

# St. Peter Claver Church

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2015

## Franciscan Friars

Father William McIntyre, OFM  
Pastor

Father Francis Critch, OFM  
Parochial Vicar

Brother Paul Santoro, OFM  
In Residence

## Deacons:

Deacon James Hubbard  
Deacon David Hayden

## School Principal

Sr. Cheryl Ann Hillig, DC

## Hispanic Coordinator

Sr. Grace Calvisi, DC

## CRE

Betty Middlebrooks

## Hispanic Ministry Office Assistant/Webmaster

Leslie Miller

## Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Marilyn Robinson

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday  
9:00 am—4:30 pm

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

All daily masses in the Convent Chapel

Monday: 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7:00 am  
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)

## CONFESSIONS—IN THE CHURCH

Saturday: 4:30 pm—5:00 pm

## ROSARY—IN THE CHURCH

1st & 2nd Tuesdays: 10:00 am  
Saturday: 5:00 pm—5:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am—9:00 am

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## Welcome to St. Peter Claver

*Father Bill, Father Frank and Brother Paul*



Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.

-Mark 7:31-37

## A Message from Our Pastor.... Father William McIntyre

Last Wednesday, I arrived in the parish. Brother Paul and Father Frank arrived a day early. The parish staff has done a great job preparing the rectory (we Friars call it a Friary). Thank you to the Sisters for the home cooked meal the first night. I know that all the friars look forward to meeting each of you. Please be patient as we try to remember your names. Fr. Dan, your previous pastor, called me to remind me what a wonderful parish St. Peter Claver is. I am well aware and look forward to experiencing this first hand.

This Wednesday is the Feast Day of St. Peter Claver. He is not only our parish patron, but the Church's patron of social justice. In my brief introduction to the parish, it is obvious to me that you embody Peter's words - "Deeds come first, then the words." Unfortunately, I will not be here to celebrate the Feast with you. All of the priests of the Diocese will be on retreat that week with Bishop Hartmayer. Please pray for us. Know of my prayers for you. Also, please pray for St. Peter Claver's fellow Jesuit-Pope Francis as our nation prepares to welcome our Holy Father and for the success of the Synod on the Family in Philadelphia.

Paz et Bonum

**Father Bill**

# Weekly Offering

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Offertory 8/30/2015  | 6,140.00 |
| Offertory 8/31/2014  | 5,218.28 |
| St. Vincent de Paul  | 20.00    |
| Poor Box and Candles | 42.00    |

"My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You, I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath."  
 - St. John Mary Vianney

## 2015 Bishops Annual Appeal - as of 8/28/2015

| Target   | Pledged  | % of Target | Paid     | Total Families | Families Pledging | % Donors |
|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|----------|
| \$39,607 | \$19,100 | 70%         | \$27,625 | 210            | 106               | 50.48%   |

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: Capital Improvement Fund.

Thank you for your generosity.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

**Gospel** — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

## Readings for the Week

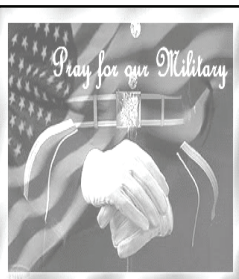
- Monday:** Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6, Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
- Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday:** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

## Prayer Line (478) 743-1454

Florine Billue, Willie Byrd, Sr., Shirley James, Aaron Wimberly, Kevin Dockrell, Annie Burnell, Jennifer Weaver, Cheryl Weaver, Dolores Konke, Julianne Kandalec, Emma Patterson, Marie Chatman, Alma Johnson, Joanne Dockrell, Rachael Kellam, 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, Pat Reott, Dennis Pennymon, Pearlie Watkins, Lindsay Banasz, Johnny Roquemore, Clifton Hadley, Kristie Marshall, Monsignor John Cuddy, John Earley, Heriberto Bocanegra, Mary Pioli, Doris McDonald, Mary Cotè, Anne James, Beatrice Jordan, David Maysonet, Cucho Diaz, Xavier Taylor, Fred Grasso, Michael Craig, Michael Iteogu, Burton Family, Don Heacock, Don Heacock, Sr., Darryl Newman, Judah White, Quay Wornum, Anna Grasso, Hayden McIntyre, Adanma Ekeledo, Chidi Ekeledo, Roy Robinson, Sharon Johnson and Corey Flagg, Jr.



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,  
 Chris Gomez, Russell Hill II,  
 Tony Cervantes, Angel Gomez,  
 Jeff Cooper, Mishell Sonntog,  
 Gary Oñate, JC White,

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.

## Elizabeth Ministry

*Cassandra Howe*

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



## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday, September 5** - Josephine Phagan, +RIP (S. Phagan)
- Sunday, September 6**
  - 9:00 a.m. - John Konke, Sr., Special Intentions (Konke Family)
  - 11:15 a.m. - Gary and Betty Musolf 50th Wedding Anniversary! (J. & G. McMahan)
  - 1:30 p.m. - Missa Pro Populo
- Monday, September 7** - Deceased Daughters of Charity
- Tuesday, September 8** - None
- Wednesday, September 9** - Eugene and Virginia McMahan, +RIP
- Thursday, September 10** - None
- Friday, September 11** - None
- Saturday, September 12** - Isidro Martinez, Jr., RIP (S. Phagan)

**Father Daniel Melaba's Mailing address:**  
 St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary  
 10701 South Military Trail  
 Boynton Beach, FL 33436

## Catholicism is the inclusion of everyone

### Isaiah 35:4-7a

In the Mediterranean world, it was believed at the time that God created everything in perfect order and any imperfections or wrongs were inevitably due to a person's faults. Above all it was believed illnesses were the result of some sin. To heal or restore things was perceived as the result of the transforming action of God's power. It has to do with physical and spiritual salvation. God heals the sick and will also heal the forsaken and infertile earth. Material and spiritual restoration are signs of the renewal obtained by the presence of God, which emerges to bring about new life. The material restoration described as prosperity must be accompanied by spiritual progress, in other words, by the ability to walk in the way of the Lord.

### James 2:1-5

The diatribe was a traditional Greek method for discussion. Not only did the teacher expound a theory, he presented numerous examples and explanations in order to prove his thesis. The lesson here begins with a notice: discrimination is not permitted. The diatribe takes place at a gathering of believers, where it seems the notion in this world to confer greater importance on certain people over others has seeped in. Each assembly had the authority to establish a tribunal, to pass judgment over the community's offenses, and to impose fines. These verses are a denouncement of those who seek power not to serve others, but for their own personal gains. The gold ring and ine clothing refers to the local magistrates, who would buy off positions in order to apply justice in their own benefit. In light of this, James affirms that discrimination is in direct contrast to the founding of the church, which gathers everyone in the kingdom of God.

### Mark 7:31-37

In this passage Jesus is compared to the magicians and miracle workers of the time; however, there are some distinctive aspects. Jesus often placed his hands on people, incurring impurities simply by touching something that was considered impure by the norms at the time. By touching them, he was also challenging its prohibition. The healing of a deaf man in this culture had tremendous significance. In an oral culture, where traditions were passed on by word of mouth through community recitation, not hearing meant to be left out of the community loop. The deaf were marginalized in a terrible manner. On the other hand, to the people of Israel, listening meant to be opened to God. To be deaf also meant to be excluded from the relationship with God.

## Homily reflection

We can pretend to be deaf when we don't want to listen to something that is of little interest to us or prefer simply not to respond to any comment; however, we also become annoyed when someone is speaking and we can't hear what is being said. People feel excluded or at times even threatened when they don't know what someone else is saying, thinking they may be gossiping, criticizing or conspiring against us. This sense of exclusion is painful, feels unfair and discriminatory. At one time or another we have all felt this type of pain.

For human beings, who are people of relationships, there is nothing worse than to feel excluded. Children can feel this way in their games and adults feel it in their social circles. When a group of people, whether in a parish or the neighborhood, isolate themselves from others it creates an uncomfortable atmosphere; for example, a group of people from certain countries establishes a group and secludes themselves from the rest. Refusing to welcome or accept others can generate feelings that are not very Catholic. Catholicism is precisely the inclusion of everyone, universality.

Exclusion is like a disease; it can occur for reasons of race, origin, or social class, and yet nothing could be further from God's mind as this disease of exclusion. By healing the sick, Jesus also gives them the right to return to their community. This was the most important aspect and is the message behind the healing.

As Christians we are called upon to heal, although we are not doctors, nurses, or healers. If we are healed from the great sin of exclusion and make our inner circles and communities welcoming to everyone, along with the support and kindness of a community, we will discover the true meaning of being children of God.

### For reflection

Have I even felt excluded or separated from a group or community? In which moments has my community been tempted to exclude others—such as those who recently arrived into this country or are from a different race or origin? How can our groups and communities become more welcoming?

# Welcome Celebration & Parish Potluck Picnic

Sunday, September 20th, 3:00 pm—6:00 pm  
at the MKD Center

The parish will welcome Father William McIntyre (Father Bill), Father Frank Critch, and Brother Paul Santoro to our community. We have combined both events, the Welcome Celebration and the Parish Picnic, to accommodate the arrival of all our Priests. This will be a Potluck and all parishioners are asked to bring their favorite dish to the Mother Katharine Drexel Center. The Parish will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, all paper products and drinks. Please contact the parish office for additional information.

## Religious Education

Registration for CCD and RCIA classes began in August. Those wishing to become Catholic during the Easter season (2016) or further your knowledge of Catholicism are asked to complete a RCIA Registration Form. Students not enrolled in Catholic School are required to attend CCD classes. Please call Bettye Middlebrooks at the Parish office for additional information (478) 743-1454.



## Irish Night 2016

Friday, February 26, 2016

*Harry O'Donoghue*

has booked this date for

**St. Peter Claver Catholic School's 25th Irish Night**

Entertainer TBA.



# A New Way To Love Friday Night Date Night for Couples

6 week series for couples who want to increase communication skills and connection.

Sponsored by St. Peter Claver Church



## Couples of all ages can LEARN:

A new way to talk  
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How to create a relationship vision  
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(based on IMAGO Relationship Theory Principles)

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**Starts August 21st 7:00-8:30**

**at St. Peter Claver Church - 131 Ward St.**

## KofC Friday Fish Fry

Knights of Columbus Third Degree Council 925 and Fourth Degree Assembly 175 in Macon will have a Fish Fry in the Knights' Hall behind St. Joseph Church, Friday, September 25, 2015.

**They will begin serving at 5:00 P.M. and close at 7:00.**

**Menu:** consists of Fried, Baked or Blackened Fish, Fried Shrimp, served with Hush Puppies, Cole Slaw and French Fries.

**Prices:** \$10.00 Shrimp Plate, \$8.00 Fish Plate, \$3.00 children 6-10 (free for children 5 and under).

To-go boxes will be available. Grilled Cheese Sandwiches will also be available for \$5.00.

The Knights designated beneficiary of the proceeds from this event is The Maximilian Kolbe Center For Life.

## Homecoming Hustle



During our Cavalier Celebration Alumni week-end, the Cavalier Club of Mt. de Sales is hosting their 1st annual Homecoming Hustle 5k/1K race on

**Saturday, October 10, 2015**

**at Cavalier Fields.**

**5K race is at 8 a.m. and the 1K Fun Run is at 8:30 a.m.**

On-line registration is at [www.homecominghustle.com](http://www.homecominghustle.com).

Sponsor opportunities are also available. All proceeds go to support the athletic program at Mount de Sales. Please email Carol Galonczyk at [cag1005@cox.net](mailto:cag1005@cox.net) with any questions.

Come see old friends and meet our current Cavaliers.

Thank you for supporting our Cavaliers! **Go CAVS!**

## THE ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC SCHOOL 15th ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT AND LUNCH WITH THE MOST REV. BISHOP GREGORY J. HARTMAYER TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015 HEALY POINT COUNTRY CLUB MACON, GEORGIA

**FOUR-MAN SCRAMBLE: \$100 GOLFER or \$400 / TEAM**

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|--|---------------------------|
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| ___ Half Page Ad, \$75                                 | ___ Quarter Page Ad, \$50 |
| ___ Business Card Ad, \$25                             | ___ Patron Line \$15      |
| ___ I am unable to attend but please accept a donation |                           |

### For more information:

Phone: (478) 743-3985 or EMAIL:

[lizbishop@spschool.com](mailto:lizbishop@spschool.com) (or) [patty.held@spschool.com](mailto:patty.held@spschool.com)

### (CHECKS MADE PAYABLE AND MAILED TO:)

St. Peter Claver Catholic School Golf Tournament  
133 Ward Street, Macon, GA. 31204

Putting Contest, Prizes to Top 3 Winning Foursomes,  
& a Hole-in-One Chance to win a car from Riverside Ford Lincoln



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As all proceeds benefit DAYBREAK, please consider SHOPPING for a cause, DONATING your gently-used clothes and accessories, or VOLUNTEERING in the store. Thank you for your support of Depaul USA's mission to assist people living homeless in our community.

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**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  
primer piso de la biblioteca

**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



### Pregunta de la Semana

El que otras personas hayan llevado al hombre sordo a Jesús destaca el aspecto comunitario de esta curación y de la mayoría de las conversiones.

Teniendo esto en cuenta,  
¿he conducido a alguien hacia  
Jesús últimamente?  
¿Hay alguien a quien debo invitar?

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Lunes:** Col 1:24, 2:3; Sal 62; Lc 6:6-11  
**Martes:** Mi 5:1-4a o Rom 8:28-30;  
Sal 13; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
**Miércoles:** Col 3:1-11; Sal 145; Lc 6:20-26  
**Jueves:** Col 3:12-17; Sal 150; Lc 6:27-38  
**Viernes:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Sal 16  
Lc 6:39-42  
**Sábado:** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Sal 113;  
Lc 6:43-49  
**Domingo:** Is 50:5-9a; Sal 116;  
Stgo 2:14-18; Mc 8:27-35

## Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

6 de septiembre de 2015

¿Acaso no ha elegido Dios a los pobres  
de este mundo para hacerlos ricos en la fe  
y herederos del Reino?

— Santiago 2:5

Queridos Hermanos:

El miércoles pasado, llegué a la parroquia. El Hermano Pablo y el Padre Frank llegaron un día antes. El personal de la parroquia ha hecho un gran trabajo preparando la rectoría (nosotros los frailes lo llamamos un "Friary"). Gracias a las Hermanas por la comida que nos prepararon la primera noche de nuestra llegada. Sé que cada uno de los hermanos estan ansiosos por conocerlos a cada uno de ustedes. Por favor, sean pacientes en lo que tratamos de aprender sus nombres. Padre Dan, su pastor anterior, me llamó para recordarme lo maravillosa que es la parroquia San Pedro Claver. Estoy de acuerdo y deseo experimentarlo personalmente.

Este miércoles es la Fiesta de San Pedro Claver. Él no es solamente el santo patrón de la parroquia, pero el patrón de la justicia social de la Iglesia Católica. En mi breve introducción a la parroquia, es obvio para mí que encarnan las palabras de Pedro - "Primero los hechos, luego las palabras" Por desgracia, no voy a estar aquí para celebrar la fiesta con ustedes. Todos los sacerdotes de la Diócesis estarán en retiro esa semana con nuestro Obispo Hartmayer. Por favor oren por nosotros. Ustedes estaran en mis oraciones. También, por favor oren por el compañero Jesuita de San Pedro Claver –el Papa Francisco-mientras que nuestro país se esta preparando para dar la bienvenida a nuestro Santo Padre y por el éxito del Sínodo sobre la Familia en Filadelfia.

Paz y bien  
**Father Bill**

**VEN...**



al Retiro: con el grupo  
de Evangelización

*"La Misericordia del Señor"*

**Fecha:** sábado, 12 de sept.

**Lugar:** gimnasio de la escuela

**Hora:** de 7:30pm a 11:00pm

**Todos están invitados:**

Favor invitar a tus familiares  
y amigos.

**Será un día lleno de  
alabanza y oración.**



Nuestra Comunidad de  
San Padre Claver da la  
**BIENVENIDA**  
a nuestros...

**Frailes Franciscanos:**

Padre Bill McIntyre  
Padre Frank Critch y  
Hermano Paul Santano

Todo la Comunidad está  
invitado al gimnasio: el **día domingo, 20 de  
septiembre a las 3:00pm**. Por favor trae un  
"POTLUCK" (plato de comida) para  
compartir. Dejar su comida en la cocina  
del gimnasio antes de la Misa de la 1:30pm



**RICA...** "Rito de Iniciación Católica para  
adultos". Si no se han recibido el Bautismo o  
algún sacramento, o quiere aprender más de  
su fe católica, puedan llamar a la oficina  
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**San Pedro Claver: 9 de septiembre**

Oración:

Dios misericordioso que nos diste a San Pedro  
Claver como Patrono. Concédenos imitarlo en  
su amor preferencia por los mas pobres y en  
su gran aprecio de la dignidad  
humana, de suerte que  
podamos ser testigos del  
Evangelio liberador en  
medio de todos los pueblos  
y contribuir a la edificación  
de tu reino en el mundo Amen



**6 de septiembre. 23º domingo de Tiempo Ordinario**  
**Catolicismo es la inclusión de todos**  
**las lecturas y su mensaje**

**Isaías 35:4-7a**

En el mundo mediterráneo de aquel tiempo se creía que Dios había creado todo en orden perfecto y que cualquier imperfección o mal se debía inevitablemente a una falta de alguien. Sobre todo se creía que las enfermedades eran el resultado de un pecado. La cura y la restauración de todas las cosas a un buen orden se ven como la acción transformadora del poder de Dios. Se trata de una salvación física y espiritual. Dios sanará a los enfermos y sanará también a la tierra desierta e infértil. La restauración material y espiritual son signos de la renovación de todo por la presencia de Dios, que viene a traer nueva vida. El restablecimiento material descrito como prosperidad debe estar acompañado por el progreso espiritual, es decir, por la capacidad de andar por la senda del Señor.

**Santiago 2:1-5**

La diatriba era un método tradicional griego para la discusión. el maestro no sólo expone la teoría, sino que presenta un número de ejemplos y explicaciones para probar su tesis. Aquí la instrucción abre con un aviso: no está permitida la discriminación. el lugar para esta diatriba es la asamblea de los creyentes, donde parece que se había iniltrado el sentido del mundo de dar más importancia a unas personas que a otras. Cada asamblea tenía la autoridad de establecer un tribunal, pasar juicio sobre las ofensas de la comunidad e imponer multas. Estos versos son una denuncia de quienes buscan el poder no para servir a los demás, sino por sus intereses personales. el uso del anillo de oro y el traje elegante parece referirse a los magistrados locales que compraban cargos para usar la justicia para su propio beneficio. Frente a esto, Santiago afirma que la discriminación está en oposición directa a la fundación de la iglesia, que es la reunión de todos dentro del reino de Dios.

**Marcos 7:31-37**

En este pasaje se compara a Jesús con otros encantadores y obradores de milagros del tiempo, pero hay algunos rasgos distintivos. Jesús a menudo imponía las manos a la gente, incurriendo así en la impureza al tocar algo impuro según las normas del tiempo y desiendo así la prohibición. Por otro lado, la curación de un sordo en esta cultura tenía mucha importancia. en una cultura oral, en la que las tradiciones se pasan a través de las narrativas comunitarias, no poder oír significa estar fuera del círculo comunitario. Los sordos quedaban marginados de una manera terrible. Por otra parte, escuchar para Israel significa estar abierto a Dios. Ser sordo excluiría también de la relación con Dios .

**¡Feliz cumpleaños María!**

**LA NATIVIDAD DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MARÍA**  
**8 DE SEPTIEMBRE**



La Virgen María fue la Madre de Jesús y, con este hecho, se cumplieron las Escrituras y todo lo dicho por los profetas. Dios escogió a esta mujer para ser la Madre de su Hijo. Con ella se aproximó la hora de la salvación. Por esta razón la Iglesia celebra esta fiesta con alabanzas y acciones de gracias.



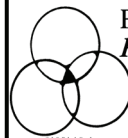
**8 de septiembre**

**Nuestra Señora de Regla**

El origen de la Virgen de Regla está relacionado con San Agustín quien cuenta que su madre, Santa Mónica, tuvo un sueño en el que se le apareció un ángel “de pie sobre una regla de madera”, comunicándole que donde ella estaba allí estaría también su hijo (Confesiones 3, 11, 19). el historiador Rafael Lazcano cuenta que, según una tradición antigua recogida por fray Diego de Carmona Bohórquez en su obra “Historia Sacra”, la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Regla fue mandada a esculpir por el mismo San Agustín, cuando era Obispo de Hipona (Norte de África). Éste la mantuvo en su oratorio privado y ante ella escribió la Regla o forma de vida monástica que lleva su nombre. Tras la muerte de San Agustín y para salvar la imagen de vándalos invasores, unos monjes huyeron con ella en una pequeña embarcación; arrastrada por las corrientes, llegó milagrosamente a las costas españolas, en la playa de Chipiona. Desde España, misioneros agustinos propagaron la devoción de la Virgen de Regla por otros países como Cuba, México, República Dominicana, Filipinas y los Países Bajos donde hoy sigue siendo venerada.

**Nuestra cultura**

A veces tratamos de que los niños hagan las cosas bien diciéndoles que si no Dios los va a castigar. Sabemos que nosotros mismos, por muy mal que se estuvieran portando los niños, no los haríamos caer de una silla para darles una lección o les haríamos cualquier otra cosa mala. ¿Por qué iba a hacerlo Dios, entonces?



**FORMACIÓN Religiosa**

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

El Rito del Bautismo contiene varios elementos simbólicos que merecen nuestra atención. El agua, por ejemplo, es un elemento de doble significado. Es símbolo de vida y pureza. Además, la misma agua que es símbolo de vida, también puede traer la muerte. En el Rito del Bautismo el agua da muerte a nuestro viejo ser para hacernos renacer a la vida abundante que nos promete el Señor.

Una vez renacidos se nos recuerda que nos hemos revestido de Cristo (las vestiduras blancas), que Dios nos ha iluminado (la vela) y nos ha ungido (seleccionado) con el crisma, óleo perfumado con que se consagraban los reyes, profetas y sacerdotes en tiempos bíblicos.

Todos estos símbolos son bellos, pero a mi parecer, el más bello es el de Efata, que en griego significa ábrete. El ministro bendice los oídos del bautizado para que se abran a la Palabra de Dios y le bendice también la boca para que proclame no sólo alabanzas a Dios, sino para que sea un pregonero de su palabra. El cristiano debe ser una persona atenta a la voz de Dios para poder servirlo y proclamarlo al prójimo.



## Upcoming Ministry Schedules for September 12 and 13, 2015

| Date     | Time     | Sacristans | Altar Servers                        | Lectors  | Eucharistic Ministers |
|----------|----------|------------|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Saturday | 5:30 pm  | Kiernan    | B. Haynes — C<br>R. Haynes — A       | Beaty    | Kiernan, Kiernan      |
| Sunday   | 9:00 am  | Wornum     | Mr. Reott — C<br>A. Craddock — A     | McIntyre | Thompson, Wornum      |
|          | 11:15 am | Stroupe    | M. McCullough — A<br>C. Anyakudo — C | Ferrari  | Stroupe, Stroupe      |

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

**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.

## Cursillo

Are you missing something? Do you want a closer walk with God? How about a spirit filled weekend? Cursillo

is a wonderful experience, that can help anyone develop a deeper understanding of what it means to be Catholic, if they are open to it. There will be Mass every day except Thursday. Each day of the weekend has a different theme, Friday is An Encounter with Self, Saturday is An Encounter with Christ, and Sunday is An Encounter with Others. Each day there will be 5 talks given; three or four by lay persons and two or three by clergy. The cost for the weekend is only \$100, that includes everything!—transportation, food, supplies, and a place to sleep. **If you have any questions please contact Mike and Angela Larkin at (478) 405-8895.**

**The next weekends will be in November; for the men November 5th to the 8th and for the women November 12th to the 15th.**

### September Wedding Anniversaries

*May God*

*Ricardo and Deborah Moten (38)*

*Continue*

*Roy and Wanda Popham (23)*

*Blessing*

*Bernard and Diana Fletcher (43)*

*Joseph and Sandra Shakespeare (46)*

*James and Velma Solomon (51)*

*David and Cathy Hayden (40)*

### Transportation Needed

We have several parishioners that need transportation to Mass. If you would like to assist in this ministry, please call the Parish Office at (478) 743-1454.



### Family Advancement Ministries

*... helping families move ahead.*

### FAM Book Club

*The FAM Book Club will be reading in September, 2015:*

**Tuesday, September 8th, 2015 –**

***The Kitchen Boy: A novel of the last tsar by Robert Alexander***  
 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

### Volunteer Opportunities at FAM:

**Clothing Room:** Love looking at adorable children's outfits? Like to shop...or help others shop? This opportunity is for you. Sort donations, hang clothes in "shopping area" and help families choose items for their little ones. Bring a friend along and have a great morning at FAM.

**Front Desk Intake Position:** Are you an organized person? Do you like to meet and greet people? This is for you. Welcome families, and create or update their file to prep them for the next step of their appointment.

**For more details, e-mail Sr. Roberta Treppa at [famsrr@bellsouth.net](mailto:famsrr@bellsouth.net)**



### The Saint Maximilian Kolbe Center for Life

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please check:

\_\_\_\_\_ Wish to register

\_\_\_\_\_ Moving out of Parish

## Bible Study

We will meet again on Thursday,  
September 3rd, at 6:00 P.M.,  
JOHN PAUL II SOCIAL HALL

## Sunday School Registration

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

## RCIA Classes

Classes are held in the Preschool Library, on Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m. starting September, 2015.

Diocese of Savannah webpage:  
[www.diosav.org](http://www.diosav.org)

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops  
webpage: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

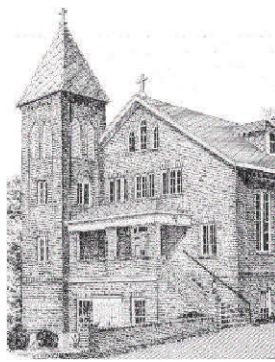
Traveling information:  
[www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

## 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](http://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: 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

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Summer Hours (June—July):

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## 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 Deadline:

At 12:00 noon on Monday, for the next weekend. Submissions should be emailed to

**Marilyn Robinson at:**  
[stpeterclaver@cbi.mgacoxmail.com](mailto: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](http://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.