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Marilyn Robinson

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday
9:00 am—4:30 pm

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

All daily masses in 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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St. Peter Claver Church

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Jesus found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip of cords and drove them all out.

John 2:14-15

THIRD
SUNDAY
OF

Lent

THE PATH TO FREEDOM

Most of us, if we were asked "Does the phrase 'the Ten Commandments' appear in the Bible?" would likely get it wrong, because the answer is "no." "The Ten Commandments" is a post-biblical, phrase that developed along with an image of God as police officer that is not found in today's passage from Exodus. The first phrase is the key: God is the one who brings us out of slavery; following God's law or commands is our path to freedom. The moneychangers whom Jesus drove from the temple were not explicitly breaking any of the commandments, but neither were they helping people to find God's path to freedom as they came to worship at the temple. This is an important Lenten lesson for us. We need to stop asking ourselves whether or not we are breaking specific rules or regulations and instead examine our lives to see if we are truly following a path to God's freedom through Christ.

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Journeying
together
through
Lent

Macon Deanery 2015 Lenten Penance Schedule

All Penance Services begin at 7:00 pm

March 10: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Dublin
March 12: Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Macon
March 17: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Warner Robins
March 18: St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, Macon
March 26: St. Joseph Catholic Church, Macon

Journeying Together Through Lent

Thursday: March 12

Meal: 5:45 pm with a light supper-
Vegetarian and meat chili, drinks, and dessert

Presentation of Topic—6:15 - 7:00 pm

"...and a sword will pierce your soul too":

Mary, the Mother of Sorrows.

Presenter: Sister Elizabeth Greim, DC

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Thursdays:
March 12 and 26

Join us at our John Paul II Social Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Weekly Offering

Offertory 03/01/2015	9,161.08
Offertory 03/02/2014	7,704.00
Masses	20.00
Capital Improvement	1,517.00
St. Vincent de Paul	10.00
Poor Box and Candles	52.82
Daybreak Sleepout	505.00
St. Vincent de Paul Food pantry	50.00
CCD Donations	170.00

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.

Bishop's Annual Appeal—2015

As of the last report we received \$1,075, 4.29% of our parishioners have made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Our support of diocesan agencies and ministries is one way that we respond to God for all we have received.

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

Thank you for your Generosity!

Please submit separate checks for Offertory and any Special Collections.

Today's Readings

First Reading -- The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalms -- Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading -- We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel -- Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or John 4:5-42.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 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 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

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, Margaret Billingslea, Marie Pacheco, Kariem Jones, John Reott, Kimberly Hamilton, Naomi Hicks, Lea-Ann Fletcher, Kieth Holt, Chloe Holt, Eden Lee Thompson, Cletia Wimberly, Andria Ballard Magallano, Evelyn Nichols, Barbara McCollum, Charlene Stallings, Alice Denise Williams, Peter Ruschell, Devin Dayton, Pat Reott, Patrick Nuttall, Dennis Pennyman, Pearlie Watkins, Lindsay Banasz, Johnny Roquemore, Clifton Hadley, Kristie Marshall, Monsignor John Cuddy, John Earley, Heriberto Bocanegra, Mary Pioli, Ted Meisner, Jude Rabideau, Doris McDonald, Chris Darley, Mary Coté, Anne James, Beatrice Jordan, David Maysonet, Cucho Diaz, and Xavier Taylor.

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,
Frank W. Morales, 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

Mary Helen McCoy



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

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday, March 7 | - Carolyn Huffman, +RIP (S. & G. Walsh) |
| Sunday, March 8 | |
| 9:00 a.m. | - Angelo DeMichiel, +RIP (R. DeMichiel) |
| 11:15 a.m. | - Kyle Edward Birch, +RIP (R. Parker) |
| 1:30 p.m. | - Missa Pro Populo |
| Monday, March 9 | - None |
| Tuesday, March 10 | - In Honor of our Blessed Virgin Mary in Thanksgiving (S. Phagan) |
| Wednesday, March 11 | - Eugene and Virginia McMahon, +RIP (Estate of V. McMahon) |
| Thursday, March 12 | - In Honor of St. Anthony in Thanksgiving (S. Phagan) |
| Friday, March 13 | - None |
| Saturday, March 14 | - Ralph Nixon, +RIP (B. Middlebrooks) |

BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS: 6:00 P.M.,
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

Sunday School Registration

Our Sunday School (CCD) classes began in September 21st, 2014. Please call **Betty Middlebrooks, at the Parish Office (478) 743-1454** if you have any questions.

RCIA Classes

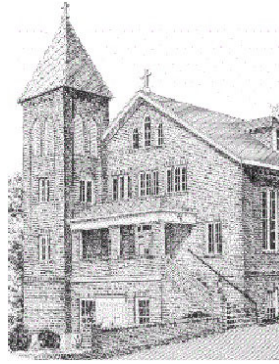
Classes are held in the Preschool Library, on Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m. starting September 24th, 2014.

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: 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

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 Dan 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

Family Advancement Ministries



(formerly Nazareth Life Ministries and Mother and Child Ministries)

570 High Place, Macon GA 31202
or PO Box 204, Macon GA 31201.

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

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

Pastor's Announcements

- † Please make sure all pagers and cell phones are turned off for the duration of the Mass.
- † Mass Intention requests are to be sent to the rectory office in writing and/or envelopes are available in the back of the church.
- † Please do not block anyone in the parking lot or obstruct traffic flow.
- † If you have recently changed your status, married, moved out of your parent's home or graduated from college, you need to re-register. If you move we would appreciate a call to the church so that our records will be in order .
- † Abuse Hotline Number: 1-888-357-5330. Copies of the policy on sexual abuse of minors is available online at: www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection.
- † **CHURCH ETIQUETTE** – The priest should be the last one in and first one out of the church.
- † **ILLNESS IN OUR PARISH FAMILY** - Is someone in your family or our Parish in the hospital? Please call 743-1454 and let us know.
- † **VISITORS** - We welcome you to St. Peter Claver Church. Thank you for worshipping with us and please come again.

Offertory Envelopes - 2015

The Offertory envelopes for St. Peter Claver Church - 2015, were mailed to your homes in December. Envelopes were only issued to Parish members that utilized their envelopes during 2014. If you are a member, and would like to start utilizing Offertory envelopes, or if you are not a member and would like to join our Parish, please complete the form included in this bulletin and drop it in the offertory, or the mail, addressed to the Parish Office.

St. Peter Claver Church



9th thru 12th Grade—

Come join us every Sunday!

Library-Upstairs- Pre-K Building Time:

10:00—11:00 am

ANTIOCH WEEKEND

March 13-15, 2015

Antioch is a very special weekend for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors or (15-18 years of age). Freshmen need permission from the Coordinator. The weekend provides an opportunity for Catholic young adults to think, share, learn, and grow in relationship with friends, family, and faith. The weekend is given by teens for teens. There are no long speeches, but instead, there are presentations by your peers about their own lives and struggles as they try to understand God, themselves, and each other. It's a weekend with lots of music, joy, and meaningful fun. It's a weekend that will last a lifetime.

WHEN: March 13-15, 2015

WHERE: St. Peter Claver Church and School, Macon

TIME: Arrival is 7:00 p.m., Friday, March 13th
Closing is 4:00 p.m., Sunday, March 16th

COST: \$65.00 per person: This includes meals, weekend costs, and T-shirt. (50.00 for the 2nd teen if more than one family member attending.) If payment is an issue, please contact Mrs. Braski. We want you to be on the weekend.

Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Antioch.

QUESTIONS: Pat & Christine Braski, Coordinators:
(478) 329-1958, c: 478-714-0915

Please mail registration forms (available in the Foyer of the Church) and check to: Mr. & Mrs, Pat Braski, 104 Breeze Point, Warner Robins, GA 31088

SPC COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN HOSTS MACON/ BIBB NAACP TASK FORCE:

MASS MEETING: CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT, FRIEND OR FOE?

FIRST ENTRY INTO CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM?
EFFECTIVENESS OF JAIL TIME?

PROFESSIONAL & DRIVERS LICENSE SUSPENSIONS?

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015 10:00 AM

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL CENTER

LUNCH SPEAKER: ATTORNEY MR. WAYNE KENDALL,
CIVIL RIGHTS DEFENSE

TONY LOUDEN: GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF TRANSITION
SUPPORT AND REENTRY

SPECIAL INVITED GUEST: FEDERAL DEFENDER,
CYNTHIA ROSEBERRY, DIRECTOR PRESIDENT OBAMA'S
FEDERAL CLEMENCY PROJECT

For more info contact Loretto Grier Cudjoe Smith (478)719-5311 or Vernetha Bryant, President, St. Peter Claver Council of Catholic Women



Andrew Craddock and Samuel Craddock

St. Peter Claver Church Altar Servers

Every Sunday, we will be featuring pictures of our Altar Servers and a few of their interests.

Thank you for serving our Parish so faithfully.

St. Peter Claver Lenten Schedule

All Fridays Lent—Holy Hour at 5:00 pm

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 5:50 pm

Stations of the Cross: 6:00 pm—English

7:00 pm —Spanish

Holy Week:

Tuesday — March 31: Chrism Mass at 7:00 pm, St. John the Baptist Church in Savannah

Holy Thursday—April 2: 7:00 pm Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Silent Adoration in the John Paul II Hall.

Good Friday—April 3: Stations of the Cross—12:00 Noon
The Lord's Passion — 5:00 pm — English
7:00 pm — Spanish

Holy Saturday—April 4: Morning Prayer — 9:00 am in church, followed by Morning Brunch in the John Paul II Hall. RCIA Catechumens and Candidates Practice after Brunch in the church. **No Confessions, no Rosary, no 5:30 pm Mass on this day.**

Great Easter Vigil Mass: April 4 — 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday: April 5 — Regular Mass Schedule
9:00 am Mass in the Church — English
11:15 am Mass in the Church — English
1:30 pm Mass in the Church — Spanish

Upcoming Ministry Schedules for March 14 and 15, 2015

Date	Time	Sacristans	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Robinson	B. Haynes — AS R. Haynes — C	Kiernan	Musolf, Robinson
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Fletcher	T. Vickers — AS S. Craddock — AS A. Craddock — C	Sr. Elizabeth	Vickers, Vickers
	11:15 a.m.	Johnson	M. McCullough — C C. Anyakudo — AS	McCullough	Johnson, Johnson

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Meeting

St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet Monday, March 16th, at 6:00 pm, at the Daybreak Center, located on Walnut Street for our covered dish supper and our regular meeting at 7:00 pm.

God said, "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice...? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house?" —Isaiah 58:6-7. Please join with St. Vincent De Paul Society during this Lenten season to look beyond ourselves and give to those in need.

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. Thank you!**



Family Advancement Ministries

The FAM Book Club will be reading in March, 2015:

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 – *Devil in the White City* by Eric Lawson

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 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

Knights of Peter Claver Meetings

Meetings are held the first Sunday of every month, after the 9:00 am Mass, in the Parish Office Conference Room.



SAVE THE DATE! A.C.T.S. Retreat

An ACTS retreat is a Catholic lay retreat presented by fellow parishioners. Talks and activities during the retreat focus on Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service.

March 19-22, 2015: Women's Retreat

Vicki Eckman at 478-256-2406

April 16-19, 2015: Men's Retreat

Jason Bond at 478-319-5931

or email any questions to gaactsrep@gmail.com

Heaven

Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendors which are behind it.

—John Henry Newman

March Wedding Anniversaries



Samuel and Muriel Jackson (15)
Clarence and Sandra Stinson (47)
Robert and Carol Cummings (49)
Joseph and Hilda Owoho (26)
Gilbert and Mary Stroupe (38)

May God Continue Blessing You!



Family Advancement Ministries

FERNS for FAM

... helping families move ahead.

Support Family Advancement Ministries and beautify your home for Easter at the same time. FAM is taking orders for large, florist quality Boston Ferns available for pick up the weekend of Palm Sunday.

Ferns are \$20 each or 3 for \$50.

Orders may be placed by emailing famsrr@bellsouth.net, by visiting the FAM website www.faministries.org or by mailing a completed order form to the FAM office. Phone orders can be made by calling Susan Joanis at 478 471-6287. Payment is due when ferns are picked up and cash, checks, or credit cards are accepted. Please place your order by March 16, 2015. A limited number of ferns will be available for purchase the weekend of distribution, but...these plants are gorgeous and you will want at least one, so please pre-order today!

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.