment

ROSARY—IN THE CHURCH

1st & 2nd Tuesdays: 10:00 am

Saturday: 4:55 pm—5:20 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am—8:50 am

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St. Peter Claver Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

Extraordinary Jubilee: "Merciful Like the Father":

December 8, 2015–November 20, 2016



Dear Friends in Christ,

Recently, I was grumbling about having to pay \$60.00 for medicine. The pharmacy tech said to me gently: "Well at least you have insurance. It would have cost \$325.00 without it." She was right. I should be thankful that the parish provides me with health insurance. I should even be more joyful because I was able to have this health screening procedure.

The Third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday. We light the rose candle and the priest may wear a rose vestment. Gaudete is Latin for rejoice-- Which is taken from St Paul's letter: Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! You may also recall that the fourth Sunday of Lent is Laetare Sunday which is another Latin word for "rejoice." These special Sundays in Lent and Advent provide a break from the penitential nature of the seasons-- Reminding us to "relax" and be "joyful" the Lord has already come and blessed us. The liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council deemphasized the penitential nature of Advent making it more a focus of preparation. Lent, of course, retains its penitential nature.

So rejoice! Be joyful! Remember Mary's joy in receiving such a blessing from the Lord. This weekend St. Peter Claver parish, along with all of North America, celebrates the Marian Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This week's bulletin has a schedule of this celebration. Let's cultivate a joyful heart. As that pharmacy tech gently reminded me of a reason to be joyful, be a joyful Christian! Happy Advent! Christmas will quickly be upon us.

Pax et Bonum

Father Bill



Advent Courses

(December 1, 8, 15. January 12, 19. February 2, 9, 16.)

The talks will continue this Tuesday in the Social Hall, December 15th at 5:45 p.m. Potluck dinner followed by Fr. Frank's Advent Course.

Please bring a covered dish.

The Eucharist cannot be lived in isolation. Like all the sacraments we are called together and we celebrate with each other. We affirm each other as sons and daughters of God celebrating with joy who we are as a people of the Gospel. For as scripture says, all of us are made in the image and likeness of the Creator. The Eucharist, by our active participation, instills in each of us the dignity and respect we have for each other, the equality that we express in the One Bread and the One Cup of Christ and the inclusiveness of the table where all are welcome, as "we do this in memory of Me."

Come join us this Tuesday for the third of our eight course series on the Eucharist. **Feel free to come to 1 course or as many as possible.** Come and learn, question and deepen our understanding of who we are as a Eucharistic community. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

Father Frank

Weekly Offering

Offertory 12/6/2015	9,026.31
Offertory 12/7/2014	9,552.61
Poor Box and Candles	44.56
Southern Cross	20.00
Capital Improvement Fund	1,362.25
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00
Christmas Flowers Donations	269.30

As each one has received a gift,
use it to serve one another as good
stewards of God's varied grace.
—1 Peter 4:10

2015 Bishops Annual Appeal - as of 12/4/2015

Target	Pledged	% of Target	Paid	Total Families	Families Pledging	% Donors
\$39,607	\$19,100	82%	32,549	301	113	37.54%

St. Peter Claver tithes 10% of our weekly offertory to the poor in the name of Jesus! St. Peter Claver donates \$500.00 to FAM (Family Advancement Ministry) and \$250.00 to the St. Maximilian Kolbe Center every month.

Second Collection next Sunday: St. Vincent de Paul Fund.

Thank you for your generosity.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

Prayer Line (478) 743-1454

Florine Billue, Shirley James, Aaron Wimberly, Kevin Dockrell, Annie Burnell, Dolores Konke, Julianne Kandalec, Emma Patterson, Marie Chatman, Alma Johnson, Joanne Dockrell, Marie Pacheco, Kariem Jones, Kimberly Hamilton, Naomi Hicks, Lea-Ann Fletcher, Chloe Holt, Eden Lee Thompson, Cletia Wimberly, Andria Ballard Magallano, Charlene Stallings, Alice Denise Williams, Devin Dayton, Dennis Pennymon, Pearlie Watkins, Lindsay Banasz, Johnny Roquemore, Clifton Hadley, Kristie Marshall, Monsignor John Cuddy, Heriberto Bocanegra, Mary Pioli, Mary Coté, Anne James, Beatrice Jordan, David Maysonet, Fred Grasso, Michael Craig, Michael Iteogu, Burton Family, Don Heacock, Don Heacock, Sr., Darryl Newman, Judah White, Quay Wornum, Hayden McIntyre, Adanma Ekeledo, Chidi Ekeledo, Sharon Johnson, Corey Flagg, Jr., Carmen Kilgore (baby), Holden Wimberly, Braylon Andrews, Delwyn Andrews, Jr., Marion Wintons, Domingo Bermudez, Clara Mahoney and Xavier Green.

If you wish to have a name kept on the list or removed please call the church office at 743-1454.



Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17; Ps 25:4-5, 6, 7-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25; Ps 71:3-4, 5-6, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Elizabeth Ministry

Please pray for this expectant mother.

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



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 12 - In Honor of Divine Mercy in Thanksgiving (S. Phagan)

Sunday, December 13
 9:00 a.m. - Edward Konke, +RIP (Konke Family)
 11:15 a.m. - In Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary (S. Phagan)
 1:30 p.m. - Mass for Parishioners

Monday, December 14 - In Honor of St. Anthony in Thanksgiving (S. Phagan)

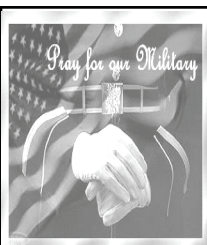
Tuesday, December 15 - In Honor of St. Anthony in Thanksgiving (S. Phagan)

Wednesday, December 16 - Eugene & Virginia McMahon, +RIP

Thursday, December 17 - In Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary (S. Phagan)

Friday, December 18 - None

Saturday, December 19 - LaVonne Bertucci, +RIP (K. Shiflet)



Virous Caston, Brittani Caston,
 Russell Hill III, Tony Cervantes,
 Angel Gomez, Jeff Cooper,
 Mishell Sonntog, Gary Oñate

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 and please call us to let us know he/she has returned safely.



St. Peter Claver: Penance services will be held each Wednesday during Advent (December 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd) from 7:45p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

All other Deanery services begin at 7:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart: Tuesday – December 15th

Holy Spirit: Wednesday – December 16th

St Joseph: Thursday – December 17th

St Patrick: Monday – December 21st



December 24th —Christmas Eve Masses

- 5:30 pm—Children’s Mass at Church
- 7:30 pm—Spanish Mass at Church
- 11:15 pm-Caroling begins prior to Midnight Mass
- 12:00 am-Midnight Mass at Church

December 25th —Christmas Day Masses

- 10:00 am—English Mass at Church
- 12:00 pm—Spanish Mass at Church

December 31st — New Year’s Eve Mass

- 6:00 pm —English Mass at Church

January 1st — New Year’s Day Mass

- 10:00 am — Bilingual Mass at Church



And with the grace of Baptism and of Eucharistic Communion I can become an instrument of God's mercy, of that beautiful mercy of God.

— Pope Francis —

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Third Sunday of Advent

Pope Francis chose to inaugurate the Jubilee Year of Mercy last Tuesday because December 8 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of Vatican II. That council, Pope Francis reminds us, inaugurated a new phase in the Church's history. The Spirit called the Church to tear down the walls that for far too long had made it a fortress, and to proclaim the gospel in a new, more accessible way. Pope Francis quotes Saint John XXIII in declaring the Church's preference for "the medicine of mercy," and Blessed Paul VI in proposing the Good Samaritan as our model for discipleship (Misericordiae Vultus, 4). Pope Francis adds that God's mercy is "the beating heart of the Gospel," and that mercy "must penetrate the heart and mind" of every disciple (MV, 12). Three times today's Gospel asks, "What should I do?" Pope Francis would say: Imitate Jesus, who came not wielding the fiery judgment that John the Baptist had threatened, but instead imparting healing, compassion, forgiveness—mercy!



MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER

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This year, let us come together as a community in celebration of the anticipation of the Gift of Love into our world.

On Monday, December 21st, beginning at 5:00 pm

we are hosting a decorating party. The vision is:

Being a light to the community we share here in Pleasant Hill.

We are proposing:

- trees outside for the rectory (one 10 ft) and Church (two 12 ft), with trees (eight, 7 ft) and wreaths inside the Church.

We are asking donations of mini lights (indoor and outdoor), eight 24" plain artificial wreaths for the windows inside.

Money donations for the cost of the trees would also be greatly appreciated. If the donations of trees, wreaths, lights and funds could be dropped off by Friday, December 19th, it would be greatly appreciated. If you are a chili master, please share your gift!

We will be serving chili and hot chocolate for the evening.

Wishing peace and blessings to everyone as we prepare for the gift of God's love!!



Gift of Love cards are here.

If you haven't already, please take a Gift of Love card in the back of the church. Your gift can give a child a joyous Christmas. All gifts need to be **upwrapped, identified with the card #**, and can be dropped at church or FAM.

Please deliver by Dec. 13.

Questions contact Chris McKowen---745-7165



GOD BLESS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

REGARDING THE PARISH DIRECTORY

You may pick up your Lifetime family portraits at the Parish Office, from 9:00 am—to 2:00 pm, Monday through Thursday.

Southern Cross Subscription Campaign

We ask you to consider giving \$30 or more during the Southern Cross Subscription campaign. Ten dollars pays for one annual subscription of 26 issues. If you did not receive an envelope in the mail, extras are available at the church entrance. As the official newspaper of the Diocese of Savannah the Southern Cross delivers news and feature stories about the Catholic community in South Georgia. Thank you for supporting this important communications ministry.

BAA for 2015-only \$617 from our goal

With your one time payments and pledges, we are only \$617 from our yearly goal. It's not too late to make a pledge or a one-time payment. If you have already made a pledge, please remember that the BAA closes December 31st. For additional information contact the Parish Office or send your check payable to the 'Diocese of Savannah', indicating 'St. Peter Claver Church' in the memo portion of your check and mail directly to:

Bishop's Annual Appeal
Catholic Diocese of Savannah
P.O. Box 116633
Atlanta, GA 30368-6633

You can also contribute online by accessing the Diocesan webpage at: <https://www.diosav.org/baa> or you may call the Diocesan Stewardship office at (912) 201-4050 .

GOLD AND SILVER JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY MASS FEBRUARY 7, 2016

Couples celebrating their Silver or Gold (25th or 50th) Wedding Anniversaries in 2016 are invited to breakfast and a special Mass in their honor at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah, GA on Sunday, February 7, 2016 with Bishop Gregory Hartmayer. Those wishing to attend should contact the parish secretary to register or register online at <https://www.diosav.org/familylife-marriage-jubilee> no later than December 15, 2015.

Christmas CAROLING

Join the Fun!

The Council of Catholic Women is inviting everyone to get into the Christmas spirit by joining us in

singing Christmas carols on
Tuesday, December 15 at 3:45 p.m.
on the corner of Third and Cherry Streets
(in front of the Dempsey)

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Feast day - December 12th



She is the patron of all the Americas, through whom the faith was first brought to this land. She is, likewise, the patron of the Gospel of Life, through whom the weak, the poor, the forgotten, and the dispossessed may know love and the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. At the canonization of Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin last year, the Holy Father asked the new Saint, who brought the image of the Blessed Virgin to America, to intercede for this very cause: "Happy Juan Diego, true and faithful man! We entrust to you our lay brothers and sisters so that, feeling the call to holiness, they may imbue every area of social life with the spirit of the Gospel. Bless families, strengthen spouses in their marriage, and sustain the efforts of parents to give their children a Christian upbringing. Look with favor upon the pain of those who are suffering in body or in spirit, on those afflicted by poverty, loneliness, marginalization or ignorance. May all people, civic leaders and ordinary citizens, always act in accordance with the demands of justice and with respect for the dignity of each person, so that in this way peace may be reinforced." (Pope John Paul II, July 31, 2002).

Please join us for Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Saturday, December 12th

7:30 pm—12:00 am: "Las Apariciones", Rosary and "las Mañanitas", in the church

Sunday, December 13th

1:00 pm: Procession begins in front of the MKD Center led by the Mariachis "Los Arrieros" and the dance group "los Aztecas"

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

Gathering at the MKD after the Mass.

Oficina Hispana

Hermana Graciela
478 741-9916

Misa en Español

Domingos: 1:30pm

Grupo de Oración

Miércoles 7:00pm -9:00pm
en el Salón Social

Grupo de Evangelización

Viernes 7:00pm

Reuniones Juan XXIII

lunes de 7:00pm a 9:00pm

Grupo de Jóvenes

Miércoles 7:00pm a 9:00pm
en el gimnasio

Charlas Pre-bautismales

Primero y Segundo Sábado
del mes, de 5pm—7pm

Clases de Catecismo

Niños y Jóvenes

Horario: 11:30am a 1:00pm
Llamar para más información
y registración 478 741-9916

RICA para Adultos

Clases para adultos que
necesitan preparación para
recibir los Sacramentos
Llamar para más información
y registración 478-741-9916

Sacramento de Matrimonio

Llamar a la oficina para hacer
una cita con el Padre.



Año Jubilar de la Misericordia 13 de diciembre Tercer Domingo de Adviento

El Papa Francisco eligió inaugurar el Año Jubilar de la Misericordia el pasado martes porque el 8 de diciembre marca el quincuagésimo aniversario de la clausura del Concilio Vaticano II. El Papa Francisco añade: "la misericordia de Dios es el corazón palpitante del Evangelio" y que esa misericordia debe "alcanzar la mente y el corazón" de cada discípulo. El Papa Francisco diría: Imita a Jesús, quien vino no empuñando el juicio de fuego que Juan el Bautista anunciaba, sino en su lugar sanando, siendo compasivo, perdonando ¡misericordia!

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Sacarán agua con gozo
de la fuente de salvación.
— Isaías 12:3

MINISTERIO HISPANO



*Un mensaje
de nuestro Párroco
Padre Bill...*

Queridos hermanos en Cristo:

Recientemente, me quejaba por tener que pagar \$60.00 por mi medicamento. La farmacéutica me dijo suavemente: "Bueno, al menos tiene seguro. Le habría costado \$325.00 sin seguro." Ella tenía razón. Debería estar agradecido de que la parroquia me proporciona un seguro de salud. Debería estar inclusive más alegre porque tuve la oportunidad de tener este procedimiento de detección preventiva de la salud.

El tercer domingo de Adviento es "Gaudete" domingo. Encendemos la vela rosa y el sacerdote puede llevar una vestimenta rosa. "Gaudete" en latín significa regocijo—que se toma de la carta de San Pablo: Hermanos y hermanas: Regocijaos en el Señor siempre. Voy a decirlo una vez más: ¡Regocijaos! También recuerden que el cuarto domingo de Cuaresma es Laetare domingo, que es una palabra latina que significa "alegrarse." Estos domingos especiales en Cuaresma y Adviento proporcionan un descanso de la naturaleza penitencial de la temporadas—Que nos motivan a "relajarnos" y ser "alegres", porque el Señor ya ha llegado y nos ha bendecido. Las reformas litúrgicas del Concilio Vaticano II le quita el énfasis de la naturaleza penitencial de Adviento que es más un foco de preparación. Cuaresma, por supuesto, conserva su carácter penitencial.

Así que alegrémonos! Alégrese! Recuerde la alegría de María al recibir una bendición del Señor. Este fin de semana nuestra parroquia San Pedro Claver, junto con todas las parroquias de América del Norte, celebra la Fiesta Mariana de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. El boletín de esta semana tiene el horario de esta celebración. Cultivemos un corazón alegre. Según la farmacéutica me proveyó suavemente un motivo para ser feliz, se un cristiano alegre! Feliz Adviento! Navidad esta rápidamente sobre nosotros.

Paz y bien

Padre Bill

Haz un lugar para Jesús en tu corazón.

VEN PRONTO, SEÑOR!
¡ILEGA, OH SALVADOR!
¡VEN, SEÑOR JESÚS! ¡VEN, LIBERADOR!



13 de diciembre. *Tercer domingo de Adviento*

LA ALEGRÍA DEL VISITANTE

Las lecturas y su mensaje

Sofonías 3:14-18

La destrucción del día del Señor ha dejado un impacto en Israel. Esta es la primera vez en que se llama pobres a los que esperan en el Señor; y no es una cuestión de ser pobres económicamente, sino de tener la actitud de quienes no tienen nada y están abiertos a recibirlo todo de Dios. La palabra pobreza antes indicaba fracaso; pero después de este tiempo se referirá a quienes han esperado encontrar a Dios. Dios estará ahí para compartir su felicidad y alegría con ellos.

Filipenses 4:4-7

El Libro de la Vida es un término común judío para referirse a todos los que van a ser salvados. Pablo afirma que no es suficiente con evitar el mal, sino que es necesario buscar el bien: lo que es verdadero, santo, justo, puro, digno de amor y noble.

Lucas 3:10-18

Juan despierta la expectativa de un salvador. Para nosotros es fácil reconocer a Jesús como el salvador y saber, en retrospectiva, lo que ocurrió, pero para quienes escuchaban a Juan en aquel momento era difícil imaginar quién y cómo sería ese salvador. Juan advierte contra el fanatismo, tanto el nacional como el religioso. Pide a todos un fuerte compromiso con la solidaridad. Hay que hacer gestos concretos de conversión. Los esenios del desierto eran bautizados en ciertas ocasiones para indicar su deseo de una vida más pura. Juan bautiza a quienes quieren enderezar sus vidas; para ellos el bautismo es un compromiso hecho públicamente.

Nuestra cultura

Siempre decimos que “donde comen dos comen tres”, y esta es una manera muy concreta en que el pueblo hispano demuestra su solidaridad y hospitalidad. Es muy común entre hispanos demostrar una voluntad activa de ayudar a quienes tienen menos, incluso cuando ellos mismos no tienen demasiada abundancia.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Canta! ¡Da gritos de júbilo! ¡Gózate y regocíjate! El Señor tu Dios está entre ustedes y es un poderoso salvador (Sofonías 3:14-18).

Salmo — El Señor es mi Dios y salvador (Isaías 12).

Segunda lectura — ¡Alégrense! El Señor está cerca. Presenten sus peticiones a Dios (Filipenses 4:4-7).

Evangelio— Juan dice a sus oyentes que compartan sus posesiones con los necesitados; que sean honrados; que no amenacen ni acusen a otros injustamente (Lucas 3:10-18).

Oración a la Virgen de Guadalupe

*Préstame Madre tus ojos, para con ellos poder mirar, porque si con ellos miro, nunca volveré a pecar.
Préstame Madre tus labios, para con ellos rezar, porque si con ellos rezo, Jesús me podrá escuchar.
Préstame Madre tu lengua, para poder comulgar, pues es tu lengua patena de amor y santidad.
Préstame Madre tus brazos, para poder trabajar, que así rendirá el trabajo una y mil veces más.
Préstame Madre tu manto, para cubrir mi maldad, pues cubierta con tu manto al Cielo he de llegar.
Préstame Madre a tu Hijo, para poder yo amar.
Si tú me das a Jesús, qué más puedo yo desear y ésta será mi dicha por toda la eternidad. Amén.*



La aparición de la imagen de la Virgen en la tilma de Juan Diego, fue un signo profético de un abrazo como el abrazo de María a todos los habitantes, en una tierra donde pueden convivir todos los pueblos capaz de acoger a todos los emigrantes.

Para la reflexión

¿Me deprimó algunas veces pensando en las dificultades económicas y en lo poco que tengo? ¿He experimentado alguna vez la alegría de verme rodeado de gente querida aunque eso me supusiera hacer algún esfuerzo o sacrificio? ¿De qué maneras veo que llega Dios a mi vida? ¿Necesito dinero para eso?

CALENDARIO: Tiempo de Adviento y Navidad

diciembre: los miércoles, 16 y 23

Misa a las 7pm, sigue la Hora Santa y Confesiones

diciembre 24: Noche Buena

Misa en español a las 7:30pm

Cantos Navideños a las 11:15pm

Misa de la medianoche en inglés a las 12am.

diciembre 25: La Natividad del Señor

Misa en español a las 12:00pm.

diciembre 27: La Sagrada Familia

Misa dominical a la 1:30pm

enero 1º, Solemnidad de Sta. María, Madre de Dios

AÑO NUEVO

Misa bilingüe: : 10:00am

La Epifanía del Señor

3 de enero Misa 1:30pm - sigue convivio

Upcoming Ministry Schedules for December 19 and 20, 2015

Date	Time	Sacristans	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday	5:30 pm	Kiernan	Mr. Moran—C D. Mixon — A	Beaty	Kiernan, Kiernan
Sunday	9:00 am	Fletcher	T. Vickers — A	Avery	Vickers, Vickers
	11:15 am	McKowen	M. McCullough — C	McKowen	McKowen, Sheppard

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Wherever you live, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When they ring the rectory bell, they are in effect ringing all our bells.

When you fill your pantry, please don't forget ours.

St. Peter Claver Food Pantry is in need of the following donations:

pasta, pasta sauce, canned meats, macaroni and cheese, juices, cereals, canned fruit, soups, and rice. Toiletries such as (food stamps do not cover these items): toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, and toilet paper.



Family Advancement Ministries

... helping families move ahead.

FAM Book Club

*The FAM Book Club will be reading in January 2016:
Toxic Charity by Robert D. Lupton*

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 at FAM's Orange Street site, (538 Orange Street...across from the Washington Library parking lot). All are welcome!
Contact persons: Rena Waller or Sr. Roberta at 746-9803



The Saint Maximilian Kolbe Center for Life

***Pro-Life Center* Crisis Pregnancy Assistance *
Natural Family Planning**
Visit our website at: kolbecentermacon.org
or call us at: (478) 257-4425

The Saint Maximilian Kolbe Center for Life
1157 Forsyth Street Suite 201
Macon, GA 31201

Family Advancement Ministries needs your help!



As the weather gets cooler, the families we serve need warm clothes for their young children. We would appreciate donations of boys clothes, sizes 12 months to size 10; and girls clothes, size 2 through size 8. We are especially in need of pants for boys (and girls too).

If you do not have gently used clothes to donate and would like to help otherwise, we suggest diapers sizes 4 and 5 and pull ups. Thank you for helping those in our community who need our assistance.

December Wedding Anniversaries

*May God
Continue
Blessing You!*

Roger and Martha Walden (50)
George and Cheryl Weaver (22)
Larry and Judy Bunge (37)
William and Judith Carrigan (43)
Timothy and Karla Andrews (29)
Art and Rose Butler (33)
Gerald and Cindy Tarirah (6)
Rui and Beth Guimaraes (21)

Name _____
Street _____
City _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____

Please check:

_____ Wish to register _____ Moving out of Parish
_____ Change of Address _____ Want Tithing Envelopes
_____ Temporarily Away (I will call Parish Office upon return)

Drop this completed form in the Sunday Collection Basket.

Bible Study

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

Sunday School Registration

Our Sunday School (CCD) classes began in September, 2015. **Please call Bettye Middlebrooks, at the Parish Office (478) 743-1454 if you have any questions.**

Diocese of Savannah webpage:
www.diosav.org

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

Traveling information:
www.masstimes.org

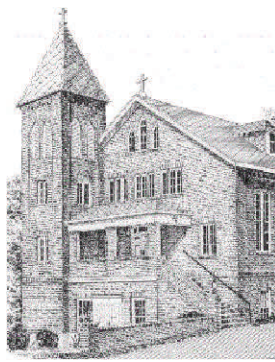
VIRTUS

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.

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.



Parish Office (478) 743-1454

Office Hours (January-May, August—December)

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 743-1454.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE – Diocesan regulations require that you meet with the priest at least 4 months prior to wedding date. Please contact the parish office at 743-1454.

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

HOLY ORDERS – Any man who thinks God might be calling him to be a priest should contact Father Bill at 743-1454.

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

Family Advancement Ministries



570 High Place, Macon GA 31201

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.

Pastor's Announcements

- † Please make sure all pagers and cell phones are turned off for the duration of the Mass.
- † Mass Intention requests are to be sent to the rectory office in writing and/or envelopes are available in the back of the church.
- † Please do not block anyone in the parking lot or obstruct traffic flow.
- † If you have recently changed your status, married, moved out of your parent's home or graduated from college, you need to re-register. If you move we would appreciate a call to the church so that our records will be in order .
- † Abuse Hotline Number: 1-888-357-5330. Copies of the policy on sexual abuse of minors is available online at: www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection.
- † **CHURCH ETIQUETTE** – The priest should be the last one in and first one out of the church.
- † **ILLNESS IN OUR PARISH FAMILY** - Is someone in your family or our Parish in the hospital? 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.

Offertory Envelopes - 2015

The Offertory envelopes for St. Peter Claver Church - 2015, were mailed to your homes in December. Envelopes were only issued to Parish members that utilized their envelopes during 2014. 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 the Parish Office.