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Deacons:
Deacon James Hubbard
Deacon David Hayden

RCIA
Gabriel Germann

School Principal
Sr. Cheryl Ann Hillig, DC

Hispanic Coordinator
Sr. Grace Calvisi, DC

CRE
Bettye Middlebrooks

Pastoral Assistant—Hispanic Ministry
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 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

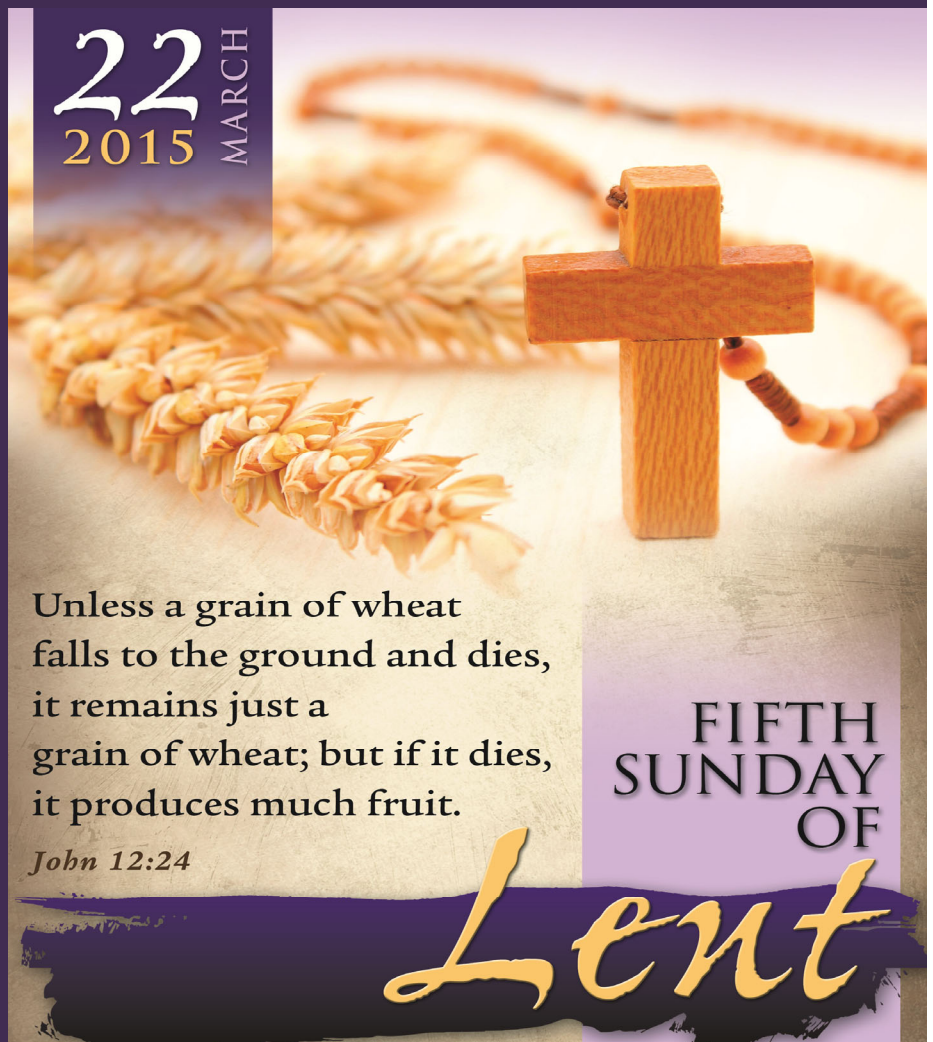
ROSARY—IN THE CHURCH
1st & 2nd Tuesdays: 10:00 am
Saturday: 5:00 pm—5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am—9:00 am

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St. Peter Claver Church

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Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

John 12:24

FIFTH
SUNDAY
OF

Lent

The New Covenant

When the prophet Jeremiah coined the term “new covenant” he was actually doing something quite radical. For the Jewish people, there was only one covenant, the one made between the Lord God and Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai. For Jeremiah to suggest that God would somehow supersede the covenant with a new one would have sounded audacious to Jewish ears. But in this way he is a predecessor of Jesus who, in the Gospel of John, is continually portrayed as superseding the past, establishing the reign of God in a new way. And in today’s Gospel passage, Jesus the “new covenant” speaks the language of his “new commandment” of love when he tells of the dying grain of wheat, and of our own need to die to self in order to be raised with Christ. As Lent ends and we prepare to enter into Holy Week, the dying grain of wheat serves as an excellent symbol of the kind of dying and self sacrifice to which disciples are called, a symbol of that new covenant written deep within our hearts.

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Journeying
together
through
Lent

Macon Deanery 2015 Lenten Penance Schedule

Penance Service begins at 7:00 pm

March 26: St. Joseph Church, Macon

Journeying Together Through Lent

Thursday: March 26

Meal: 5:45 pm with a light supper-
Soup, bread, salad, drinks and dessert

Presentation of Topic—6:15 - 7:00 pm

“Finding comfort in the Wilderness”:

Presenter: Deacon James Hubbard

Mark your calendar.

Join us at our John Paul II Social Hall.

Everyone is welcome!

Weekly Offering

Offertory 03/15/2015	7,533.73
Offertory 03/16/2014	8,168.65
Easter Flowers	109.00
CCD Donation	20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	1,400.60
Poor Box and Candles	58.81
Capital Improvement	1,010.00
Southern Cross	20.00
Food Pantry	70.00

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

Today is Appeal Sunday. We will be giving those who have not yet made their pledge to the BAA an opportunity to do so today. If you are not able to make a pledge, please consider a one-time gift. *"Give with a Joyful heart". Each one of us is Christ to all we meet.*

Second Collection today: Funeral Fund. Please deposit \$1.00 or less in the basket as you leave the church. *Thank you for your Generosity!*

Please submit separate checks for Offertory and any Special Collections.

Today's Readings

First Reading — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51)

Second Reading — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9)

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33)

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

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 McColum, Charlene Stallings, Alice Denise Williams, Peter Ruschell, Devin Dayton, Pat Reott, Patrick Nuttall, Dennis Pennymon, 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 Cotè, Anne James, Beatrice Jordan, David Maysonet, Cucho Diaz, Xavier Taylor, and Fred Grasso.

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

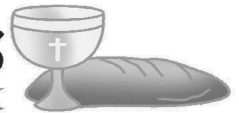


Elizabeth Ministry Mary Helen McCoy

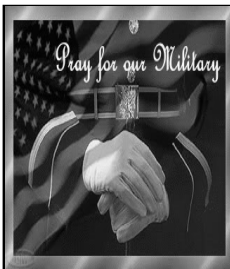
Please call the Parish Office if you are expecting a child so that we may pray for you!



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, March 21	- Ramona Dow, +RIP
Sunday, March 22	
9:00 a.m.	- Guy Anthony, +RIP (B. Middlebrooks)
11:15 a.m.	- None
1:30 p.m.	- Missa Pro Populo
Monday, March 23	- None
Tuesday, March 24	- In Honor of the Divine Mercy (S. Phagan)
Wednesday, March 25	- Eugene and Virginia McMahan, +RIP (Estate of V. McMahan)
Thursday, March 26	- In Honor of St. Anthony in Thanksgiving (S. Phagan)
Friday, March 27	- None
Saturday, March 28	- In Honor of the Divine Mercy (S. Phagan)



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.

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

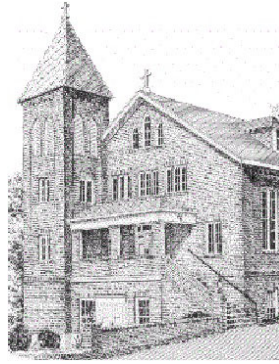
Classes are held in the Preschool Library, on Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m. starting September 24th, 2014.

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



RELAY FOR LIFE of BIBB COUNTY

Friday, April 24, 2015

6:00 PM-12:00 AM Midnight

Our parish is forming a team for the RELAY FOR LIFE event.

The event will be held at:

Christ Chapel at Sportstowne (Old Starcadia)

170 Starcadia Circle, Macon, GA

You can join the fight against cancer by

- * Signing up to walk
- * Donating for the team's contribution
- * Purchasing memorial Luminaries or Glow Balloons.

For Info. contact: Sally King at sking0617@yahoo.com or calling 478-745-5026 (after 6 pm).

As by a New Pentecost

Seven Teachings to a New Life in the Spirit

A series of seven weekly talks and discussions, presented by the Salt & Light Charismatic Prayer Group, to encourage an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, given to all Catholics at Baptism, and the resulting joy and peace which that brings.

Thursday April 9th thru May 21st, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

in the Center at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, Macon GA.

Registration is not required but would be appreciated.

Contact: Ralph DelGiorno at (478) 365-7721



The Council of Catholic Women will sponsor the "Talent on Ward Street." talent show on April 24th in the Mother Katharine Drexel Center.

Time: 7 p.m.

Admission \$5.

Please support this affair to aid with our works of Peace.
Vernetha Bryant, President

Holy Week Passover Seder Meal

Conducted by Rabbi Larry Schlesinger

Tuesday, March 31st, at 6:30 pm, at Vineville United Methodist Church, 2045 Vineville Avenue, Macon. Adults \$35.00, children (12 & under): \$20. Reservations call (478) 745-6727 or email: tbimacon@att.net



Christle Anyakudo -Maggie McCullough

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.

Christle Anyakudo

Maggie McCullough

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 28 and 29, 2015

Date	Time	Sacristans	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Larkin	D. Mixon — C B. Haynes — AS R. Haynes — AS	Middlebrooks	Larkin, Larkin
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Wornum	S. Craddock — C A. Craddock — AS	McIntyre	Wornum, Green
	11:15 a.m.	McKowen	M. McCullough — AS C. Anyakudo — AS	Sheppard	Hill, McKowen

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

"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.

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

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

Tuesday, April 7th, 2015 – *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova

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

SEDER MEAL at HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

The CCW of Holy Spirit will be hosting a Seder Meal on Sunday March 29th at 4:00 PM in the Holy Spirit Parish Hall. This is another wonderful way to experience Holy Week. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and must be purchased by March 22nd. NO tickets will be sold after this date. Please call Holy Spirit 478-786-6386, Monday – Thursday 10 AM - 2 PM for tickets. They will also be sold after Masses on the weekends of March 14th and 21st. Tickets are limited so please call as soon as possible.



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.

April 16-19, 2015: Men's Retreat

Jason Bond at 478-319-5931

or email any questions to gaactsrep@gmail.com

Visit ACTS online at: <http://www.actsmissions.org>

"Christ in the Concrete City" by Philip Turner

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Presented by Riverside Methodist Church

735 Pierce Avenue, Macon, GA (478) 746-4778

Performed by members of The Backlot Players, The Rose Theater, Forsyth, GA. This play attempts to portray the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ from 3 points of view.

The production is free to the public.

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.