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#### Dates to Remember

Sept. 10-Sunday School Begins

Sept. 16-KPCLA Casino Trip

Sept. 21-Family Night Parish Revival

Sept. 22-24-Women's Retreat

Sept. 24-RCIA Class Begins

Oct. 7-Baptism Class

Oct. 7-Choir Concert

Oct. 8-Life South Blood Drive

Oct. 14-Steak & Chicken Dinner

Oct. 21-Welcome Ministers' Workshop

Oct. 21-Confirmation

Oct. 28-Jr. Daughters' Harvest Fest

Nov. 4-Haitian Community Anniversary

Nov. 11-KPCLA Prayer Breakfast



# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 27, 2017

## A Message from Your Pastor

The sacramental life of the Church offers many special and significant milestones in the life of the Christian family. When we are blessed with new life, the Church is there to celebrate the gift of Baptism. A couple begins their new life together in the sacrament of Matrimony. Our teens journey towards maturity and we mark that with the seal of Confirmation. Time and again, with life's moments, the Church is there.

The celebration of First Eucharist (Communion) with our young boys and girls is also a significant as it reminds us that the Lord nourishes us on our pilgrim journey through life. To that end, First Communion is not a singular event in the life of the child, but rather it is an expression of a personal mark on the path to full initiation in the life of the Church while at the same time it also signifies the entire families' commitment to on-going discipleship. Church law (Canon 1136) declares that parents (*not* the church/parish) has the primary responsibility in forming their children in the practice of the Faith. It cannot be out-sourced to any pastor or Sunday School catchiest. What we do here at the parish is essentially supplemental to what transpires in the home (the domestic church).

I feel it's my duty as pastor to provide for parents and guardians what they need to help form the hearts, minds, and souls of the young people entrusted to their care. I also believe with particular conviction that the celebration First Communion isn't just about an individual achievement in the life of a child, but rather a witness of an entire family growing in faith. To that end, I'm asking the parents/guardians of children who will be preparing for First Communion this year to be part of the process in a new way.

While the children are attending Sunday School parents and guardians will be attending a session of their own AT THE SAME TIME. The good news is that you don't have to read lots of books or write papers. What I am asking is that you bring an open heart and a willingness to journey deeper in your own faith while your child is doing the same. We'll be providing food and drink and an opportunity to connect with other parishioners as we delve into what makes us Christian and how we live out our life as disciples. By taking this path, I earnestly believe this will benefit the entire family and make the celebration of First Communion a truly meaningful and memorable occasion that will sow seeds of grace for many years to come.

Thank you for being willing to make this effort, I'm prayerful the Lord will reward you for it 10, 20, or a 100-fold!

Rev. (Fr.) Bryan D. Small

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August 27, 2017

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

# This Coming Week

Monday, 28th

Novena 6:30PM-Chapel

### Wednesday, 30th

Barron Funeral 11:00AM-Church Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM-Church

#### Thursday, 31st

Haitian Rehearsal 7:00PM-Church

#### Friday, 1st

Adoration 9:00-10:00AM-Chapel

#### Saturday, 2nd

Gregg's Pantry Closed

KPCLA Executive Board 3:00PM-Parish Office (C)

Sunday School Registration after Mass

### Sunday, 3rd

Sunday School Registration after Masses

Jr. Knights 1:00PM-Classroom

Jr. Daughters 1:00PM-Parish Office (C)



# Stewardship-A Disciple's Response

Aug. 20th \$7,552.26

Children's Offertory \$49.00

Assumption \$158.00

In today's reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans - and us - that all things come from God: "For from him and through him and for him all things are." Good stewards understand that *all* is gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they've been blessed.



# Readings for the Week



Monday, 28th St. Augustine
1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10 Ps 149:1-6,9 Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday, 29th The Passion of St. John the Baptist
1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-6 Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday, 30th
1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12b Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, 31st

1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5,12-14,17 Mt 24:42-51 Friday, 1st

1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,10-12 Mt 25:1-13 Saturday, 2nd

1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1,7-9 Mt 25:14-30 <u>Sunday, 3rd Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63:2-6,8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27 Altar Servers' Schedule For 9/2-3/17

5:00PM Mass

#### 8:30AM Mass

Damian Ekpoudom Valentine Ekpoudom Ana Villavasso 11:30AM Mass

#### 4:00PM Mass

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## PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers, especially: Jean-Claude Augustin, Novar Bates, Shawn Broussard, Toni Brown, Porscha Bryant, Jerome & Lula Bullard, Ephraim Burrell, Zayia Cherilus, Stephanie Cooper, Ida Cruse, Phyllis Daniel, Cameron Davis, Patricia Davis, Marlon Dotson, Christine Edwards, Caroline Egbula, Nneka Eto, Mary Flournoy, Elaine Galbreath, Michelle Giles, Sharon Giles, Bromley Gittens, Laura Hassell, Pierce Hawkins, Mayreais Honore, Brittany Ivory-Brown, Joseph Mario Jean-Louis, Ronald Jean-Louis, Salyon Johnson, Darnell Kelly, Andrea Lys, Stanley & Roy Mayfield, Elsa McBean, Michelle McDonald, Dianna Menefield, Mimi Moore, Gregory Montgomery, William O'Neal, Lynette Reid, Charles & Emma Reynolds, Susannah Scott, Audrey Shirley, Johnathan Sulton, John Sylvester, Sylvia Vialva, Reynold Voltaire Jr., Merlyn Walker, Justin Wiley, Marian Willingham, Roland Woods

## Sacramental Schedule

Wednesday, 30th
9:00AM
Friday, 1st
8:30AM
Saturday, 2nd
5:00PM
Sunday, 3rd
8:30AM
11:30AM For the people of Sts. Peter and Paul
4:00PM Yvrose Alce, b'day.

### Thank You

Gregg's Pantry wishes to thank the parish and Caren Dias for the multitude of supplies and money collected over the weekend of KPCLA'S Neat & Clean Shower. This year has by far exceeded the contributions of the past. Your gift makes it possible for us to make each recipient feel more of the good will we, this church, have for our fellow beings. As a Parishioner, I could not be more proud than to serve as an agent/steward in your pantry. I receive each thanks from them for you and gladly pass it on to you the truly intended and most worthy of the thanks. Also a special heartfelt thanks to Carolyn Gaither and family for their weekly offering- a car loaded with extras like cereal, rice, mac & cheese, soup, coffee & sugar, etc. These extras make the giving more like a day at the grocer, something that you and I often enjoy because we can. Thanks to Rolonda and Liz for monthly gallons of milk. It doesn't take much, but every little bit given means one more worry-free day/night that these innocent children do not go to bed hungry. God bless you all Thanks to St. Anthony, Fr. Bryan, the parish of Sts. Peter and Paul.

Theresa Ivory
President, Gregg's Pantry

## Would You Like to Become a Catholic?

Have you been attending Mass here for awhile and would like to learn more about Catholicism? Are you yearning to receive Communion with everyone else? If you feel called to join the Catholic Church, the process for that is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). RCIA class begins September 24th at 10:00AM in the Parish Office. No sign-ups, just come with any questions you may have.

## Family Night Parish Revival

Join us for a Family Night Parish Revival led by Fr. Charles Smith, SVD and Fr. Chester Smith, SVD on Thursday, September 21st at 7:00PM.

# 27th Men's Club Steak & Chicken Dinner

Tickets are on sale now for the 27th Annual Men's Club Steak & Chicken Dinner Saturday, October 14th. The money raised by this annual event will enable the Men's Club to give scholarships to our school kids. You can pick up your dinner and take it home to enjoy or come join us in Price Hall for a wonderful sit down meal. Dining, dancing, & singing. Tickets are \$18 for a steak dinner and \$15 for a chicken dinner. For tickets, see any member of the Men's Club or purchase your tickets at the Religious Shop. Tickets will also be sold after Masses in September. Let's all support this effort.

# Notes from The Catholic Foundation

Gifts of Remainders of Estates: When one passes away there is usually an estate sale to sell assets that no one in the family wanted. Did you know you can leave all remaining assets to the Catholic

Foundation of North Georgia for the benefit of the parish endowment fund? The Foundation will handle the estate sale and place the proceeds of the sale into the parish endowment fund. For information on how to include this idea in your will, please contact Juliet Greco at The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia: jgreco@cfnga.org or (404) 497-9440.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

There is still some summertime left for home improvements. Really take your "Home Improvement" to the next level, by building your DOMESTIC CHURCH. Your marriage commissioned you and your spouse as pastors of your Domestic Church, so get the training you need at the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next available WWME Weekends are September 15th-17th and November 3rd-5th at the Atlanta Marriott Peachtree Corners. You can get more information or apply online at GATN-wwme.org or by calling (678) 242-WWME.

### 2017 Blue Mass

The Archdiocese of Atlanta will celebrate its third annual Blue Mass for all public safety officials and first responders on Friday, September 8th at 10:00AM at the Cathedral of Christ the King. Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory will be the celebrant. In the United States, the Blue Mass tradition began in 1934, when Fr. Thomas Dade of the Archdiocese of Baltimore formed the Catholic Police and Fireman's Society, and celebrated the first Blue Mass for police officers and firemen that year.

# Bus Trip to Wetumpka

An invitation from KPCLA Court 313 for a one day bus trip. Come with us for a day of fun and gaming at Wind Creek Casino in Wetumpka, Alabama on Saturday, September 16th. The bus leaves Sts. Peter and Paul at 8:00AM. Hope you will join us. Contact any member of KPCLA Court 313 for more information or to reserve your seat on the bus.

## **RCIA Reunion**

If you've been through the RCIA process, served as a sponsor or served on the RCIA team, join us on Sunday, September 10th at 10:00AM in the parish center. We will discuss how we can improve and continue the RCIA process at our parish. See you at the reunion!

# Sunday School Registration

Registration for Sunday School continues this weekend and next weekend. Registration is also available online on the parish website. The first day of Sunday School is September 10th at 10:00AM. If you have any questions about Sunday School, contact Gloria George Patrick, Director of Religious Education, at the Parish Office.

## 2017 Annual Appeal Update

Parish Goal: \$42,700.00 Amount Pledged: \$62,246.00 Amount Paid: \$45,756.67 # of pledges: 118

(as of 8/21/17)