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GOOD NEWS!

This is a publication for and by the people of St. Peter Claver Church and School. It is designed to inform its community of past, present and future events. St. Peter Claver is a vibrant, spirit-filled, evangelizing community that is grounded in the Eucharist and celebrates the culture and traditions of our African-American heritage.

Strengthened by our belief in Jesus Christ and trusting in God's word, we transform our community through acts of justice by caring for the spiritual and physical needs of His people..

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Behold . . . A New Creation!



The wonders of God and the marvels of man have resulted in the creation of this masterpiece. Our new school will be open and operational on August 15, 2011. Our beloved children will return to a state-of-the-art facility for the new school year.

This new school is designed for safety and comfort. It's design and amenities will afford the children an atmosphere conducive to learning. They will learn in peace and comfort and will be expected to live up to our high hopes of their excellent academic performance.

The blessing and grand opening of this facility will be scheduled sometime in the near future. Thanks to everyone who contributed to making this dream a reality.

"SWEET INSPIRATIONS"

(Taken from "God is in the Small Stuff" by Bruce & Stan)

- Recognize that you can't get holy in a hurry.
- Little is much if God is in it.
- A spiritually mature individual places more importance on God's presence than on the world's external signs.
- The person who looks up to God rarely looks down on anyone.
- It's better to run behind God than in front of Him.
- Rejoice in the Lord's discipline as well as His blessings.
- Live the Christian life as if the Lord were guiding your steps.
- Be cautious in telling other what you can do, but be bold in asserting what God can do.
- The person dependent on Christ has the amazing ability to maintain a steady ship on a stormy sea.
- Realize your inadequacy without God and your sufficiency with God.
- Faith does not demand miracles, but often accomplishes them.
- Make God's provision the foundation of your performance.
- You will never be humble before God if you think He needs you.
- It's a good thing to delight in the Lord, but how much better is it when the Lord delights in you!!!



RCIA



Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church or know someone who is? We invite the following persons to join us here at St. Peter Claver Church:

- A) Un-baptized adults who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic;
- B) Baptized Christians from other denominations who would like to learn more about the Catholic Church;
- C) Baptized Catholic adults who would like to prepare for first Communion & Confirmation.

Please call the Parish Office at 822-8059 for more information and speak to Deacon Allen or Ken Sears.



Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Alena Boucree

St. Peter Claver Parish Religious Education

Elementary Religious Education Program (CCD) is for students in grades K through 8th who attend public or private schools. This program includes preparation for the sacraments of First Penance (Confession) and First Holy Eucharist (Communion). Children are to have completed one year of religious education prior to preparation for the sacraments. Children are formed in the Catholic Faith each year building on the previous year of education. Their faith formation continues throughout their adult life. The series used for the program is "We Believe." Please visit the website www.webelieveweb.com where you will find educational activities, prayer resources and family – based faith activities.

Religious Education Dates— Mark your calendar:

Registration for both the Elementary and High School programs will take place:

August 21 – September 4

Catechist will be available after mass to collect forms and fees or you may register in the parish office Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Elementary (CCD) Program September 17 9:00 a.m. Parent Meeting and First Class

High School Program September 7 or 14 6:00 Parent Meeting

September 28 6:00 Youth Evening of Reflection

High School Religious Education & Confirmation Students entering 9th through 12th grade are required to participate in religious education classes either in the parish sponsored program or in the catholic high school theology program. Youth faith formation consists of instruction, worship, service, and community building. All youth of the parish should attend mass weekly, participate in service in the life of the parish, participate in parish youth reflection events and archdiocesan world youth day and the archdiocesan revival. Youth wishing to receive the sacrament of confirmation are required to have completed 2 yrs of religious education before beginning confirmation preparation instruction. Direct preparation for Confirmation begins in the fall of the 11th grade year. To find out more about the high school religious education program contact the parish office or speak to Mrs. Alena Boucree or Ms. Mary Boutte.

Morning Offering: O, Jesus, I offer you all my prayers, works, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your most Sacred Heart. Amen.

Evening Prayer: Dear God, before I sleep I want to thank you for this day, so full of your kindness and your joy! Close my eyes to rest safe in your loving care.

Prayer for Students beginning College:

Opening Prayer: With hope and fear in our hearts. We celebrate a new beginning, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture: Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you!

The Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you!

The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

Petitions

Be with _____ as he/she moves in a new direction, Lord we pray.

Response: You, Lord are the beginning and the end.

May the sharing and caring of this family be with _____, Lord we pray.

In the excitement of a new beginning, guide _____ and calm any anxiety or fears that may arise, Lord, we pray.

We rejoice in a new beginning which _____ makes today. Guide and keep him/her in your care. Amen.



Covenant of Love

St. Peter Claver Marriage Ministry

Henri Reed—Advisor

“What the Covenant of Love Means to Us”

My husband and I have participated in the Covenant of Love Marriage Ministry date nights at St. Peter Claver Church. Covenant of Love is a great way to come together with other married and engaged couples to share your stories about spending your life with your best friend, your partner in love. We all have our highs and lows but with faith in Jesus and our love for each other, we can overcome the difficult times. Praying together really helps us to stay together because of the spiritual bond that is established between us and God. Our marriage is a covenant with the Lord not just a contract with each other.

It is also important to meet new couples and fellowship with the anticipation of meeting the couples again in the future. The Covenant of Love sessions are like a breath of fresh air that gives us an opportunity to relax, fellowship and pray with others that seek the same solace.

Please join us for the next date night for our Covenant of Love gathering on September 2, 2011 in the SPC Hall at 6:30 PM.

Carrie and Gary Meyer



NIA IMANI

Sistah-Friend Luncheon

Saturday, July 16, 2011

Omni Royal Orleans Hotel



PURPLE is considered a “royal” color and the beautiful **Women of Purpose and Faith** stepped out royally in shades of purple for their annual **SISTAH-FRIEND** luncheon. This year marks the **10th Anniversary** of the group and it was celebrated in fine fashion. Over three hundred women attended this luncheon to help **Nia Imani** celebrate the milestone. As each female guest entered the foyer of the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel, her picture was snapped by Photographer, **Ms. Garmanne Mack**. The ladies were then happily escorted to their seats by one of the St. Peter Claver gentlemen who willingly do this good deed each year.

SPC Church Pastor, **Father Michael P. Jacques** (the only male invited to the luncheon) opened the event with a prayer. **Nia Imani** President, **Ms. Lajeune Hutchison** welcomed everyone and introduced the luncheon Chairperson, **Ms. Cynthia B. Smith**. She then introduced **Ms. Kathleen Saul Lee**, the Mistress of Ceremonies. Ms. Lee, a refined lady who exudes kindness and calm, did a wonderful job of leading this year’s program. And to the delight of everyone present, Ms. Lee and two of her sistah-friends even sang a song. That made everyone smile!!!

Ms. Veronica Downs-Dorsey and her daughter, **Ms. Veronique Dorsey** entertained the group in song. “Thank you Lord for all you’ve done for me!” was the main line of the song and everyone joined in as that line was sung by the duo. For an ice breaker, **Ms. Darlene Torregano** asked each guest to share with her tablemates, her choice of favorite desserts. Then each person read, from a list provided, the definition of each dessert choice. Another songstress, **Ms. Lucille Batiste** rendered her acappella version of, “God Made You Special.” As the program moved forward, **Ms. Erica Houston** and her mother, **Ms. Janet Nealy** entertained the audience with a presentation of “She Ain’t Heavy, She’s My Sistah/Mother.” The Sistah/Friend Letter was led by **Ms. Zeta Gabriel**. This year the silent auction was coordinated by **Ms. Joann Veal**.

Well, this was another successful **Nia Imani** luncheon that ended in prayer led by **Ms. Edith Reed**. There was delicious food, a wonderful program, fun and games, great prizes and gifts, a nice market place, colorful/beautiful hats, dresses and suits and a joyful and exhilarating second-line lead by **Ms. Gloria Oliver!!!** A job well done, ladies! **HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!!!**



THE VOICES
OF
PETER CLAVER
ANNUAL
GOSPEL
CONCERT
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 30, 2011
6:00 P.M.



Mary Boutte' - Director, Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry News

Well this summer was a slow summer in relation to attendance because most of our youth had jobs or were attending various camps, leadership trainings, and summer programs. This was a good thing, they were being productive at another level.

We came together several times this summer and raised monies to attend an outing. We just returned from Geyser Water and Theme Park in Choctaw, Mississippi. The kids had a wonderful time. Thanks to all who purchased those donuts, smoothies, baked goods, or just donated money. It was greatly appreciated.

SPC sent several kids to leadership trainings to help enhance and develop their skills. We also have over a dozen kids that participated in Teen Cross and the Imani team on the archdiocese level to help plan many of the activities that Catholic youth around the city participate in. It is wonderful to see so many involved and have our church represented.

It's time to say farewell and good luck to our outgoing seniors. They are moving on to college. We wish them well, and will be praying for their success as they start a new chapter in their lives. Good Luck, God Bless and we will be praying for you. Remember all that you have learned and use that to the best of your abilities. Always remember that St. Peter Claver is HOME and use the knowledge and tools that you acquired in your high school years to build on. Always keep Christ first and the rest will fall into place.

We would like to welcome and recognize our new Council Members that will be leading youth ministry this year. They are, **TeeJay Nash II, Chad Aubert, Daniel Boucree, Amber Matthews, Jeremy Tauriac, Briana Torregano, Heaven Douglas, and Esther Faciane.** Some are previous members and some are new. I appreciate and am thanking you in advance for taking a leadership role in your ministry.

This upcoming year, we will be focusing more on service and how to give back to our community and helping our brothers and sisters.

Thanks to all the adults who have volunteered their time or contributed in any way to helping our children. We appreciate you. With that said, we could always use more. If you are interested in working with the youth, please contact me so that we can get your training in through the archdiocese.

As always I ask that you continue to keep the youth and those that work with them in prayer.

God Bless!
Mary Boutte'

Catechetical Sunday 2011

A Prayer for Catechists

Theme: Do this in memory of me.

O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family.

We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs.

May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles.

We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists. May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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SPC Jazz Extravaganza

Economy Hall Revisited

"Motown Visits the Crescent City"

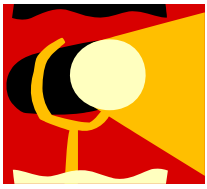
Saturday, October 8, 2011

8:00 P.M.

SPC Hall

1020 North Prieur Street

New Orleans, LA 70116



Spotlight on ... Edith B. Reed

Father Michael's Secretary



Mrs. Edith B. Reed was born on November 22nd. She is a native of Boothville, LA. In 1970 she became a member of Holy Ghost Catholic Church and attended Mass there until May of 1990 when she was invited by a family member to attend Mass at St. Peter Claver. Ever since that eventful day she and her family have been members here. Their membership dates back twenty-one years. Edith is also a dutiful member of the SPC choir. "What a mighty God we serve!"

This year is a special year for Edith and the St. Peter Claver family. In August, Edith will celebrate fifteen years as Father Michael's secretary. What a blessing it is for Edith, Father Michael, the church, the office and the school. She is always willing to help her church family and the general public. She is a diligent employee who loves her job and her co-workers. One day someone from the Archdiocese asked her for her secret to being in the SPC office so long. She replied, **"I pray everyday and I know that Father Michael is human."** **"He has feelings just like you and me."**

Edith's favorite scripture passage is *Habakkuk 2:2-3*, "Write down the vision, the vision still has its time, and it will not disappoint and will not be late."

In addition to loving her work at St. Peter Claver, Edith loves to dance, sing and enjoy family gatherings. She is married to Michael Reed and together they have two sons, one daughter-in-law and a beautiful granddaughter.

"Staff Planning Meeting"

June 23, 24, 25, 2011



Every year in June Father Michael and his staff attend a retreat that is referred to as the "Annual Staff Planning Meeting". That meeting lasts for eight or nine hours per day, from three to five days. Staff members gather and make suggestions as to how the following year's activities are scheduled, planned and executed. Some of the activities are mandatory according to Catholic doctrine or mandated according to Archdiocesan guidelines. Several of the Church's ministries are lead by the SPC staff who are asked to follow through on the ideas that are created at the staff planning meeting. One main subject that was discussed this year is the new Roman Catholic Missal and the changes in the liturgy. This year the staff's brainstorming session resulted in new ideas that will motivate parishioners to be more involved in community activities through MICAH and the SPC Local Organizing Committee. There are also new ideas involving youth participation in the liturgy and the SPC community. All and all, this hardworking team is ready for all of the requirements and responsibilities for the new fiscal year.

PENTECOST SUNDAY - June 12, 2011 "Were You There?"

As Deacon Allen Stevens delivered the message and Father Michael Jacques distributed invitations for us to extend to prospective church members, we were reminded that no one gets to the Father, but through **Jesus Christ**.



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St. Peter Claver School

From the desk of the Assistant Principal
Mr. Lawrence Houston

5,4,3,2,1... and the start of a new school year is about to begin. Everyone waits in anticipation of receiving the final word that the new addition is ready and we can move in. The contractor and workers have truly put their best feet forward and the school is looking great. The new addition will contain the school office, 2 counselor offices, 2 conference rooms, student lavatories, PreK3 thru 1st grade, the library and kitchen permanently. As the old academy building is under renovations, we will have some temporary placement of classes. The new library will house the 2nd grade and science lab. The UJIMA Center will house grades 3rd-5th and Catapult and the Kindergarten Building will house grades 6th-8th until December 2011. One other change will be found in the cafeteria which is receiving a complete make over. There is new tile on the walls, new ceiling and lights and a new way of moving through the serving line for lunch. The stage is getting a new look but will not be revealed until October. Everyone will be very pleased. What an exciting way to start the new school year!!!

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!



Father Michael and Religious Education Director, Alena Boucree are proud to announce that Mrs. Ayanna Matthews Talbert has joined the SPC staff as the new Associate Director of Religious Education.

Mrs. Talbert was born and reared in New Orleans. She received her sacraments at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. She is a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School and received

dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Accounting and Business Administration from Southern University at New Orleans.

She is currently an active member of St. Peter Claver Church. She serves as a lector and has previously served in the Local Organizing Ministry. She began teaching CCD in 2007 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Houston, Texas after Hurricane Katrina. When she returned to New Orleans, she began teaching here at St. Peter Claver.

Mrs. Talbert is eager to share her love for God and her faith with the youth of SPC, while honoring her commitment of service to her parish family. She believes our children should have a devoted, loving, spiritual leader who will teach our children. She believes that, "A life built on God's Truth is filled with joy, passion and purpose."

Mrs. Talbert's favorite bible scripture is "Be still and know that I am GOD." Psalm 46:10

She is the wife of Mr. Merlin Talbert, Jr. and she's the mother of one daughter, Amber Matthews.

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS & EVENTS

Weekly Events

Sunday Masses 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM
 RCIA, every *Tuesday* 7:00 PM (Ujima Center)
 Young Adult Choir Rehearsal , every *Tuesday* 7:00 PM
 Adult Choir Rehearsal, every *Thursday* 6:00 PM
 CCD Classes, every *Saturday* 9:00 AM (School)
 Food Bank, *Tuesday and Thursday* 10:00 AM-2:00 PM (Sankofa Bldg.)

In the UJIMA Center:

Senior Sodality, *1st Sunday* following the 9:00 AM Mass
 Knights of Peter Claver, *2nd Sunday* after the 9:00 AM Mass
 Ladies Auxiliary—Knights of Peter Claver, *2nd Sunday* after 11:30 Mass
 Senior Citizens, *2nd Monday* 3:00 PM
 Legion of Mary, every *Tuesday* 5:00 PM
 Family Life Commission, *1st Tuesday* 6:30 PM
 Social Ministry, *2nd Tuesday* 6:00 PM
 NIA-IMANI, *2nd Tuesday* 7:00 PM
 Liturgy Commission, *4th Tuesday* 6:30 PM
 Local Organizing Ministry, *1st Wednesday* 6:00 PM
 Men of UMOJA, *1st Wednesday* 6:30 PM
 Education Commission, *3rd Tuesday* 6:00 PM
 Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts , every *Thursday* 6:00-7:30 PM
 Bible Study, every *Monday* 6:00 PM

Hall:

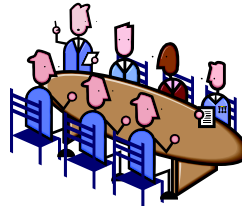
Pastoral Council Meeting, *3rd Wednesday* 6:30 PM

Calendar of Special Events:

August 12—SPC School Parents' Orientation Day—Hall—6:00 p.m.
 August 15—Feast of the Assumption—Church—8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
 September 5—Labor Day—Parish Office is Closed.
 September 9—Feast of St. Peter Claver—Church—Observance 9/11/11
 September 11—Honor Grandparents Day—Church—All Masses
 September 11—Parish Picnic—City Park—1:30 p.m.
 September 14—School Grandparents' Mass—Church—8:30 a.m.
 September 17—CCD Class Parents' Meeting—Hall—9:00 a.m.
 September 17—Back to School Dance—Hall—7:00 p.m.
 September 18—Catechetical Sunday—Church—9:00 a.m.
 September 28—High School Evening of Reflection—Hall—6:00 p.m.
 October 2—Women's Day—Church—11:30 a.m.
 October 8—SPC Jazz Extravaganza—Hall—6:00 p.m.
 October 9—Rite of Welcome (RCIA)—Church—9:00 a.m.
 October 16—Elders' Day—Church—All Masses
 October 16—Breakfast for Seniors after each Mass (70 years and older)
 October 28—Everybody's Birthday—Hall—4:00 p.m.
 October 30—SPC Choir Concert—Church—6:00 p.m.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO AT SPC??

SIGN UP ...



JOIN A MINISTRY.

VOCATIONS

WE PRAY FOR YOUNG MEN TO JOIN THE PRIESTHOOD.
 PLEASE CONSIDER THIS REWARDING LIFE CHANGE.



Go where God needs you

Feast of the Assumption

August 15th

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at

8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

The Roman Catholic Church teaches that The Virgin Mary, "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed, body and soul, into heavenly glory."

Best Mathematical

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St. Peter Claver LOM

Working Together – Making a Difference

Phillis Wheatley Demolition Has Begun.

“Making Way For A New 21st Century School In This Community”



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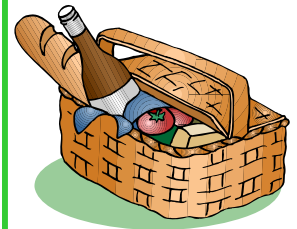
The forest has been cleared in time for a cleaner walk to the neighboring pool this summer.



Thanks for your support!

SPC PARISH

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SUNDAY

SEPT. 11, 2011

9:00 A. M.

CITY PARK

SHELTER NO. 1

(Near Story Land)

**ALL ARE
INVITED!!**

**FREE FOOD AND
DRINKS!**

**BRING YOUR
PICNIC
CHAIRS.**



Visit St. Ann's Shrine

OPEN

Tuesdays and Saturdays

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

(Volunteers are Needed)



Bible Study

Please join us at bible study class every Monday at 6:00 p.m. In preparation for class, visit the SPC parish web site www.stpeterclaverneworleans.org where a meditation is posted. Remember, as Catholics, we are asked to use the “New American Bible” for reading, studying, teaching, and preaching.

St. Peter Claver Seniors Special Television Taping of The Bobby Jones Gospel Show

(The Sheraton Hotel—New Orleans, LA)

Friday, June 3, 2011

Habari Gani Editor CherylN Wheeler
And International Recording Artists
Chanelle & Angel—Trinitee 5:7

Gospel Rapper Gizelle

National Recording Artist Dr. Bobby Jones





HEALTH ISSUES:

Fourteen (14) Reasons Why You're Tired

(Excerpts from an article by Dr. Brunilda Nazario)

It may seem obvious but you could be getting too little sleep. That can negatively affect your concentration and health. Adults should get seven to eight hours of sleep every night. Some people think that they are getting enough sleep, but they're not. Here are reasons why.

1. **Not Enough Sleep**—Make sleep a priority and keep a regular schedule. Ban laptops, cell phones, and PDAs from your bedroom.
2. **Sleep Apnea**—Lose weight if you're overweight, quit smoking, and sleep with a CPAP device to help keep airway passages open at night.
3. **Not Enough Fuel**—Always eat breakfast and try to include protein and complex carbohydrates in every meal. Eat eggs with whole-grain toast. Also eat meals and snacks throughout the day to sustain energy.
4. **Anemia**—Take iron supplements and eat iron-rich foods such as lean meat, liver, shellfish, beans, and enriched cereal.
5. **Depression**—Oftentimes depression is thought of as an emotional disorder, but it contributes to many physical symptoms as well. You may need medication. Seek medical advice from a physician.
6. **Hypothyroidism**—If a blood test confirms your thyroid hormones are low, synthetic hormones can bring you up to speed. See a physician.
7. **Caffeine Overload**—Gradually cut back on coffee, tea, chocolate, soft drinks, and any medications that contain caffeine. Do not stop suddenly. That may cause more fatigue.
8. **Hidden UTI**—Urinary Tract Infections cause fatigue. A urine test will confirm a UTI. See a physician if you experience a burning pain when eliminating. Antibiotics are the cure for UTIs.
9. **Diabetes**—Treatments for diabetes may include lifestyle changes such as diet and exercise, insulin therapy, and medication to help the body process sugar. See a physician.
10. **Dehydration**—Drink water throughout the day. Have at least two cups of water an hour or more before a physical activity. Then, sip throughout your workout and afterwards, drink another two cups.
11. **Heart Disease**—Lifestyle changes, medication and therapeutic procedures can get heart disease under control and restore your energy. Constant doctor's care is necessary.
12. **Shift Work Sleep Disorder**—Limit your exposure to daylight when you need to rest. Make your room dark, quiet and cool. Talk to your doctor.
13. **Food Allergies**—Try eliminating foods one at a time to see if your fatigue improves. You can also ask your doctor about a food allergy test.
14. **Chronic Fatigue Syndrome or Fibromyalgia**—While there's no "quick fix" for these illnesses, changing your daily schedule, learning better sleep habits and starting a gentle exercise program may help.



Did you have a happy "Independence Day/Fourth of July" celebration?? Did you travel, picnic, bar-b-que, swim, go boating or party hearty???? Great!! But, did you take the time to pray for our troops who make it possible for us to celebrate "FREEDOM"? Well, it's not too late!! **Prayers for our military troops should never cease.** The servicemen/women in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, U. S. Coast Guard and National Guard keep our land and waterways safe for us to enjoy peace and happiness in our country. Let's pray for our military men and women as they travel to distant lands to help bring freedom and democracy to foreign countries and peace to people who are less fortunate.



**Pearl's Place
(Chasasa Mahali)**



**The Food Bank is
O P E N
Tuesdays and Thursdays
10:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.**

Parishioners: Please bring your **canned goods and donations** to Mass each Sunday or stop by the Food Bank and leave other items such as macaroni, rice, beans, instant coffee or tea, fruit drinks and bottled water. You may also contact **Mrs. Pearl Dupart**, the Food Bank Coordinator or one of the other hardworking volunteers, **Sylvia Bloom, Gerri Gant, Barbara Green, Mercedes Lewis and Vicki McLaurin**. Ask them if there are any other non-perishable items that are needed. Thanks in advance for your support. **Call the parish office for assistance. (504) 822-8059**



**Have a Safe & Happy Labor Day,
September 5th.**

Did you know. . .

- **That Father Michael has been a priest for 29 years and has spent over 27 years here at St. Peter Claver?**
- **That Henri Reed has been the Director of Liturgy for over 11 years?**
- **That Ms. Pearl Dupart has lived in the Treme' area for over 75 years?**
- **That HB editor, Cheryln Wheeler is a former "Coastie", having served in the U. S. Coast Guard during the early 1970s?**
- **That Deacon Lawrence Houston is classically trained in vocal performance and that he retired from the Air Force Reserves after 20 years?**
- **That SPC Staffer, Linda Hunter is a real animal lover . . . CATS and DOGS?**
- **That Edith Reed has worked in the parish office for over 15 years?**



Hurricanes and Severe Weather Preparation . . .

Hurricane season begins June 1st and goes through November 30th. Storms can and do occur outside those dates. Severe thunder storms can happen anytime but most often occur during hot, summer months. Ice storms have occurred in the northern part of the state and on rare occasions have happened as far south as Acadiana Parish. Tornadoes can occur as a "spin-off" of hurricanes or can happen, if conditions are right, anywhere.

Important items to include in preparation for a storm:

1. Create a portable "important papers" file. Store it in a secure location where it can be reached quickly in the event of an emergency.
2. Speak with your family doctor, home health care provider, pharmacist, or other medical professional to learn what you can do to help prepare for family members who have special medical needs.
3. Keep your vehicle in good running condition with a full tank of gas.
4. Plan well in advance to determine where you will go during an evacuation, and make sure your travel plans will take you safely outside "at-risk" areas. Be prepared to leave storm-threatened areas several hours in advance.
5. Plan on paying for evacuation travel with cash, not credit cards.
6. Before leaving, turn off electricity, water and other utilities.



If you have any suggestions, articles and pictures for future Habari Gani issues, please email them to the Editor at:

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