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Dates to Remember

Dec. 31-KPC/LA New Year's Eve Dance

Jan. 1-Haitian Independence Day Celebration

Jan. 6-Baptism Class

Jan. 6/7-BIB Layette Collection

Jan. 13-Archdiocesan MLK Celebration

Jan. 31-Feb. 3-Life Touch Photography

Feb. 10/11-Sweets for Sweetie Bake Sale

Feb. 13-Fat Tuesday Celebration

Feb. 14-Ash Wednesday

Feb. 14-Beans & Rice

Feb. 24-Jr. Daughters' Black History Program

March 18-Mini-Health Fair

March 25-Life South Blood Drive

April 1-Easter



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 17, 2017

Christmas Schedule

Please note the changes for next weekend's Mass times.

Sat. Dec. 23rd Vigil Fourth Sun. of Advent

Mass 5:00PM

Haitian Mass 7:00PM

Sun. Dec. 24th Fourth Sun. of Advent

Mass 10:30AM only

Church Decorating after Mass

Sun. Dec. 24th Vigil of Christmas

Mass 5:00PM

Caroling 11:15PM

Midnight Mass 12:00AM

Mon. Dec. 25th Christmas Day

Mass 10:30AM

Haitian Mass 1:00PM

The Parish Office will be closed

December 25th-29th and January 1st.

Advent Penance Service

Our Advent Penance Service will be Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00PM. Several priests from around the archdiocese will be here that evening to hear confessions.

Pancake Breakfast

The Sts. Peter and Paul Men's Club invites everyone to a free Holiday Pancake Breakfast in Maxwell Hall after the 8:30 Mass (approximately 10:00AM) today. Treats will be available for all children.

2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

If you still have a pledge balance to the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please complete your payments as soon as possible. For IRS purposes, gifts must be postmarked by December 21, 2017 in order to be included in your 2017 tax letter. Please consider completing your pledge online, or mail your payment directly to: Archdiocese of Atlanta, PO Box 6065, Albert Lea, MN 56007-6665. For those who make charitable contributions at the end of the year, please consider gifts to your parish and to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

Parish Goal: \$42,700.00 Amount Pledged: \$65,191.00

Amount Paid: \$59,327.50 # of pledges: 128

(as of 12/6/17)

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December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

This Coming Week

Monday, 18th

Novena 4:00PM-Chapel Men's Club 7:30PM-Parish Office (C)

Tuesday, 19th

Young at Heart 12:00PM-Parish Office (C) Women's Council Board 7:00PM-Parish Office (M) Advent Penance Service 7:00PM-Church

Wednesday, 20th

Bible Study 10:30AM-Parish Office (C) Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM-Church

Thursday, 21st

Haitian Rehearsal 7:00PM-Church

Friday, 22nd

Adoration 9:00-10:00AM-Chapel

Saturday, 23rd

Gregg's Pantry Closed

Sunday, 24th

Church Decorating after 10:30AM Mass



Stewardship-A Disciple's Response

Due to the holiday printing schedule. no figures are available at this time.

"The thirst that comes from attachment to riches never ends. If you have your heart attached to wealth—when you have so much—you want more. This is the god of the person who is attached to riches."

—Pope Francis

Readings for the Week



Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 Mt 1:18-25 Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a Ps 71:3-6,16-17 Lk 1:5-25 Wednesday, 20th

Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38 Thursday, 21st St. Peter Canisius

Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21 Lk 1:39-45

Friday, 22nd

Monday, 18th

1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-7,8abcd Lk 1:46-56

Saturday, 23rd St. John Kanty

Mal 3:1-4,23-24 Ps 25:4bc-5ab,8-10,14 Lk 1:57-66

Sunday, 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

Sunday 24th Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27-29 Acts 13:16-17,22-25 Mt 1:1-25 Monday, 25th The Nativity of the Lord

(Midnight) Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3,11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14 (Day) Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

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, Ron Hayes, Mayreais Honore, Brittany Ivory-Brown, Rosemary & Sylfane Jean-Louis, Salvon 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, 20th 6:30PM Friday, 22nd 8:30AM Andrew Belmont, b'day Saturday, 23rd 5:00PM For the people of Sts. Peter and Paul 7:00PM Sunday, 24th 10:30AM Mary LaBeaud 5:00PM

Monday, 25th 12:00AM 10:30AM 1:00PM

Holy Land Trip Correction

The dates for the Holy Land trip were incorrect on the insert. The correct dates are May 1st-10th.

Catholic Charities Atlanta Collection

The second collection for Catholic Charities Atlanta is held each vear on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. As a ministry rooted in the gospel, Catholic Charities Atlanta values the dignity and uniqueness of each person, provides compassionate service, advocates for social justice and partners with the community, including the archdiocese and its parishes. Catholic Charities provides a holistic combination of accredited social services that remove barriers to self-sufficiency and wholeness - their services are tailored to the unique circumstances of the people they serve.

New Year's Eve Celebration

The Knights and Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver invite you to their New Year's Eve Celebration Buffet and Dance Sunday, December 31st, 8:00PM-1:00AM in Beverly Maxwell Hall. All black attire. Open Bar. Tickets are \$30.00. Please see any Knight or Lady for tickets.

Baptism

Parishioners wishing to have a child baptized should be registered in the parish and should contact a member of the clergy as early as three months before the birth of their child. The next infant Baptism Class will be Saturday, January 5th at 9:30AM in the Parish Office. If you have any questions about baptism, contact Deacon Jerry Lett by email: dcnjlett@gmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal

Join St. Vincent de Paul Georgia in bringing joy to the world by donating to our Annual Christmas Appeal. Your donation allows us to connect children, families, and individuals in need to resources that change lives. All contributions are greatly appreciated. Please consider the following gifts: \$100 feeds a family of four for a month; \$250 keeps the lights, heat and water on; and \$500 keeps a family in their home. Donate by visiting https:// www.svdpgeorgia.org/donate. For more information, please contact Kathy Montag at kmontag@svdpgeorgia.org.

Notes from The Catholic Foundation

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the

good He has done for me?"—Psalm 116:12

During this season of Advent as we are "making a way for the Lord," we often reflect on our many blessings. Please consider changing the beneficiary form for your IRA account to include the parish endowment fund. Simply call your IRA custodian and request a change of beneficiary form. This is a wonderful gift to the parish. For more information regarding gifts through your will or other estate vehicles, contact Juliet Greco at The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia: (404) 497-9447 or email igreco@cfnga.org.

Discernment Retreat for Men Ages 18-40

One of the most successful initiatives of the Office of Vocations in recent years has been the December discernment retreat for men. We have a number of seminarians in the program who are "alumni" of this retreat. This year, the discernment retreat will be December 29th and 30th at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit. These dates have worked well for college students and working people who have time off during the Christmas holiday. There will be talks by priests and seminarians, a panel discussion and time for prayer and reflection. Archbishop Gregory will join us for Mass. To register online go to: https://www.calledbychrist.com/ia-events/discernment-retreat. Space is limited.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend may be a little bit down the road, February 23/24, however, we are not resting in our pursuit of better marriages! WWME is searching for the Longest Married Couple in the nation! If you know a couple married over 70 years, take a moment to go to http://wwme.org and fill out the nomination form linked at the top of the page. The project runs until January 10, 2018, with the national winners named in February 2018. There will also be 50 state winners that will be announced in the same time period. Nominations are open to all husband and wife couples regardless of religious affiliation. For the upcoming 2018 WWME Weekend dates, or to apply online go to GATN-wwme.org or call (678) 242-WWME.

EWTN Advent & Christmas Programming

EWTN is proud to bring you LIVE Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. We will also be airing inspiring musical performances, specials for children and teens and new holiday presentations that the entire family will enjoy. Watch or listen to EWTN TV and EWTN Radio on your local channel, online or on your smartphone using our free EWTN app! For more information, visit http://www.ewtn.com.

Confidence in God Retreat

January 15th-18th at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit, 2625 Highway 212, SW, Conyers. Confidence in God is a choice that isn't always easy to make, yet it is imperative. It is only then that our true journey towards God can begin. Awareness of the divine presence and discernment of God's will are foundational in spiritual life. Through these principles found in the Christian classic, "Abandonment to Divine Providence" participants explore the key elements of the pilgrimage. Contact the retreat house at (770) 760-

0959 or retreat@trappist.net for a reservation.