

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church
Organizations & Ministries

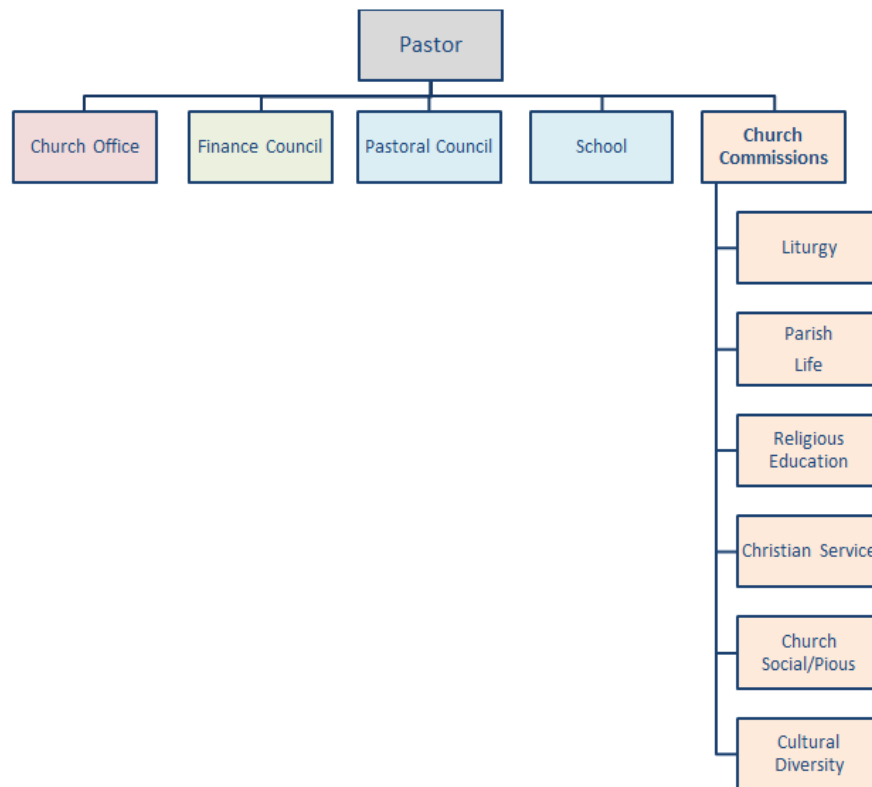
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The ministries and organizations at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church cannot function without the support of the parishioners. Browse through this list and prayerfully consider being involved in the life of the parish. Being involved in a ministry builds support of our Parish and helps enhance and nurture the community as a whole, as well as individuals and small groups. You can make a difference by giving of your time and talent. To become involved in any of our activities, or learn more about us, please contact the organization contact person or call the Parish Office.

Most activities, organizations and ministries within the parish, are found within one of five areas: Church Office, Finance Council, Pastoral Council, Church Commissions and the School.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



THE CHURCH OFFICE

The Church Office oversees facilities management, public relations, evangelization, religious formation, RCIA, youth group and the funeral fund.

CCD CLASSES – SUNDAY SCHOOL

Students who are in preschool through eighth grade should be attending religious education classes on Sunday mornings. Classes begin in September and end in May of each year. To fulfill the promises made to your children at the time of their Baptism, parents must have their children attending religious education classes regularly and from the beginning of the year to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Volunteer teacher aides are needed. Registration takes place in August of each year. Members should call the Parish Office to register for religious education classes.

Contact: Bettye Middlebrooks, 478-743-1454.

EVANGELIZATION

Contact: (English) Bettye Middlebrooks, 478-743-1454 or (Spanish) Edgar Cabrera, 478-741-9916

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Contact: Henry Leslie, 478-747-2872.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

Contact: Bettye Middlebrooks, 478-743-1454, or Anne Johnson, 478-474-9671.

RCIA/ADULT EDUCATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – the RCIA – is for people who want to learn about Catholics or to become Catholic. If you're already Catholic, the Course would be the Lord's Way of deepening your awareness of his love for you. The Course begins in September and lasts until Easter. We invite everyone who would like to understand our Catholic Faith better, to come and join us.

Contact: Fr. Bill or Bettye Middlebrooks, 478-743-1454.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Contact: Bettye Middlebrooks, 478-743-1454.

YOUTH GROUP

Contact: Edgar Cabrera 478-741-9916.

ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Saint Peter Claver Catholic School is an educational ministry of St. Peter Claver Catholic Church. Founded by Mother Katharine Drexel in 1903, the school provides quality education to students of all faiths in a Christian environment for students in K3 through 8th grade. The educational program encourages the growth and development of Catholic faith and values, academic excellence and civic responsibility. After-school and summer programs are available. Volunteers are needed for tutoring, lunch & recess monitors, clerical assistance, coaching, maintenance, library and substitute teachers. Virtus training is required for all volunteers.

Contact: Sr. Cheryl Ann Hillig, DC 478-743-3985.

ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD

This is an advisory board to the school with membership appointed by the Pastor. Parishioners, who have expertise in planning, finance and public relations are encouraged to serve on the board.

Contact: Jane Claxton, 478- 746-5987.

FINANCE COUNCIL

The St. Peter Claver Church Finance Council provides support to the parish Administrator in fulfilling his duty of being a good steward of parish resources. A Parish Finance Council supports the good governance of a parish and helps there be accountability to the Diocese and the parishioners.

Contact: Tricia Cantwell, Council Chair 478-994-4598.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council of St. Peter Claver Church is an advisory council, elected and appointed from the parish membership. The Pastoral Council consists of: ex-officio members, four elected members, three appointed members and two appointed youth members. Any registered member may be elected as a member of the pastoral council. The purpose of the pastoral council is to investigate pastoral matters, to consider them thoroughly and to propose practical conclusions about them. Pastoral council meetings are held monthly in the John Paul II Social Hall.

Members of the pastoral council serve as a liaison to the chair of one of the parish commissions.

The parish commissions are: Parish Life, Liturgy, Christian Service, Church Pious/Social, Religious Education, and Cultural Diversity.

Contact Information for 2017-2020:

Chair: Anne G. Johnson, 478-474-9671 or agjohnson1@gmail.net

Vice-Chair: Aurico Hill, 478-935-2183 or aurico@sbcglobal.net

Secretary: Lawrence William Bercini, 478-405-8087 or gah2dantz@rcn.com

Parish Life Liaison: Loleatis Green, 478-757-1592 or loleegreen@gmail.com

Liturgy Liaison: William Bercini, 478-405-8087 or gah2dantz@rcn.com

Christian Service Liaison: Nan Eaton, 301-351-3820 or nan_eaton@yahoo.com

Church Pious/Social Liaison: Aurico Hill, 478-935-2183 or aurico@sbcglobal.net

Religious Education Liaison: TBD

Cultural Diversity Liaisons: Julio Jacinto, 478-361-0527 or julio_gonzalex@live.com

PARISH LIFE

Pastoral Council Liaison: Loleatis Green, loleegreen@gmail.com or 478-757-1592
Commission Chair: Iransa Vicente, rositahernandez19911@gmail.com or 478-262-9650

BEREAVEMENT AND REPASS

This ministry consists of parishioners who have expressed an interest in providing assistance to parish families. During the loss of a family member by providing personal contact, cards of condolence, participating in the Rosary Service, assisting with the meal for the family after the Funeral Mass, and making the Parish Family aware of the death of a parish member or family member of a parish member.

Contact: Bettye Middlebrooks, 478-743-1454.

HOSPITALITY

This ministry provides quarterly fellowship opportunities for the Parish Family to socialize and interact with one another of the faith community.

Contact: If you are interested in organizing this valuable ministry, please contact the church office.

NEW PARISHIONERS

This ministry welcomes and orients new parishioners to parish organizations in order for new members to take an active role in the Parish and Diocesan activities.

Contact: If you are interested in organizing this valuable ministry, please contact the church office.

FAITH SHARING

On the third Sunday of each month at 10:45am, the parishioners or other people of faith will share testimony about what God has done in their life or for others.

Contact: Loleatis Green, 478-757-1592; Iransa Vicente, 478-262-9650; Barbara Swayne, 478-320-7347; Mary Francis Tanner, 478-955-5135; Brenda Thompson, 478-318-0157.

LITURGY

Pastoral Council Liaison: William Bercini
Commission Chairs: Edgar Cabrera and Diana Fletcher

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers assist at weekend Masses, weddings, funerals, Stations of the Cross and other liturgical services. The Servers consist of Catholic young people, male and female, beginning at age 10 years. New server orientation and training are held several times a year. They are scheduled to serve specific Masses on a rotating basis. The only requirements are prayerfulness, a willingness to learn and reliability.

Contact:

English: Joel Reott, 478-476-9452.

Spanish: Javier y Andrea Rodriguez, 478-714-3941.

ENVIRONMENT

This ministry includes Parish members who will decorate the Church for Holy Day Masses in accordance with the Liturgical requirements throughout the year.

Contact:

English: Lori R. Haynes, 478-474-6609 or lori@sdhdesigns.com (texts preferred.)

Spanish: TBD.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

This ministry consists of people who have expressed an interest in assisting in the distribution of the body and blood of Christ to the family of faith gathered at the celebration of the Mass. Eucharistic Ministers are assigned after orientation, training and commissioning by the Bishop, to the specific Masses on a rotational basis.

Contact:

English: Diana Fletcher, 478-477-1835.

Spanish: Edgar Cabrera, 478-741-9916

LECTORS

Lectors have a critical role in the celebration of the Mass. The Lectors are comprised of people who have expressed an interest in taking a more active role in the Mass. The Lector Ministry calls for a person to grow in a warm and loving knowledge of the Scripture, the living word of God. Lectors are instituted as a reader to proclaim the readings from Scripture, with the exception of the Gospel. They announce the intentions for the general intercessions and in the absence of the cantor of the psalms, read the psalms between readings. Training sessions are held. There is always one Lector per service unless otherwise requested or needed. Lectors must be totally committed to their ministry and be punctual when scheduled.

Contact:

English: Bettye Middlebrooks, 478-743-1454.

Spanish: Edgar Cabrera, 478-741-9916.

MUSIC MINISTRY

This ministry is open to all members of the St. Peter Claver. You can serve our parish by leading the congregation in singing the hymns and liturgical responses during Mass. All individuals willing to share their musical gift and love of singing to glorify & praise God through song are invited to participate. Music ministers may sing, cantor or play musical instruments. Several groups comprise our music ministry: cantors, 5:30pm, 9:00am, 11:15am and Hispanic Choirs. Practice times are held each week: the 9:00 a.m. Choir is held usually each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. and the 11:15 a.m. Choir meets for practice 30 minutes before start of Mass.

Contact:

English: McKinley Starks

Spanish: Edgar Cabrera, 478-741-9916.

SACRISTANS

Our sacristans are entrusted with the ministry of preparing for the Celebration of Mass and making sure all is in order when the Celebration is finished. The variety of duties include setting up and clearing away the Credence Table and offertory table, preparing the bread and wine, readying the chalices and other items necessary for Communion and purifying the sacred vessels after Mass. The Sacristans arrive at least 20 minutes prior to Mass.

Contact:

English: Diana Fletcher, 478-477-1835.

Spanish: Edgar Cabrera, 478-741-9916.

USHERS

The Ushers welcome guests to our Church and offer a friendly smile and helping hand to parishioners as well. They are here to serve and make you feel welcome and to say goodbye. They are responsible for seeing that all visitors sign the "Visitors Book". The Ushers arrive approximately fifteen minutes prior to the assigned service. Their responsibilities include helping with the collection and the offertory and directing people to Communion. Ushers are a vital part of every Mass. We welcome anyone who has the extra time to serve.

English: Diana Fletcher, 478-477-1835.

Spanish: Edgar Cabrera, 478-741-9916.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Pastoral Council Liaison: Nan Eaton

Commission Chair: Kay Gerhardt

DAYBREAK

Daybreak, a ministry of DePaul USA, is a centrally located, standalone day center that offers homeless people support services to increase their daily living skills and connect them to existing community services. Daybreak offers services in three primary areas: medical care, hygiene (clothes washing, showers), and education and citizenship (job readiness, literacy.) Daybreak also provides breakfast and an afternoon snack most weekdays.

St. Peter Claver also has a rotating group that serves breakfast every second Wednesday of the month from 7:00am – 9:00am. If interested in volunteering, please contact Rose Butler, 733-1666 or butler.roseann@gmail.com.

Contact: Gaye Martel, 478-216-9119.

FAMILY ADVANCEMENT MINISTRY (F.A.M.)

Family Advancement Ministries is a diocesan ministry that promotes life inside and outside the womb by serving expectant and new mothers to parents with pre-school age children, especially those facing a crisis situation. We minister to families through a combination of Direct Services (emergency financial assistance, clothing, diapers, car seats, and other basic necessities) and Life Skills Education (Parenting, Personal Finance & Budgeting, etc.) Our Hispanic Ministry also includes ESL (English as a Second Language), Citizenship Preparation, and Sewing. We serve families in the Middle Georgia area, especially the Macon Deanery. There are many volunteer opportunities such as phone interviewer, receptionist, clothing room, life skills teachers, nursery, special projects, etc.

Contact: Gigi Rolfes at gigi@familyadvancementministries.org.

FOOD PANTRY

The St. Peter Claver Food Pantry is located in the Social Hall and provides food to those in need. Food for the pantry comes from offerings left in the Church lobby after each Mass and from food drives from all of the Catholic parishes in Macon. Parishioners are encouraged to bring donations of food each week and monetary contributions are needed as well to purchase additional food items for distribution. The families helped are from the parish, the community and requests from St. Vincent de Paul Society. The Food Pantry is open from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on the second, and fourth Wednesday of most months. However, the food pantry is open only once a month during the months of July, August, November, and December.

Contact: Pati Dunaway 478 256-3366 or patidunaway@cox.net.

WEAR

A thrift with a twist clothing shop. All purchases support DayBreak. Volunteers needed weekly to donate clothes, sort clothes.

Contact: Gary Musolf at gbmusolf@bellsouth.net.

SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CENTER FOR LIFE

The Kolbe Center is a Catholic Charity operated by the Macon Deanery that serves both to assist women in crisis with unplanned pregnancies in accordance with Catholic teachings, as well as to provide education and expertise on Catholic Pro-Life Activities as outlined by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB.)

Contact: Ann Beall, Director, 478-257-4425 or Ann.beall@gmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

This lay organization provides direct assistance to the needy in a variety of ways. Volunteering with St. Vincent DePaul is a prayerful and concrete way to help the poor and needy in our area through home visits. Volunteers can make personal connections with those they assist and join in fellowship with other volunteers in the spirit of St. Vincent DePaul. Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Kolbe Center. New volunteers are always welcome.

Contact: Gigi Rolfes at gigiRolfefe@bellsouth.net or mgcstvincentdepaul@yahoo.com.

WEEKEND MEALS MINISTRY TEAM AT CHRIST CHURCH (WITH MACON AREA CATHOLICS)

St. Peter Claver is one of eleven Macon area churches participating in this inter-denominational program, established and organized by Christ Episcopal Church. The program provides free, nutritious lunches every Saturday and Sunday to disadvantaged persons from the Christ Church facility on Walnut Street. Macon Area Catholics (MAC), a joint team of volunteers from St. Peter Claver, St. Joseph and Holy Spirit Churches, is assigned four to six weekends a year to be responsible for preparing and serving meals on those weekends and team members are contacted and scheduled to work on convenient weekend day(s). Service hours for team member volunteers are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on assigned days.

Contact: Juan and Claudia Bravo, mrbravobunch@cox.net.

CHURCH PIOUS/SOCIAL

Pastoral Council Liaison: Aurico Hill

Commission Chairs: Patricia Robinson and Rosalyn Simpson Roderick

ASSOCIATES OF THE SISTERS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (ASBS)

Associates of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament are Catholic women and men, married and single who desire association with the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament as a means of growth in personal holiness, sharing in the SBS spirit, charism and ministerial heritage, through times of prayer, spiritual enrichment and celebration with the Sisters and other Associates. The Associates commit themselves, as do SBS, to live out and witness to the values, spirituality and mission entrusted to St. Katharine Drexel. Associates commit themselves to some specific personal expression of the associate relationship. This involves praying with and for the Sisters, scripture study, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and such works as visiting the sick, and tutoring. Associates often give witness to promoting justice and works of service where SBS are unable to minister.

Contact: Angela Larkin, Chairperson, 478-731-5846 or 478-405-8895.

ALUMNI OF THE SISTERS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

As Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, we believe God calls us to be a sign in the world of the power of the Eucharistic Christ to effect unity and community among all peoples. Guided by the spirit of Katherine Drexel, we are called to share the Gospel message with the poor, especially among the Black and Native American people and to challenge the deeply rooted injustice in the world today. Since our foundation in 1891, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament have been called to fidelity in Mission. We consecrate ourselves to God through our congregation in a free and total gift of self. The Eucharist, God's free and total gift to us, is the heart of our community service.

Contact: Rosalyn Simpson Roderick, 478-746-3876 or 478-361-3504.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN – (CCW)

The Council of Catholic Women's mission is to support, empower, and educate all Catholic Women in spirituality, in leadership, and in service, consistent with the teachings and tradition of the Catholic Church. The aims of the CCW are carried out by three Commissions (Committees): Spirituality, Leadership and Service. Each commission plans programs for the year to target the goals set at the National level. CCW is open to all catholic women in the parish. Annual dues and some fund raisers help support our local Commissions. Meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of each month after the 9 a.m. Mass in the John Paul II Social Hall. The rosary is also said on the second and third Tuesday of each month.

Contact: Brenda Thompson, President, 478-318-0157.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus are Catholic men, 18 years of age or older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Your personal involvement as a Knight will provide opportunities, in charity and fraternity, for service to the Church at the local, diocesan and universal levels; to your communities; and to the less fortunate in our midst. You enjoy a sense of “belonging” in an organization that shares your religious beliefs, bring together like-minded men joined in a common cause and offers the opportunity to develop and cement friendships for years to come. New members are always welcome.

Contact: www.kofc925.org

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER and LADIES AUXILIARY

The Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver is a national organization of Catholics who serve the needs of the parish and community through active participation in various parish and community activities and who contribute to the spiritual strength of the Parish. The Knights of Peter Claver involves your whole family by including the Junior Knights of Peter Claver and the Junior Daughters of Peter Claver. Our local, state, district and national meetings offer opportunities of fraternization, cultural improvement and broadening your local and national acquaintance with fellow Catholics. New members are always welcome.

Contact: Kendra Russell, Grand Lady, 478-731-2777.

Contact: Charlie Green, Grand Knight, www.kofpc.org or 478-757-1592.

NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS

We come together once a year at a gathering that takes place in a different city of the diocese and nationally every five years. At these events we have the opportunity to learn about our Catholic & African heritage, our Faith, the love of our Faith, how to live according to our Faith. We focus on the needs of Black Catholics with workshops on Respect Life, Vocations, Spiritual Life, Evangelization, etc. Look for the notices in our church bulletin and join us. Everyone is welcome. For more information, visit the website: www.nbccongress.org

SALT AND LIGHT CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN PRAYER GROUP

We are a charismatic prayer group rooted in scripture and Christian traditions. We are guided by the Holy Spirit to be held accountable to one another, thus fulfilling God’s desire of Christian living through love, forgiveness, prayer, study, service, evangelism, and good works.

We are committed to supporting one another in living a sanctified life in this world. We honor God in all that we do by living our lives empowered by His grace striving to be salt and light wherever we are. Matthew 5:13-15.

Contact: Ralph DelGorno, 478-365-7721.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Pastoral Council Liaison: **TBD**
Commission Chair: Edgar Cabrera

R.C.I.A. - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

These information classes are for people who want to learn about the Catholic faith or to become Catholic. The course will deepen your awareness and understanding of the Catholic faith and God's love. Classes begin in September and last until Easter.

Contact: Father Bill McIntyre, 743-1454.

FAITH FORMATION (SPANISH)

Faith Formation Classes for students in grades Kindergarten-8th. Classes for K-6th are completely in Spanish. Confirmation classes for 7th-8th grades are in English.

Contact: Edgar Cabrera, 743-1454.

BIBLE STUDY - SPANISH

Bible Study Group is theme based, and will meet at different times in the year. Look for time/date details in the Sunday bulletin.

Contact: Edgar Cabrera, 743-1454.

BIBLE STUDY - ENGLISH

Bible Study Group usually meets on Thursdays, 6-7:15 pm, in the social hall. Please check the Sunday bulletin for announcements.

Contact: Joel Reott - English Bible Study 478-952-4097.

SINGLES GROUP

Singles Group meets the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm in the social hall. We will have discussions of interest, and we also plan outings.

Contact: Denisia Franklin, 731-7838.

ADVENT LECTURE SERIES

The Advent Lecture Series is held in conjunction with St. Francis Episcopal Church on Tuesdays in Advent. We begin at 5:30 pm with a pot luck supper, followed by a lecture. Please see details in the Sunday bulletin during Advent.

Contact: Father Bill McIntyre or Bettye Middlebrooks, 743-1454.

LENTEN INTERFAITH LECTURE SERIES

The Lenten Interfaith Lecture series is held on Tuesdays in Lent. We begin at 5:30 pm with a pot luck supper, followed by a lecture in the church. Theme will be announced in the Sunday bulletin during Lent. Please bring a pot luck dish to share.

Contact: Anne G. Johnson, 478-474-9671 or Fr. Bill McIntyre, 743-1454.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Pastoral Council Liaisons: Julio Jacinto
Commission Chair: Edgar Cabrera

HISPANIC MINISTRY

The Hispanic ministry fosters active participation in the life of the Church and Parish and promotes collaboration among the different cultures and ministries in all dimensions of Christian life.

Commission Chair: Edgar Cabrera, 478-741-9916.

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

The Black Catholic Ministries identifies and fosters the rich diversity of the Black Catholic community. We advocate for equality in education, social justice, and pastoral ministries throughout the Church and the community. It is the responsibility of the ministry to educate parishioners of all ages and the community of non-Catholics on the historical significance of black Catholics and their influence in the church.

Commission Chair: Bettye Middlebrooks, 478-743-1454.