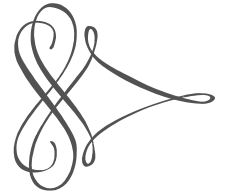


# ST. PETER CLAVER



Catholic Parish

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

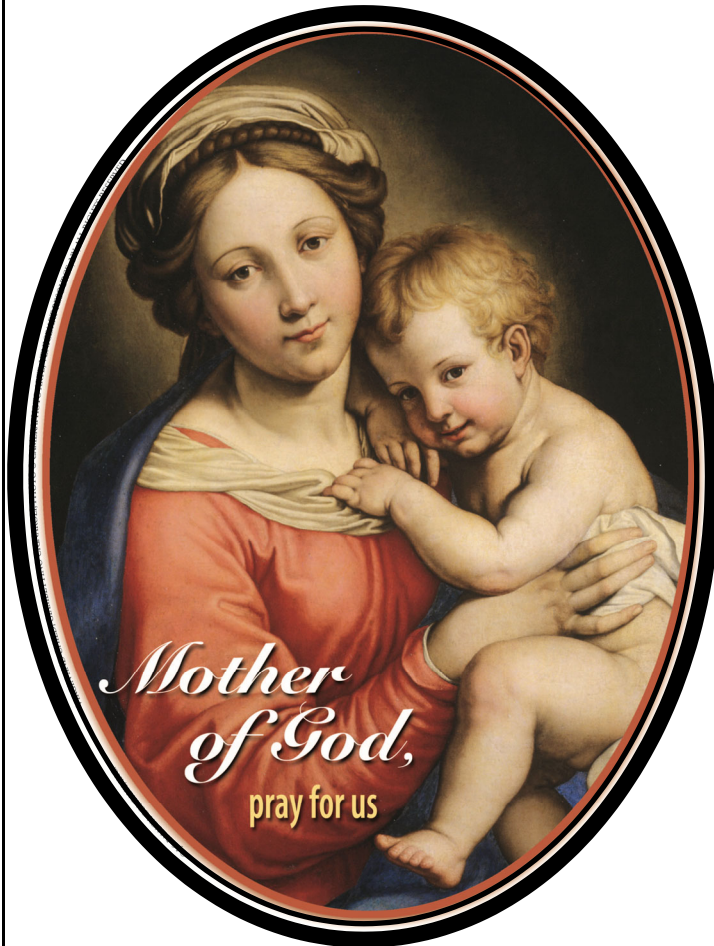
January 1, 2012

## *The Blessing We Receive*

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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**Father Daniel Melaba - Parochial Administrator**

**Deacon Cedric Leslie**

**Deacon James Hubbard**

**Deacon David Hayden**

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church 131 Ward Street, Macon, GA 31204 Parish Office: (478) 743-1454 Fax: (478) 743-9868

### **Mission Statement**

Ours is a very diverse 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.

## Weekly Offering



<b>Offertory 12/18-19/2011</b>	<b>8,279.61</b>
<b>Poor Box</b>	<b>44.45</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul Fund</b>	<b>1,743.06</b>
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>501.00</b>
<b>Christmas Masses</b>	<b>520.00</b>
<b>Southern Cross</b>	<b>20.00</b>

Our bulletin deadline was moved up due to the upcoming Holidays. The bulletin for January 8th will include the Offertory Collection information for December 25th and January 1st, 2011.

Second Collection today:

Capital Improvement Fund.

Thank you for your Generosity!

St. Peter Claver tithes 10% of our weekly offertory to the poor in the name of Jesus! St. Peter Claver donates \$500.00 towards FAM every month.

## Bishops Annual Appeal - 2011

Target	Pledged	% of Target	Paid	Total Families	Families Pledging	% Pledging
\$33,753	\$32,571	96.5%	\$29,637	314	104	33.1%

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** -- The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Num. 6:22-27).

**Psalm** -- May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** -- God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** -- The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



## Prayer Line (478) 742-3719

Florine Billue, Willie Byrd, Sr., Shirley James, Gerry Sullivan, Aaron Wimberly, Kevin Dockrell, Annie Burnell, Jennifer Weaver, Cheryl Weaver, Dolores Konke, Joyce Konke, Julianne Kandalec, Mary Howard, Emma Patterson, Marie Chatman, Willie Bailey, Alma Johnson, Joanne Dockrell, Rachal Kellam, Margaret Billingslea, Benjamin Canada, Garey Cooper, Linda Edwards-Hanna, Donna Woodson, Barbara Hagood, Mrs. Newberry, Edgardo Rivera, Johnny Smith, Natalie Persley, Evelyn Nichols, William Booker, Marie Pacheco, Shawn Reott, Susan Yaughn, Kariem Jones, John Reott, Judy Bunge, Larry Bunge, Fred Hodges, Maridel Rivera, Mike Diaz, Bud Fletcher, and Kimberly Hamilton.

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

## Loved ones in the Armed Forces



David Thompson III,  
Michelle Thompson

If you have a loved one serving in the U.S. Armed Forces assigned overseas, please call Marilyn 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

Cletia Wimberly, Angela Reott Bearchell,  
Reina Cardenas

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



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 31** - In Honor of Blessed Mother, (SPC)

**Sunday, January 1**

9:00 a.m. - None

11:15 a.m. - Delores Sasser, +RIP (J. & MJ. Cote)

**Monday, January 2** - None

**Tuesday, January 3** - None

**Wednesday, January 4** - None

**Thursday, January 5** - None

**Friday, January 6** - None

**Saturday, January 7** - None

## Parish Staff

### PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR

FATHER DANIEL MELABA

### DEACONS

REV. MR. CEDRIC LESLIE

REV. MR. JAMES HUBBARD

REV. MR. DAVID HAYDEN

### RCIA

GABRIEL GERMANN

### SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

SISTER MARGARET MARY SCALLY

### HISPANIC COORDINATOR

SISTER GRACE CALVISI



### WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY: 5:30 P.M.

SUNDAY: 9:00 & 11:15 A.M.

SUNDAY, SPANISH MASS: 1:30 P.M.

### DAILY MASSES

MONDAYS: 6:00 P.M. IN CONVENT  
CHAPEL

TUESDAYS THRU THURSDAYS:  
7:00 A.M. IN CONVENT CHAPEL

NO MASS ON FRIDAYS

### ROSARY

SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M., IN CHURCH

SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M., IN CHURCH

### CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 4:30 – 5:00 P.M.

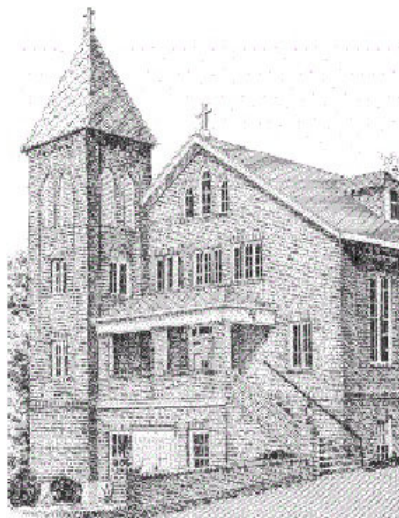
### BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS: 6:00 P.M.,  
PARISH OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM

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)  
Parish email: [stpeterclaver@cbi.mgacoxmail.com](mailto:stpeterclaver@cbi.mgacoxmail.com)  
Parish website: [www.stpeterclaverchurch.org](http://www.stpeterclaverchurch.org)



## Sacraments

Parish Office (478) 743-1454

Hours: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**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.

**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.

**CHURCH ETIQUETTE** – The priest should be the last one in and first one out of the church.

**VISITORS** - We welcome you to St. Peter Claver Church. Thank you for worshipping with us and please come again.

**ILLNESS IN OUR PARISH FAMILY** - Is someone in your family or our Parish in the hospital? Please call 743-1454 and let us know.

## Sunday School Registration

Our Sunday School (CCD) classes are held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the school. Students should be enrolled in a Religious Education Program for the entire school year in order to properly prepare for receiving Sacraments.

**Please call Bettye Middlebrooks, at the Parish Office (478) 743-1454 .**

## RCIA Classes

Catholic information classes are held each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. in the school library. We invite everyone to come and join us — *Gabriel Germann*.

## Catholics Come Home®

### Commercials to Air Nationwide

Starting December 16, CatholicsComeHome.org evangelization commercials will begin airing nationwide, inviting those away from the practice of their faith to return “home.” This first-time ever television event in this era of the New Evangelization will bring a message of hope and invitation to 250 million viewers across the United States during the Christmas Season. Catholics Come Home® commercials will air on a variety of national broadcast and cable networks in English and Spanish, including: CBS, NBC, TNT, TBS USA, Univision, and more!

### 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).

## Mass of Thanksgiving for 2011

December 31st, 2011

5:30 p.m. Mass in the Church

## The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God; New Year's Day

January 1st, Sunday

9:00 a.m. in the Church (English)

11:15 a.m. in the Church (English)

1:30 p.m. in the Church (Spanish)

(No Confessions on New Year's Day)



On this feast, we can see how devotion to Mary has been a beacon of hope to the sick throughout history. In the new cathedral of Los Angeles, the faithful enter through a single door topped by a striking sculpture of Mary with arms stretched down in compassion. Sculpted into the massive bronze doors are the titles of Mary most treasured by various cultures. Many of them speak of how the sick are consoled by a sense of Mary's presence.

Dorothy Day once recalled St. Bonaventure's remark that after the Lord's long forty days of fasting in the desert, when he was diminished and weak from his struggle, the angels who ministered to him went first to the Blessed Mother's house. There they saw the soup that was on her stove, and took some to the Lord so that he would delight in it even more since his mother had prepared it. "Of course," said Dorothy Day matter-of-factly.

In praying the rosary and savoring the stories of Mary's steadfast love in the face of all suffering, the sick are strengthened by one of our tradition's most shining treasures, and the whole Church is enriched.



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## Marriage Encounters

Who is it for? Any married couple that desires a richer, fuller life together. A marriage can never be too good. Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together, whether they have been married for a short time or many years. The weekends for this coming year are: February 17-19; April 20-22; June 15-17; August 17-19; September 28-30; November 16-18 For more information or to make reservations: Bernie & Rosalie Joerger 987-4689.

## Traveler's Unlimited Presents

Mount Rushmore, Badlands &  
Black Hills of South Dakota.

May 18-28, 2012

**Departure:** Booker Residence,  
1270 Davis St. @ 8 am

**Contact:** Gwen Booker @ 478-745-1970



## Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary #258

### NEW YEAR'S EVE CABARET

Come celebrate and bring in the New Year with family and friends!

Champagne Toast at Midnight!!!

December 31, 2011, Saturday

9:00 p.m. to 12:15 a.m.

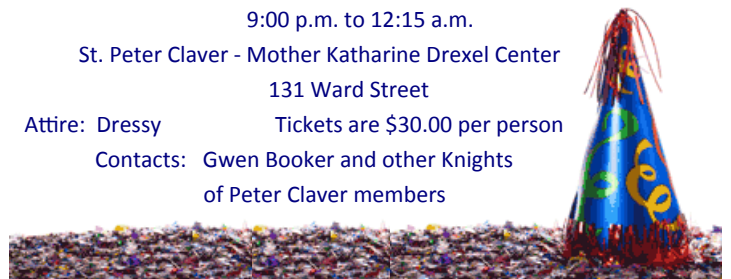
St. Peter Claver - Mother Katharine Drexel Center

131 Ward Street

Attire: Dressy

Tickets are \$30.00 per person

Contacts: Gwen Booker and other Knights  
of Peter Claver members



## Ultreya - Next Meeting

Ultreya will be held at Holy Spirit Church, on Monday, January 9th, at 7 p.m. If you have made your Cursillo please attend the School of Leaders beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you have not made a Cursillo and want to find out about making a Cursillo weekend, please join us at 7 p.m.

# MINISTERIO HISPANO BOLETÍN INFORMATIVO

**Misa en Español**  
domingos 1:30 PM

**Misas en Inglés**  
sábados 5:30 PM  
domingos 9:00 AM y 11:15 AM

**Misas semanales en el convento**  
lunes 6:00 PM  
martes a jueves 7:00 AM

**Confesiones**  
sábados de 4:30 PM a 5:00 PM

**Grupo de Oración**  
miércoles 7:00 PM en el salón social de la Iglesia

**Grupo de Jóvenes**  
Miércoles 7:00 PM  
en el primer piso del edificio adónde se encuentra la biblioteca de la escuela

**Oficina Hispana**  
741-9916 Hna. Graciela



## La bendición de ser hijos de Dios....

El lugar y el tiempo en que nacemos marca muchos quienes somos y toda nuestra vida. Nacemos en un tiempo y lugar concretos y eso es parte de nuestra raíz. Pero en realidad, lo que nos marca es nuestra familia y su historia concreta. Nos marcan, sobre todo, nuestros padres. Aunque al llegar a la adolescencia o madurez rehacemos y nos alejamos en el fondo de nuestro ser somos quienes somos por nuestros padres. El año nuevo siempre nos recuerda esto. En el nacimiento de Jesús vemos reflejado el comienzo de nuestra vida: hijo de Dios, nos hace hijos de Dios a todos nosotros. Y ese es el único y principal regalo de estas fiestas de Navidad. El haber sido llamados hijos nos da la gran dignidad de ser profetas, sacerdotes y reyes. El haber sido llamados hijos de Dios nos da la libertad de caminar con la cabeza bien alta y sin ataduras ni esclavitudes. Eso es regalo y es bendición. Es la luz del rostro de Dios sobre nosotros, su protección. Y eso nos da la paz verdadera.

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*¿Mantenemos la costumbre de bendecir a nuestros hijos? ¿Por qué bendiciones especiales estamos agradecidos hoy, en el comienzo de este año?*

### LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

**LUNES, 2 enero, 2012**

I Juan 2, 22-28  
Juan 1, 19-28

**MARTES, 3 enero 2012**

I Juan 2, 29; 3, 1-6  
Juan 1, 29-34

**MIÉRCOLES, 4 enero 2012**

I Juan 3, 7-10  
Juan 1, 35-42

**JUEVES, 5 enero 2012**

I Juan 3, 11-21  
Juan 1, 43-51

**VIERNES, 6 enero 2012**

I Juan 5, 5-13  
Marcos 1, 7-11

**SÁBADO, 7 enero 2012**

I Juan 5, 14-21  
Juan 2, 1-12

## OFERTA EDUCATIVA

**Convocatoria al Curso de Preparación para el Ingreso al Bachillerato a Distancia (B@UNAM)**

**Del ciclo escolar 2013/1**, dirigido a hispanoparlantes de todo el mundo interesados en cursar estudios de preparatoria en la modalidad virtual.

Para tal efecto, la persona interesada deberá realizar su registro de manera directa en el portal institucional del Bachillerato: <http://www.bunam.unam.mx> del 09 al 29 de enero de 2012.

Para mayor información sobre la Convocatoria, podrá consultarse en el portal de **B@UNAM**, y/o con la Mtra. Mónica Zuazua, Coordinadora de Bachillerato a Distancia de la **UNAM**, al correo: [mzuazua@bunam.unam.mx](mailto:mzuazua@bunam.unam.mx) o [Cbdistancia.unam@gmail.com](mailto:Cbdistancia.unam@gmail.com).

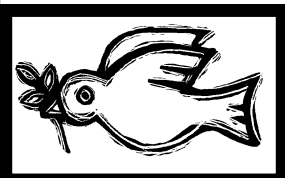
**FAM...AYUDANDO A LAS FAMILIAS A PROGRESAR**

### CHARLAS PRE-BAUTISMALES DEL MES ENERO

Las próximas charlas de preparación para el bautizo están programadas para los siguientes sábados: el 7 y 14 de enero a las 5:00pm. hasta las 7:00pm. Por favor, llamar la oficina para registrarse: 478 741-9916. **NO PROVEEMOS CUIDADO DE NIÑOS**



## LA BENDICIÓN QUE RECIBIMOS



Ora por la Paz

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La bendición que experimentamos en Cristo Jesús es proclamada en Números como una bendición especial para el pueblo de Israel. Ellos y nosotros seremos bendecidos por la invocación de la misericordia de Dios, la gloria resplandeciente de su rostro que nos mira con amor y no se aleja de nosotros con ira. ¡Hemos sido bendecidos por la paz de Dios!

Nuestro deseo y nuestra esperanza se cumplen en esta bendición, que se hace visible en la venida de Jesús. En Jesús, la imagen del Dios invisible, se nos muestra su rostro y su presencia se nos da a conocer en la bondad amorosa y fiel.  
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## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** -- El Señor te bendiga y te proteja. Que el Señor te mire con benevolencia y te conceda la paz (Números 6:22-27).

**Salmo** -- El Señor tenga piedad y nos bendiga (Salmo 67 [66]).

**Segunda lectura** -- Dios envió a sus corazones el Espíritu de su Hijo, que clama "¡Abbá!" (Gálatas 4:4-7)

**Evangelio** -- Los pastores se volvieron a sus campos, alabando y glorificando a Dios por todo cuanto habían visto y oído (Lucas 2:16-21).

## LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Octava de Navidad; Año Nuevo; María Santísima, Madre de Dios; Jornada Mundial de Oración por la Paz  
Lunes: Santos Basilio Magno y Gregorio Nacienceno  
Martes: El Santísimo Nombre de Jesús  
Miércoles: Santa Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Jueves: San Juan Neumann  
Viernes: San André Bessette; Sábado: San Raimundo de Peñafort; Primer sábado: La Natividad en el Calendario Juliano



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
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## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

¡Año nuevo, vida nueva! El día primero de enero, mientras muchos celebran las cábalas y cabañuelas de un año nuevo, los cristianos conmemoramos a quien dio a luz al autor de la vida. María, bajo el título de Madre de Dios, es como nosotros deseamos celebrar la esperanza de un ¡año nuevo, vida nueva!

El Concilio de Éfeso en el año 431 declaró a María como la Theotokos; la que "carga a Dios". Este dogma tiene que ver más con el Hijo que con la madre y fue proclamado para afirmar que Jesucristo "desde toda la eternidad fue Dios". Continúa la doctrina y afirma "Así como toda madre humana, no es solamente madre del cuerpo humano sino de la persona, así María dio a luz a una persona, Jesucristo, quien es Dios y hombre, entonces Ella es la Madre de Dios".

¡Ésta sí que es vida nueva! Dios nace como ser humano y el ser humano carga a Dios. Gracias a Dios, todo ser humano puede ser como María Theotokos y cargar a Dios en su corazón.  
¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



### Central Georgia Technical College (Adult Education Program)

Abre sus puertas para el siguiente ciclo escolar ofreciendo cursos gratuitos de inglés de nivel básico, intermedio y avanzado.

Las clases comenzarán el día 9 de enero del 2012, turnos matutinos y vespertinos.

Para mayor información comunicarse con:

Yumi Kim

ELP Instructor

(478) 757-6671

*María, por su parte, guardaba todas estas cosas y las meditaba en su corazón.*



— Lucas 2:19

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## Upcoming Ministry schedules for January 7th and 8th, 2012

Date	Time	Sacristans	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Ford	H. Tyler—C A. Tyler — AS C. Tyler — AS	Ferrari	Chen, Ford
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Russell	T. Howard — C P. Vickers — AS T. Vickers — C	Newsom	Russell, Russell
	11:15 a.m.	Whitfield	R. Ochieng — AS E. Ochieng — C B. Nichols — AS	Mandel	Johnson, McKowen

St. Peter Claver Catholic School

### Open - Preschool Registration

3 year olds and 4 year olds half day or full day. We provide a caring, loving atmosphere for the little ones. Please call the School Office for additional information at 743-3985.

### Recycle Your Ink

St. Peter Claver Catholic School is now collecting empty ink cartridges for recycling. We receive up to \$4.00 for each cartridge recycled. Cartridges can be deposited in our collection bin located in the School. Pick up a flyer in the church vestibule for additional information and/or call Liz Bishop at (478) 743-3985.

### Family Advancement Ministries



Help us assist families in difficult situations. You could help by donating a crib, high chair, baby items, gift card or monetary donation. Please send it to :

#### 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, Alicja Griffin.

**No regular adult clothes, please.**

**Thank you for your donations and God Bless!**

### St. Vincent de Paul

As we celebrate the beginning of Advent - the arrival of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the Christmas Season which is a time for giving. Let us continue to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering. For questions or more information, please email [mgstvincedepaul@yahoo.com](mailto:mgstvincedepaul@yahoo.com) or call 745-7000.

### January Wedding Anniversaries

*Chukwuemeka and Elizabeth Nwabuebo (20)*

*Samuel and Marilyn Mandel (39)*

*Tim and Sherri Lee (28)*

*Eduardo and Erna Gomez (25)*

*Reginald and Kendra Russell (8)*

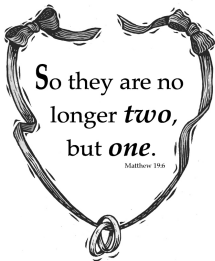
*John and Alexis Matthews (37)*

*Charlie and Loleatis Green (41)*

*Lenton and Shirley James (47)*

*Walter and Pamela Burnell (10)*

*William and Tracy Coyle (52)*



**May God Bless you!**

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.**



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A big thank you goes out to all of you who brought in food donations and money donations for our Christmas food pantry day. Many people expressed their thanks for such a bounty!! Please continue to bring in food for our pantry for the numbers at our doors continue to grow. You may also call Mary Ellen at 478-254-4383 or Chris at 478-550-8575 if you can assist us.

If you would like to contribute non-perishable items for our pantry, you may place them in the designated basket in the back of the church.

**Current needs: pasta sauce, pasta, canned meats, cereals, rice, macaroni and cheese, and juices are much appreciated. Toiletries such as (food stamps do not cover these items): toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, and toilet paper.**