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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 morning 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

Extraordinary Jubilee: "Merciful Like the Father":

December 8, 2015–November 20, 2016

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 27, 2015



Dear Friends in Christ,

The death of an elderly client touched a man deeply. The man did handy work for the older man but the relationship became more of a friendship overtime. The older gentleman became a mentor to the younger one who became a companion to the elder. The elder died and his younger friend was surprised how much his death affected him. He mourned this man more than he did his own father! He didn't know why, but he decided that is was because they had become *family*. At a funeral this fall at St. Peter Claver mourners shared that the deceased created relationships and family wherever he found himself. Friends and loved ones would miss his formal and informal *families*.

This weekend in the Christmas Season we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It should not surprise us that the Lord chose to reveal himself to the world in the context of a family, a relationship. Sometimes, people whose family is less than traditional may feel awkward or less than while celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family. They should not! Mary, Joseph and Jesus were far from a normal family. And thank God they were. Today's Feast should inspire us to celebrate families in the way that our deceased parishioner did—he created families and relationships wherever he found himself. Merry Christmas!

Pax et Bonum

Father Bill

Weekly Offering

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Offertory 12/19-20/2015 | 5,792.38 |
| Offertory 12/21/2014 | 8,208.50 |
| Poor Box and Candles | 74.75 |
| Christmas Flowers | 120.00 |
| Capital Improvement Fund | 1,000.00 |
| Masses | 15.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | 1,525.67 |
| Christmas Decorations | 225.00 |
| Christmas Donations | 4,350.39 |

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 12/19/2015

| Target | Pledged | % of Target | Paid | Total Families | Families Pledging | % Donors |
|----------|----------|-------------|--------|----------------|-------------------|----------|
| \$39,607 | \$19,940 | 86% | 34,423 | 301 | 118 | 39.20% |

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 Today: Funeral Fund. Please place \$1.00 or less in the collection basket as you exit the Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1Sam. 1:20-22, 24-28) or Sir. 3:2-6, 12-14.

Psalms — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or Colossians 3:12-21.

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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 Cotè, 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, Xavier Green and Anthony McIntosh.

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



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 26 - None

Sunday, December 27

9:00 a.m. - Patricia Reott, +RIP (Daughters of Charity)

11:15 a.m. - None

1:30 p.m. - Mass for Parishioners

Monday, December 28 - None

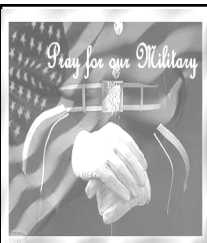
Tuesday, December 29 - In Honor of St. Anthony in Thanksgiving (S. Phagan)

Wednesday, December 30 - Eugene & Virginia McMahon, +RIP

Thursday, December 31 - None

Friday, January 1 - None

Saturday, January 2 - None



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.



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

New Year Prayer

Dear Lord,
 We pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You.
 May we take the time to get to know You.
 Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us
 and use them to serve You and spread Your word,

May we also see and love you in all the people we meet,
 so that in turn, they can see You in us.

We know that all human relations take time
 if they are to grow and deepen.
 This is also true of our relations with You,
 the Father and the Holy Spirit,
 which must grow over the course of our lives.
 In this new year,
 let us realize that every action of ours
 no matter how great or small
 enables us to be in touch with You.
 Let us accept You in our lives,
 in the way it pleases You,
 as Truth, to be spoken,
 as Life, to be lived,
 as Light, to be lighted,
 as Love, to be followed,
 as Joy, to be given,
 as Peace, to be spread about,
 as Sacrifice, to be offered among our relatives,
 friends, neighbors and all people.
 Amen.



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

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



MERCIFUL
 ~ LIKE THE ~
 FATHER

Imagine: three New Year's celebrations in little over a month! In late November, Advent began the new liturgical year; December 8, the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*; this coming Friday, the New Year 2016. In today's Gospel, after three days of anguish, Mary tells Jesus how desperately she and Joseph have been searching for him. Mary could be speaking for the whole human race. With religious persecutions raging, international and domestic conflicts seething, our family and friends suffering various difficulties, not to mention our own personal problems, how much our world needs Jesus as another New Year veiled in mystery begins! As we pray for God's mercy to enfold our world and embrace each of us in 2016, let our New Year's resolution be to live the Jubilee Year of Mercy by being for others, as Mary was, a channel of God's mercy and an instrument of Christ's peace.

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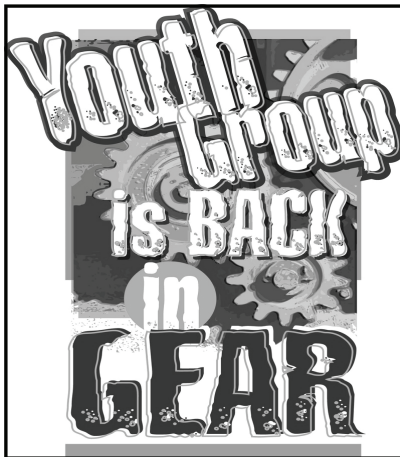
(January 12, 19. February 2, 9, 16.)

**The talks will continue Tuesday, January 12th, at 5:45 pm
 in the Social Hall. 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 January 12th for the fourth 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



**9th—12th Grade
and College
Students
Come Join Us**

**When: Every Sunday
Where: Library—Upstairs
in the PRE-K Building
Time: 10:00 am—11:00 am**

BAA for 2015-only \$557 from our goal

With your one time payments and pledges, we are only \$557 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 .

PARISH DIRECTORY PORTRAITS

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

UPCOMING VIRTUS CLASS

**January 7th, (Thursday), at 6:00 PM at
Sacred Heart Church. Warner Robins**

A VIRTUS class has been scheduled in our area at Sacred Heart Church for January 7th from 6:00 pm. This training is required for Safe Environment Compliance for any adult who will come into contact with youth as part of their ministry (a listing of those ministries can be found at <http://bit.ly/1yU4Yk6>), and must be completed before they begin ministry. We also invite adults who are not currently volunteers to attend this training to learn tools they can use to help keep children safe. Seating is limited and you must pre-registration online to save your seat. To register, go to www.diosav.org, and find the training listed on the Upcoming Events Calendar.

The Family Tends To God's Things

The Readings and Their Message

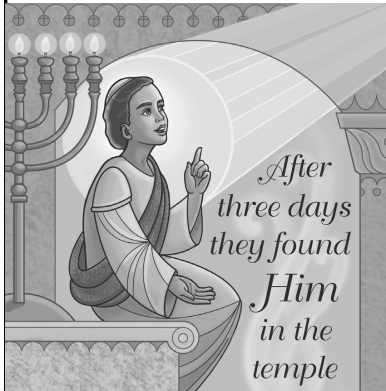
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

In addition to the virtues that must characterize the conduct toward God, there are the duties toward others and particularly toward our parents. Such virtues and attitudes bring blessings with them. Elderly and sick parents are owed our respect, must be cared for, and in this manner our sins are forgiven. Not to give them such respect is blasphemy and deserves to be cursed by God.

Colossians 3:12-21

Paul indicates that the effects of Baptism are to be clothed in Christ, which has moral consequences: clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility...

Luke 2:41-52



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The focus of this story has to do with an incident during the infancy of Jesus that is unique in the canonic tradition of the gospel. It shows Jesus in the role of a young Jew fulfilling his obligations and respecting his traditions. With this episode the narrative of the infancy of Jesus closes in the same

place it began: in the temple of Jerusalem.

Homily Reflection

There comes a difficult time in the life of every parent around the world and it is allowing our children to make their own decisions and follow their own ways. In a country that is not our native home, things can often become even more complicated when our children grow away from the Hispanic values and traditions we highly treasure. We may have the tendency to be overly protective or go with the low of the society that surrounds us. The truth is that the line between properly protecting our children and allowing them to live their own life is very thin. We talk a lot today about creating a vocation culture, in other words a religious, family, and social environment in which the calls from God are considered and where the family encourages the children to follow his ways, and later respect and support their decisions. This is not very easy.

For Reflection

Do I harbor dreams for my children but have not confirmed if this is what they want for themselves? Do I try to convince them of my vision, even if they express the desire to do something else? Would I respect the vocation to dedicate their life to religious life, priesthood, or lay commitment from any of my children?

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.

**MINISTERIO
HISPANO**



Que el Niño Dios
Bendiga sus vidas!
y que la alegría de las
Fiestas se repitan todos
los días del Año Nuevo!



El Papa Francisco escogió el tema:

**“Vence la indiferencia
y conquista la paz.”**

para la 49 jornada de la paz que se
celebra el 1º de enero del 2016

La paz ha de ser conquistada:
No es un bien que se obtenga sin
esfuerzos, sin conversión, ni sin
creatividad y confrontación.



**Celebración de
la Epifanía
con Roscas de
Reyes**

**Domingo, 3
de enero los**

**tres Reyes Magos nos
visitarán en la Misa. Ellos
traerán sus regalos al Niño
Dios: mirra, incienso y oro.
Después de la Misa en el
gimnasio compartiremos con
los Reyes y disfrutaremos de
las roscas.**



**La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José
27 de diciembre de 2015**

Hermanos míos, ahora somos hijos de Dios,
pero aún no se ha manifestado
cómo seremos al fin.

— 1 Juan 3:2a

Un mensaje de Nuestro Párroco.



Zueridos Hermanos,

La muerte de un cliente de edad
avanzada tocó a un hombre profunda-
mente. El hombre hacía trabajo manuales para un
hombre de más edad, pero la relación se hizo más
amistosa con el tiempo. El señor mayor se convir-
tió en un mentor para el joven que se
convirtió en un compañero para el anciano. El
anciano murió y su amigo más joven se sorprendió
de lo mucho que su muerte lo afectó. Él lamentó la
muerte de este hombre más que su propio padre! El
no sabe el por qué, pero él decidió que era porque
se habían convertido en una familia. En el funeral
este otoño en San Pedro Claver los dolientes
compartieron que el creó relaciones familiares
donde quiera. Amigos y seres queridos extrañarán
sus familias formales e informales.

Este fin de semana en la temporada de
Navidad celebramos la Fiesta de la Sagrada Fami-
lia: Jesús, María y José. No debería sorprendernos
que el Señor escogió para revelarse al mundo en el
contexto de una familia, una relación. A veces, las
personas cuya familia son menos tradicionales
pueden sentirse incómodo o menos, durante la cele-
bración de la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia. ¡Ellos
no deberían sentirnos así! María, José y Jesús esta-
ban lejos de ser una familia normal.
Y gracias a Dios que ellos lo eran. Hoy, es una
fiesta que nos inspirar para celebrar con todos las
familias en la forma como nuestro miembro falleci-
do lo hizo – el creó familias y relaciones donde
quiera que él se encontraba.

¡Feliz Navidad! Padre Bill

VIDA FAMILIAR

La vida familiar es sagrada,
pero no faltan las dificultades.
Este puede ser el mensaje más
importante que encontramos en
las lecturas de hoy. Si Jesús,
María y José pueden tropezar de
vez en cuando –es conectarse–
entonces no nos debe sorpren-
der cuando eso mismo nos ocu-
rre a nosotros también. Y los
padres dondequiera que estén
(hijos también) pueden ver el
parecido –y hasta consolarse–
con el relato bíblico que habla
de María y José después de que
Jesús les explica porqué se que-
dó atrás en el templo. Escucha-
ron sus palabras, nos dice Lucas,
“pero ellos no comprendieron lo
que les acababa de de-
cir” (Lucas 2:50). ¡Amén! Sin
embargo, Jesús sí se va con ellos
para la casa, y continúa crecien-
do bajo su cuidado.

**QUE DIOS BENDIGA SUS HOGARES
EN ESTE AÑO NUEVO!**

Envío mis mejores deseos de renovación,
prosperidad, alegría y amor para el

2016

www.falsetas.com





Año Jubilar de la Misericordia

27 de diciembre de 2015

Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia

Imagina: ¡tres celebraciones de Año Nuevo en el transcurso de menos de un mes!, al final de noviembre, con el Adviento empezó el Nuevo Año Litúrgico; luego el 8 de diciembre, el *Año Jubilar de la Misericordia* y este viernes que viene, el Año Nuevo 2016. En el Evangelio de hoy, después de tres días de angustia, María le dice a Jesús lo preocupada que ella y José habían estado buscándolo. María podría estar hablando por toda la humanidad. Con violentas persecuciones religiosas, conflictos nacionales e internacionales en plena ebullición, nuestra familia y amigos sufriendo de varias dificultades, sin mencionar nuestros propios problemas personales, ¡qué tanto nuestro mundo necesita a Jesús como otro Nuevo Año empieza cubierto de misterio! Al orar por que la misericordia de Dios se muestre a nuestro mundo y envuelva a cada uno de nosotros este 2016, que las resoluciones este Año Nuevo vivan el Año Jubilar de la Misericordia para los demás, como María fue, un instrumento de la misericordia de Dios y de la paz de Cristo.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Martes: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35
 Miércoles: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Sal 96 (95):7-10; Lc 2:36-40
 Jueves: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Viernes: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gál 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21
 Sábado: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Domingo: Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

EL NOMBRE DE DIOS

Madre es el nombre de Dios en los labios y corazones de los niños pequeños.



VIDA FAMILIAR

La vida familiar es sagrada, pero no faltan las dificultades. Este puede ser el mensaje más importante que encontramos en las lecturas de hoy. Si Jesús, María y José pueden tropezar de vez en cuando —desconectarse— entonces no nos debe sorprender cuando eso mismo nos ocurre a nosotros también. Y los padres dondequiera que estén (hijos también) pueden ver el parecido —y hasta consolarse— con el relato bíblico que habla de María y José después de que Jesús les explica porqué se quedó atrás en el templo. Escucharon sus palabras, nos dice Lucas, “pero ellos no comprendieron lo que les acababa de decir (Lucas 2:50). ¡Amén! Sin embargo, Jesús sí se va con ellos para la casa, y continúa creciendo bajo su cuidado.

CALENDARIO

TIEMPO DE NAVIDAD Y AÑO NUEVO

Diciembre 30: miércoles

Santa Hora y Confesiones— No hay Misa

Enero 1º, Santa María, Madre de Dios

Año Nuevo

Misa bilingüe: 10:00am

Enero 3: La Epifanía (Los Tres Magos)

Misa dominical a la 1:30pm

Enero 6: miércoles

Misa en español a las 7:00pm y confesiones

Enero 10: domingo

Reinician las clases de Catecismo

Enero 13: miércoles,

Hora Santa a las 7:00pm (no habrá Misa)

Enero 20: miércoles

Misa en español a las 7:00pm

Después de la Misa en español de los miércoles comienza el curso de la Biblia con Padre Bill



COMIENZA... el 20 DE ENERO

Iniciaremos con los 6 primeros libros del Viejo Testamento (Pentateuco)

Los interesados en tomar este curso con Padre Bill deben registrarse antes del 10 de enero para ordenar su libro.

Necesita:

1. La Biblia Latino Americana
2. El libro de Estudio: *Pentateuco*
3. Un cuaderno para tomar notas

Las Clases comienzan:

20 de enero a las

7:30pm en el Salon Social

Costo del libro: \$10.00.

Aprovechen de esta oportunidad



Upcoming Ministry Schedules for January 2 and 3, 2015

| Date | Time | Sacristans | Altar Servers | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers |
|----------|----------|------------|--|----------|-----------------------|
| Saturday | 5:30 pm | Robinson | B. Haynes- C R. Haynes-A | Cheeves | Robinson, Chen |
| Sunday | 9:00 am | Fletcher | T. Vickers- A A. Lauer- A A. Lauer-C | Fletcher | Fletcher, Franklin |
| | 11:15 am | Stroupe | J. Howell- C M. McCullough-A | Andrews | Stroupe, Stroupe |

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

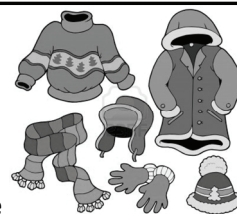
We meet on the second Tuesday of the month, January 12th at 1:30 at FAM's Orange Street site, (538 Orange Street...across from the Washington Library parking lot). All are welcome!
Contact persons: Rena Waller or Sr. Roberta at 746-9803

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

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

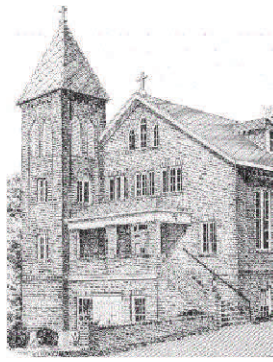
Ladies Auxiliary — meet the first Sunday of every month at 10:00 am in the JP II Social Hall.

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 - 2016

The Offertory envelopes for St. Peter Claver Church - 2016, were mailed to your homes in December. Envelopes were only issued to Parish members that utilized their envelopes during 2015. 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.