



ST. PETER CLAVER



Catholic Parish



Promise Fulfilled

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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Father Daniel Melaba - Parochial Administrator

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Deacon James Hubbard

Deacon David Hayden

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Website: WWW.STPETERCLAVERCHURCH.ORG

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



Offertory 12/24-25/2011	8,791.05
Poor Box	40.41
St. Vincent de Paul Fund	75.00
Christmas Flowers	120.00
Christmas Masses	185.00
SPC School Sponsorship Fund 2011	40.00
Southern Cross	300.00

Offertory 12/31/2011– 01/01/2012	8,366.90
Poor Box	38.27
Christmas Flowers	45.00
Christmas Masses	100.00
Capital Improvement	1,929.86

Second Collection next Sunday: St. Vincent de Paul
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%	\$30,347	314	103	32.8%

Today's Readings

First Reading -- You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm -- Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Ps. 72).

Second Reading -- The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Eph. 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel -- The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother (Matthew 2:1-12).

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



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 Haggood, Mrs. Newberry, Edgardo Rivera, Johnny Smith, Natalie Persley, Evelyn Nichols, William Booker, Marie Pacheco, Shawn Reott, 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

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, January 7	- In Thanksgiving to St. Jude, (K. Konke)
Sunday, January 8	
9 :00 a.m.	- In Thanksgiving to Blessed Mother (K. Konke)
11:15 a.m.	- Special Intentions for Kelly & JinJu Scoglio (R. Lewis)
Monday, January 9	- None
Tuesday, January 10	- None
Wednesday, January 11	- None
Thursday, January 12	- None
Friday, January 13	- None
Saturday, January 14	- In Honor of St. Anthony (S. Phagan)

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.

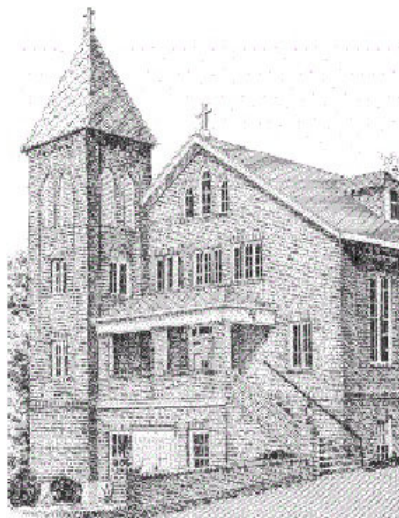
BIBLE STUDY

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

Diocese of Savannah webpage:
www.diosav.org

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops webpage:
www.usccb.org

Traveling information: www.masstimes.org
Parish email: stpeterclaver@cbi.mgacoxmail.com
Parish website: 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.

Christmas Mass Remembrance

Donations by:

Patrick Roche III and Family —
 Sandra Hill Bussey
 Damon Woodson
 Sally Hoge
 Josephine Grier

In Honor and/or Memory of:

Lee D. and Leonia Miller
 Samuel T., Dorothy & Perry Woodson
 Arnold Hoge
 Joe and Cindy Moran
 Jane Maria Grier



Christmas Flower Offerings

Donations by:

David Conner
 Mr. & Mrs. John Toliver
 Scott, Colleen, Liam,
 Taylor & Evie Griffin
 Alice M. Bailey
 T. Hubbard
 Damon Woodson
 Salley Hoge

In Honor and/or Memory of:

Connors and Powells —
 Herbert Massey, Lou Vogel, Don
 McGrew and Helen —
 Mary and Herklee
 Samuel T., Dorothy and
 Perry Woodson
 Sarah & Joe Moran
 Patrick Hurd

Offertory Envelopes - 2012

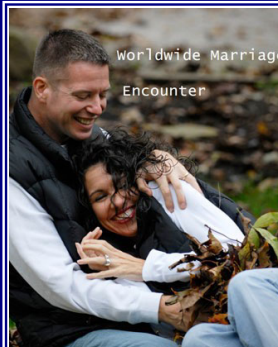
The Offertory envelopes for St. Peter Claver Church - 2012, were mailed to your homes in December. Envelopes were only issued to Parish members that utilized their envelopes during 2011. If you are a member, and would like to start utilizing Offertory envelopes, or if you are not a member and would like 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.

2011-Tax Year Contribution Statements

The end of year 2011 Contribution Statements have been issued and mailed on during the first week of January, 2012. If you do not receive your statement please contact Marilyn Robinson at the Parish Office at 743-1454.

2012

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



Youth Arts Contest

It's time for the 2011-2012 CCHD Multi-Media
 Youth Arts Contest!

All young people in grades 7-12
 are encouraged to participate!

Students have an opportunity to learn about poverty in the
 United States and to use that knowledge to creatively
 communicate a faith response that gets to the
 root causes of poverty.

Students can win up to \$100.00 locally and
 \$500.00 nationally!

To learn more about the Art Contest, call Jennifer Fleming at
 Catholic Social Services at 912-201-4068 or
 e-mail at jbflaming@diosav.org. Deadline: March 31, 2012

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.

Semana Nacional de la Migración

En la Biblia, el tema de la migración surge repetidamente y, con frecuencia, representa un momento decisivo en la vida del pueblo de Dios. Algunos ejemplos incluyen:

Dios llama a Abram y a Sara para que emigren de la tierra de Ur a la tierra prometida de Canaán. (Gén 12: 1-2).

En el Éxodo, Moisés libera a los hebreos de la esclavitud en Egipto y, a lo largo de cuarenta años, ellos viven como nómadas, sin una tierra a la cual llamar suya. La propia experiencia inmigrante de los israelitas motivó el mandamiento de Dios de cuidar al extranjero de manera especial (Lev 19:34).

Los Evangelios empiezan con la historia de Mateo sobre María y José quienes huyen a Egipto pues el Rey Herodes, hambriento de poder, quiere matar al hijo de ellos, Jesús, quien está recién nacido. Nuestro Salvador y su familia vivieron como refugiados porque su propia tierra no era segura. Al reflexionar acerca de la huida de la Sagrada Familia, el Papa Pio XII manifestó que ésta representaba al arquetipo de todas las familias refugiadas en el mundo hoy.

La Iglesia apoya a los inmigrantes mediante esfuerzos de servicio, enseñanza social e instrucciones sobre cómo vivir la fe. El mensaje de amor de Dios nos guía como nación para enfocarnos en el bien común mediante la justicia y la misericordia, y para trabajar para aliviar las condiciones que obligan a las personas a abandonar su país natal, y para proteger sus derechos cuando residan entre nosotros.

PROGRAMA DE EDUCACIÓN PARA ADULTOS CLASES DE INGLÉS

El Colegio Técnico de Georgia Central 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, instructor al: 478 757-6671

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:

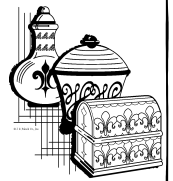
<http://www.bunam.unam.mx>
del 09 al 29 de enero de 2012.

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 o Cbdistancia.unam@gmail.com.mx.

FAM...AYUDANDO A LAS FAMILIAS A PROGRESAR

NUESTRA CULTURA

Mucho más que Santa Claus, la comunidad hispana en el pasado mantenía la celebración de los regalos de Navidad asociada a los Reyes Magos. Son los Reyes Magos lo que, como a Jesús, traen regalos a los niños, los hermanos de Jesús e hijos de Dios más jóvenes.



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 de 5:00pm. a 7:00pm.

Por favor, llamar la oficina para registrarse: 478 741-9916



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Ministros para domingo 15 de enero

Min. de Comunión

* Rene
Celina

Monitor

Luz María

Bienvenida/ Ujieres

Roberto y Rocio

Lectores

1) Alfredo
2) Maribel
Evan: Julio

Cantor

Jorge

Servidores

Lisandra +
*Gabi (L)
Leslie (D), Jorge (S)

Upcoming Ministry schedules for January 14th and 15th, 2012

Date	Time	Sacristans	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Larkin	H. Tyler — C A. Tyler — AS C. Tyler — C	Buttimer	Larkin, Larkin
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	White	T. Howard—C S. Craddock — AS A. Craddock — C	Roche	Shakespeare, Thompson
	11:15 a.m.	Reott	R. Ochieng — AS E. Ochieng — C	Mermann	Johnson, Mermann

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 Meeting

St. Vincent de Paul will meet Monday, January 16th at 7 pm, at Family Advancement Ministry, 538 Orange Street, across the parking lot of the Washington Library. Where ever you live, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When they ring the rectory bell, they are in effect ringing all of our bells. Please join us. Have a Happy New Year!

For questions or more information, please email 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)

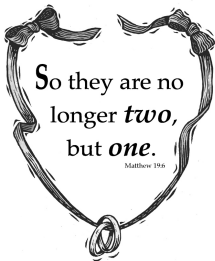
John and Alexis Matthews (37)

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.