

St. Peter Claver Church

Third Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2016

Extraordinary Jubilee:

"Merciful like the father": December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016



Dear Friends in Christ,

Last week was a blessed week! I am grateful to those parishioners who organized and attended the Diocesan Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to our cathedral in Savannah. Bishop Hartmayer was impressed with St. Peter Claver's representation. Thanks as well to those who organized and attended our Second Annual Ministry Fair. Seeing all the ministries here at St. Peter Claver it is obvious that the Spirit is alive here. As God tells Moses in today's

reading from Exodus: This is Holy Ground. We truly stand on Holy Ground here at our special parish. I would invite you to attend the CCW's **Black History Program this Sunday at 3:00 pm**. I also have reprinted below a brief history from the website of the National Black Catholic Congress.

Some people forget that Christianity did not originate in Europe and even express surprise when they learn that Black Catholic History began in the Acts of the Apostles (8: 26-40) with the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch by Philip the Deacon. This text is important for several reasons. First, it chronicles the conversion of the first Black African in recorded Christian history. Second, the text suggests that the man was a wealthy, literate, and powerful emissary of the Nubian Queen and also a faithful, practicing Jew prior to his baptism. Clearly, he was not an ignorant heathen. Third, the Ethiopian Eunuch's conversion predates the conversions of Saints Paul and Cornelius. Most significantly, many cite this conversion as the very moment when the church changed from a Hebrew and Hellenist community to the truly universal and Catholic Church.

Black Catholics trace their faith history back to Christian antiquity long before other nations heard the "Good News." Christian Africa was indeed a "leading light" in early Christendom. Black Catholics point to three popes who were born in Africa: Saints Victor I, Melchiades, and Gelasius I. All three shepherded the early church through tough and tumultuous times in history. Black Catholics claim many Black Saints like Saints Cyprian, Zeno, Anthony of Egypt, Moses the Black, Pachomius, Maurice, Athanasius, Pistentius, Mary of Egypt, Cyril of Alexandria, Monica of Hippo, Augustine of Hippo, Perpetua, Felicitas, and Thecla. Some of these mystics, monastics, and, martyrs literally made the church what it is today.

Notwithstanding the moral crimes of slavery, the French and Spanish missionaries ministered to their free and enslaved African population within their respective colonies. This ministry laid the foundation for Black Catholic communities within the United States, i.e. Mobile, Alabama; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Saint Augustine, Florida. It is important to note that many African-American Catholics cherish a certain Peruvian Dominican, Saint Martin de Porres, the only Black Saint from the Western Hemisphere to date.

Sadly, the American Catholic Church did not seriously commit its time and resources to minister to the African-American population during the ante-bellum or post-bellum periods. However, God made a way!!! In spite of insuperable obstacles and opposition, African-American Catholics created a remarkable movement of faith and evangelization. Many courageous people played pivotal roles within church history like Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, Mathilda Beasley, Daniel Rudd, and the Reverend Augustus Tolton. [We would add St. Katherine Drexel, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and parishes like St. Peter Claver.] They witnessed their faith, ministered to their people, and left lasting legacies in the face of prejudice, ignorance, and indifference. One cannot read their stories without feeling tremendous joy, sorrow, and inspiration.

Pax et Bonum

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Franciscan Friars

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Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE)

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Hispanic Ministry Office Assistant/Webmaster

Leslie Miller

Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Marilyn Robinson

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

Wednesday: Spanish Mass at 7:00 pm in the Church

Friday: No Mass

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

All weekend Masses in Church

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:15 am

1:30 pm (Spanish)

ROSARY—IN THE CHURCH

1st & 2nd Tuesdays: 10:00 am

Sunday: 8:30 am—8:50 am

CONFESSIONS—IN THE CHURCH

Saturdays: 4:30 pm—5:00 pm or

by appointment

Wednesdays (during Lent): 7:45 pm—8:45 pm

in the Church

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St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, Macon

Diocesan Webpage: www.diosav.org

Franciscan Webpages: www.hnp.org

www.beafranciscan.org

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St. Peter Claver Church

Weekly Offertory

Offertory 2/21/2016	6,331
Offertory Budgeted	7,624
\$ Over (Under) Budget	(1,293)
Offertory 2/21/2015 (last year)	7,129

Year to Date Offertory

Total Year Budget FY 15-16 (as of 7/1/15)	396,466
Collections through 2/14/16:	266,005

Offertory Budget to Actual Comparison

Offertory Budget through 02/21/16	255,259
Offertory through 02/21/16	272,942

Additional Collections

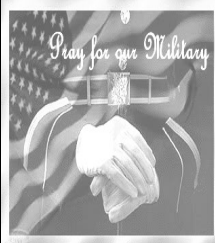
St. Vincent de Paul	882
Food Pantry	105
Easter Flowers	144
Poor Box and Candles	40

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, the Ekeledo children, Sharon Johnson, Corey Flagg, Jr., Carmen Kilgore (baby), Braylon Andrews, Delwyn Andrews, Jr., Marion Wintons, Clara Mahoney, Xavier Green, Patricia Poole, and Beverly Wimberly.



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



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

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.

2016



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL DIOCESE of SAVANNAH

Just a reminder! If you haven't yet made your pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal please consider doing it this week. As good stewards, each of us has a responsibility to share our great gifts that come from God. Please be generous. We want to show our support of the diocesan family by exceeding our Parish goal this year, **\$40,929**.

The money raised through the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps make possible the following ministries, programs and offices:

SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRIES

Catholic Charities Family Advancement Ministries –FAM (Macon)

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Faith Formation Young and Young Adult
Campus Ministry Catholic Schools
Ecumenism

VOCATIONS

MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

Diocesan Information:

SIZE - 90 counties in South Georgia comprising 37,038 square miles est. in 1850

POPULATION - Total population of 2,800,000 of which 80,000 are Catholic

PARISHES - 55 Parishes and 23 missions

ACTIVE PRIESTS - 73

SEMINARIANS - 16

DEACONS - 54

RELIGIOUS - 79 Sisters and 3 Brothers

SCHOOLS - 5 Catholic High Schools and 14 elementary schools

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION- Over 6,800 students enrolled in religious education



Lenten Schedule

Stations of the Cross- Fridays during Lent

6:00 PM English and
7:30 PM Spanish

Confessions at St. Peter Claver Church

Wednesdays during Lent: 7:45 PM—8:45 PM

Saturdays: 4:30 PM—5:00 PM

Penance Services in our Macon Deanery

Holy Spirit (Macon): Monday, March 7th

Sacred Heart (Warner Robins): Tuesday, March 8th

Saint Patrick (Kathleen) and ICC (Dublin): Monday, March 14th

Saint Joseph (Macon): Thursday, March 17th

All Penance services are at 7:00 PM.

Second Collection today: Funeral Fund. Please donate \$1.00 or less in the basket as you exit the church.

Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 27 - Special Intentions
Constance Christina Lawrence Benedict, (M. Roquemore)

Sunday, February 28
9:00 a.m. - + Bud Hardeman, (M. Howard)
11:15 a.m. - Special Intention
1:30 p.m. - For Parishioners

Monday, February 29 - Special Intention
Tuesday, March 1 - Special Intention
Wednesday, March 2 - + Eugene & Virginia McMahon
Thursday, March 3 - Special Intention
Friday, March 4 - Special Intention
Saturday, March 5 - + Alex Ortiz, (S. Phagan)

Elizabeth Ministry

Please pray for this expectant mother.

Lauren Hamlin Beaty

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



Today's Readings

First Reading — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalms — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Year of Mercy

24 HOURS

for the

LORD

Begins Friday, March 4

with Stations of the Cross

Church open after Stations until 9:00 pm.

Church opens Saturday, March 5

from 9:00 am until

Saturday 5:30 pm Mass

Please pray at home during this 24 hour worldwide prayer vigil.



Pope Francis' Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Excerpted from Pope Francis' Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lenten Learning

...with Fr. Frank



Topics:

Reconciliation—Tuesday, 3/1/16

Franciscan Theology—Tuesday, 3/8/16

Time: 5:45 p.m.

Place: John Paul II Social Hall

There will be a potluck, followed by the lecture.

Please bring soup, salad and/or bread.

All are invited to attend one or all of the lectures!



New Church Bulletin

We would like to find sponsors for our church bulletin. If you

are a loyal customer of a local business or own a business, please send or email us the name of the business and your contact information to :

stpeterclaver@cbi.mgacoxmail.com



Our Parishioners at the Year of Mercy Pilgrimage at St. John the Baptist Church, with Bishop Hartmayer in Savannah.

BIBLE BINGO

A Comedy with God, Games, & Goofy Prizes!
by Vicki Quade

Bible Bingo:
An Act of Charity...
in Two Acts

Nuns4Fun BIBLE BINGO April 22nd

Bible Bingo: A Comedy with God, Games, & Goofy Prizes Comes to the Msgr. Cuddy Hall, Macon, GA
Bingo. Laughter. Goofy Prizes. And a bit of the Bible! Vicki Quade and Nuns4Fun Entertainment are proud to announce that the hit comedy, Bible Bingo: A Comedy with God, Games & Goofy Prizes, will be at St. Joseph School, in Cuddy Hall, in Macon, GA on Friday, April 22, 2016 at 7:00 pm. **Tickets are \$30.00**
Order online at www.faministries.org or call Sister Roberta at (478) 746-9803 Ext. 101. FAM—fundraiser.

Ferns for FAM deadline:

March 21st

FAM is taking orders for large, florist quality Boston Ferns available for pick up between April 7-9.

Ferns are \$20 each.

Orders must be placed by Monday, March 21, 2016



St. Peter Claver Church Team



RELAY FOR LIFE 2016.

To join the fight against Cancer, our parish is forming a team for the American Cancer Society's 2016 Relay for Life. The Bibb County event, to be held April 29th at

Christ Chapel, Bass Rd, is a community wide effort to fight Cancer by raising funds for research, prevention education and patient services. For more information, to sign up for ST PETER CLAVER CHURCH team, or to donate, go online to Relay for Life- Bibb County Ga. or email Sally King (sking0617@yahoo.com) or Ella Sheppard (ellamarie159@bellsouth.net)

Hatred does more damage to the person in whom it is stored than to the person on whom it is poured.

—Anonymous

YOUTH CORNER

Candlelight Youth Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 4th and 18th,
at 6:30 pm (outside)

March 4th: Each teen is asked to bring a bag of individually wrapped candy and a pack of empty plastic Easter eggs.

March 18th: We will be filling the Easter eggs after the Stations of the Cross.

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

Domingo, Tercera Semana de Cuaresma
Febrero 28, 2016

Les dijo esta parábola:

*“Un hombre tenía plantada una figuera en su viña
y fue a buscar fruto en ella y no lo encontró.*

(Lucas 13:6)



Queridos Hermanos,

La semana pasada fue una semana bendecida! Doy las gracias a todos los feligreses que organizaron y participaron en la Peregrinación del Año Jubilar de la Misericordia a nuestra catedral en Savannah. El Obispo Hartmayer estaba impresionado con la representación de San Pedro Claver. Gracias también a los que organizaron y asistieron a nuestra Segunda Feria Anual de los Ministerios. Al ver todos los ministerios aquí en San Pedro Claver, es obvio que el Espíritu está vivo aquí. A medida que Dios le dice a Moisés en la lectura de hoy del Éxodo: “Esta es la tierra santa”. Nosotros realmente estamos parados en un lugar Santo aquí en nuestra parroquia. Me gustaría invitarle a participar en CCW’s sobre: **el programa de la Historia Negro este domingo a las 3 pm**. También he reproducido a continuación una breve historia de la página web del Congreso Nacional Católica Negro.

Algunas personas han olvidado que el cristianismo no se originó en Europa e incluso expresa sorpresa cuando aprendemos que la historia de los Negros Católicos comenzó en los Hechos de los Apóstoles (8: 26-40) con la conversión del eunuco etíope por Felipe el Diácono. Este texto es importante por varias razones. Primero, se narra la conversión del primer Negro africano en la historia cristiana grabada. Segundo, el texto sugiere que el hombre era un emisario rico, puede leer y escribir, y de gran alcance de la Reina de Nubia y también un fiel, practicando Judío antes de su bautismo. Claramente, él no era un pagano ignorante. Tercero, la conversión del eunuco etíope anterior a las conversiones de los Santos Pablo y Cornelius. Más significativamente, muchos citan esta conversión como el mismo momento en que la iglesia cambió de una comunidad hebrea y helenística a la verdadera Iglesia universal y católica.

Negros Católicos remontan su historia de fe a la antigüedad cristiana mucho antes que otras naciones escucharon la "Buena Nueva". Los Cristianos África estuvieron seguro de la “luz que conduce” a principios de la cristiandad. Los Negros católicos señalan a tres papas que nacieron en África: Santos Víctor I, Melquíades y Gelasio I. Los tres guiaron la iglesia primitiva a través de tiempos difíciles de la historia. Negros Católicos afirman muchos Santos negros como los Santos Cipriano, Zeno, Antonio de Egipto, Moisés el Negro, Pacomio, Mauricio, Atanasio, Pistentius, María de Egipto, Cirilo de Alejandría, Mónica de Hipona, San Agustín de Hipona, Perpetua, Felicitas, y Tecla. Algunos de estos místicos, monjes, y, mártires, literalmente, hicieron que la Iglesia sea lo que es hoy.

A pesar de los delitos contra la moral de la esclavitud, los misioneros franceses y españoles servían a su población africana libres y esclavos dentro de sus respectivas colonias. Este ministerio sentó las bases de las comunidades católicas Negro dentro de los Estados Unidos, es decir, Mobile, AL.. Nueva Orleans, y San Agustín, FL.. Es importante que muchos católicos afroamericanos aprecian al Dominicana Peruano: San Martín de Porres, el único Negro Santo del hemisferio occidental hasta la fecha. Por desgracia, la Iglesia católica Americana no se comprometió seriamente su tiempo y recursos para atender a la población afroamericana durante los períodos de ante-bellum o post-bellum. Sin embargo, Dios hizo un camino!!! A pesar de los obstáculos y la oposición, los católicos afroamericanos crearon un notable movimiento de fe y evangelización. Muchas personas valientes jugaron un papel fundamental dentro de la historia de la iglesia como la Madre María Elizabeth Lange, Mathilda Beasley, Daniel Rudd, y el reverendo Augusto Tolton. {Añadiríamos St. Katherine Drexel, las Hermanas del Santísimo Sacramento y parroquias como San Pedro Claver.} Ellos fueron testigos de su fe, atendía a sus personas, y dejaron un legado duradero en la cara de los prejuicios, la ignorancia y la indiferencia. Uno no puede leer sus historias sin sentir alegría tremenda, la tristeza y la inspiración.

Paz y bien! Padre Bill

Pregunta de la Semana

Si hago de las obras compasivas de Isaías mi proyecto cuaresmal para este Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, ¿en la vida de qué persona o en qué situación pudiera yo ayudar a que la misericordia de Jesús “transfigure”? ¿Cómo lo haría?



Nuevo Boletín Parroquial

Nos gustaría obtener patrocinadores para nuestro boletín parroquial. Si eres un cliente activo y leal de algún negocio o eres dueño de un negocio, por favor, envíenos a través de su correo electrónico, su nombre, el nombre del negocio, y algún medio de comunicación con usted a:

stpeterclaver@cbi.mgacoxmail.com



Año Jubilar de la Misericordia

28 de febrero de 2016

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

El Papa Francisco quiere *24 horas para el Señor*, una iniciativa para ofrecer todo el día el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, se lleve a cabo en todo el mundo este viernes y sábado. Celebrado con su frecuentemente recomendada “ternura”, la Reconciliación es “un recurso de verdadera paz interior” dice el Papa Francisco, “porque nos permite experimentar en carne propia la grandeza de la misericordia” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 17). En el Evangelio de Lucas, Jesús nos advierte de no juzgar a nuestros prójimos. Al contrario, dice Jesús, en profundizar o restaurar nuestra propia relación con Dios, para que durante esta Cuaresma primaveral el jardinero pueda usar el estiércol de la vida (la palabra que está en la parábola es “fertilizar”) para inducir un fruto fresco de un árbol que parece irremediamente estéril —

¡nosotros! Las parroquias preparando a catecúmenos pueden elegir el Evangelio de Juan, el cual de la misma manera advierte de no juzgar. Imagine lo que los vecinos de toda la vida de la mujer samaritana pensaron de sus varias relaciones. Pero al descubrir a Jesús, también compartieron su Buena Nueva —y también a Jesús— con esos mismos vecinos; ella, quien muy probablemente fue juzgada muy pecadora, en su lugar se convirtió en su evangelizadora y “misionera de la misericordia”.

SANTA CATALINA DREXEL

FIESTA: 3 de marzo
nació en Pennsylvania
en 1858. En 1891, dejó su
vida como una heredera y
se hizo monja. Después



fundó la orden de las Hermanas del Santísimo Sacramento y utilizó su fortuna para crear nuevas escuelas para los Nativos Americanos y los Afroamericanos en los Estados Unidos. Santa Katharina Drexel fundó nuestra escuela San Pedro Claver.

“Santa Catalina Drexel
Ruega por nosotros”

Las Colectas: miércoles, 17 de febrero y domingo, 21 de febrero:

¡MIL
GRACIAS! \$709.55



Nuestra comunidad de San Pedro Claver asistieron a la Peregrinación por el Año Jubilar de la Misericordia

Año de la Misericordia 24 horas para el Señor.

Comienza el viernes, 4 de marzo con el Vía Crucis y después del Vía Crucis, la Iglesia estará abierta hasta las 9:00pm.

El Sábado, 5 de marzo, la Iglesia estará abierta de 9am hasta la Misa en Inglés de 5:30pm. Por favor, oren en casa durante estas 24 horas de vigilia en oración con todo el mundo.

Oración por el Año de la Misericordia

Señor Jesucristo, tú nos has enseñado a ser misericordiosos como el Padre del cielo, y nos has dicho que quien te ve, lo ve también a Él.

Muéstranos tu rostro y obtendremos la salvación. Tu mirada llena de amor liberó a Zaqueo y a Mateo de la esclavitud del dinero; a la adúltera y a la Magdalena del buscar la felicidad solamente en una creatura; hizo llorar a Pedro luego de la traición, y aseguró el Paraíso al ladrón arrepentido.

Haz que cada uno de nosotros escuche como propia la palabra que dijiste a la samaritana: ¡Si conocieras el don de Dios! Tú eres el rostro visible del

Padre invisible, del Dios que manifiesta su omnipotencia sobre todo con el perdón y la misericordia: haz que, en el mundo, la Iglesia sea el rostro visible de Ti, su Señor, resucitado y glorioso. Tú has querido

que también tus ministros fueran revestidos de debilidad para que sientan sincera compasión por los que se encuentran en la ignorancia o en el error: haz que quien se acerque a uno de ellos se sienta esperado, amado y perdonado por Dios. Manda tu Espíritu y conságranos a todos con su unción para que el Jubileo de la Misericordia sea un año de gracia del Señor y tu Iglesia pueda, con renovado entusiasmo, llevar la Buena Nueva a los

pobres proclamar la libertad a los prisioneros y oprimidos y restituir la vista a los ciegos. Te lo pedimos por intercesión de María, Madre de la Misericordia, a ti que vives y reinas con el Padre y el Espíritu Santo por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.+



Upcoming Ministry Schedules for March 5 and 6, 2016

Date	Time	Sacristans	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday	5:30 pm	Robinson	B. Haynes—C R. Haynes — A	Beaty	Robinson, Chen
Sunday	9:00 am	Fletcher	T. Vickers — A A. Lauer — A A. Lauer — C	McMillan	Fletcher, Green
	11:15 am	Johnson	J. Howell — C M. McCullough — A A. Craddock — A	Andrews	Johnson, Johnson

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Lent is not only a time to give up something we enjoy but also a time to take on some form of ministry in Christ's name. Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke: Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?"
~(Isaiah 58:6-7-).

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.

PARISH DIRECTORY PORTRAITS

You may pick up your Lifetime family portraits (not the Parish Directory—just the Portraits) at the Parish Office, from 9:00 am—to 2:00 pm, Monday through Thursday.



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

February Wedding Anniversaries

May God
Continue
Blessing You!

Truong and Kim Nguyen (46)
Charles and Ann Hill (51)



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

FAM Book Club

The FAM Book Club will be reading in March 2016:

The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month,
March 8th 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

Reflection for Lent:

If you find yourself stuck in traffic; Don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege. Should you have a bad day at work; Think of the man who has been out of work for years. Should you despair over a relationship gone bad; Think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return. Should you grieve the passing of another weekend; Think of the man in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed his children. Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance; Think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk. Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror; Think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine. Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what is life all about, asking what is my purpose? Be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity. Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities; Remember, things could be worse. You could be them!!!!
Happy Lent!!

Fr. Frank

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

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

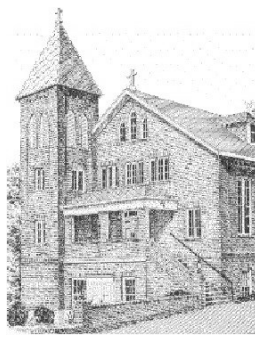
Ladies Auxiliary — meet the first Sunday of every month at 10:00 am in the JP II Social Hall.

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*

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.

Pastor's Announcements

† Abuse Hotline Number: 1-888-357-5330. Copies of the policy on sexual abuse of minors is available online at:

www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection.

† **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 Marilyn Robinson at 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.

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