

ST. PETER CLAVER

JANUARY 11, 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*And a voice came from the heavens,
saying, "This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased."*

MATTHEW 3:17



*Jesus Mafa (John baptizes Jesus, from Art in the Christian Tradition,
a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN)*



ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

At St. Peter Claver we are a community of faith made up of parishioners who uphold the Catholic tradition. We believe in a community, which supports families and children, transcending racial, economic, and geographic boundaries for the purpose of worship, religious education, outreach and fellowship. St. Peter Claver promotes a worship environment that is visually and spiritually Afrocentric. The Eucharist is the source of the energy that moves us to community service and evangelization. This is done in concert with other Christian communities under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH

485 West Fourth Street
Lexington, KY 40508
Phone: (859) 254-0030
Web: cdlex.org/stpeterclaver
Email: stpeterclaver@cdlex.org



Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

After-hours Emergency

Fr. Damian Anumba • (609) 457-0034

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.
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Phone: (859) 253-1993 • Web: cdlex.org



Pastor

Fr. Damian Anumba • Danumba@cdlex.org

Deacon

Deacon James Weathers • jweathers@cdlex.org

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday & Wednesday: 5 p.m.
Holy Days: 5 p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Saturdays: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
4th Saturday: (No Mass)
Sunday: 10 a.m. Gospel Mass; 1 p.m. (Congolese Mass)

MASS LIVE STREAM

<https://tinyurl.com/yhj4ea67>



Confessions

Tuesday and Wednesday: 4:30-4:45 p.m.
Sunday: 9:15-9:45 a.m.
1st, 2nd & 3rd Saturdays: 3:45-4:15 p.m.
Other times by appointment

Mass Intentions

Mass stipends are \$5 each. Call the parish office.

Bulletin Information

Send your information via Email to:
jweathers@cdlex.org

BULLETIN DEADLINE SCHEDULE:

To be included in the **January 25, 2026** bulletin, please submit information **before or by noon on Friday, January 16, 2026.**

(We reserve the right to edit your ad size.)

PARISH STAFF

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Deacon James Weathers • jweathers@cdlex.org

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Deacon Eddie Grider • (859) 312-7860
egrider@cdlex.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (INTERIM DRE)

Christy Rickert • (859) 333-5240
cmrick00@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULTS

Brenna Carpenter

YOUTH CYO EVENTS

ElNoel Akwa

CHOIR MUSICIANS

Michael Elery (Choir Leader: (859) 619-8502)
Charles Little, Xana Plum

FINANCE COUNCIL

Jerry Cheatham (Chair)
Committee Members: **Sarah Turley, David Young, Amy O. Daniel, Christina Weathers**

FUNDRAISING/FINANCE MEMBERS

James Keene, Ned Benson

KNIGHTS & LADIES OF ST. PETER CLAVER

David Young (Grand Knight)
Valerie Jenkins (Grand Lady)

NULLITY FIELD ADVOCATES

Fr. Damian Anumba • Danumba@cdlex.org
Deacon James Weathers • jweathers@cdlex.org
Nita Clarke • (859) 317-3719
nitaclarke06@gmail.com

PROPERTY

Chris Weathers, Elmer Ellis, David Young, John Gerton

FACILITY MANAGER

Greg Gerton

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS (2025)

James Keene (Chair), **Priscilla Johnson, Amy O. Smith, Elmer Ellis, John Gerton, Charlene Young, Felecia LaPrelle-Leach, Djakarta Ellis, ElNoel Akwa, Ima Ebong**

SACRAMENTS

Infant Baptism

If you're interested in having your infant or child baptized, please contact the office at (859) 254-0030 for parent preparation class information. Classes are held as needed.

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick can be received periodically at the Sunday Liturgy and upon request. For emergencies, please call Fr. Damian Anumba at (609) 457-0034. Please notify the parish office for visits or communion calls to the sick and shut-ins.

Marriage

Parishioners planning to be married at St. Peter Claver should contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

RCIA/OCIA

Wednesday: 6-7:15 p.m.
This is a process open to adults and children interested in joining the Catholic Faith.
If interested, contact Deacon James Weathers at (859) 254-0030 or jweathers@cdlex.org or Beth Ross • rossbt2@gmail.com
Maria Fischer-Boothe • mgfischerboothe2012@gmail.com

Address Change

If you have moved or changed your phone number in the last six months, please give this information to the parish office (859) 254-0030. It's important to keep our data current.

Liturgy Ministers Attire

MALES: Suit or shirt & tie
FEMALES: Pant suit, suit, skirt & blouse or dress. Please, no miniskirt, low back, or spaghetti strap dresses.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

First Sunday of each month, we recognize individuals and couples with birthdays or anniversaries for the month.

Eating & Drinking Policy

Your worship space is sacred and important to all of us. Eating and drinking is not permissible inside of church sanctuary.

No Smoking Policy

All churches in the diocese have a No Smoking policy. Please smoke only in the designated areas outside.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms may be obtained by contacting the parish office or through the website. Active membership is determined by the following:

- 1) Completed registration form.
- 2) Faithful attendance at Mass on Sunday and Holy days.
- 3) Support of the parish through time, talent and treasure.

CCD SACRAMENTAL PREP

Please contact Deacon James Weathers at (859) 254-0030 or jweathers@cdlex.org or Nita Clarke at (859) 317-3719 or nitaclarke06@gmail.com

ONLINE GIVING (Offertory, Building Fund & St. Peter Claver Legacy Tree of Life)

Go to our website www.cdlex.org/stpeterclaver click on DONATE and follow the easy directions. Or go directly to <https://tinyurl.com/3zd3vddf>
You may also use your smart phone to scan in the QR code.



If you have any questions or need assistance in setting up your online giving, please contact our Business Manager, Christina Weathers at (859) 254-0030.

MAKING HISTORY

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. (born Michael King Jr.; January 15, 1929–April 4, 1968) was an American civil rights activist and Baptist minister who was a leader of the civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968. He advanced civil rights for people of color in the United States through the use of nonviolent resistance and civil disobedience against Jim Crow laws and other forms of legalized discrimination, which most commonly affected African Americans.

A Black church leader, Dr. King participated in and led marches for the right to vote, desegregation, labor rights, and other civil rights. He oversaw the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott and was the first president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), leading the

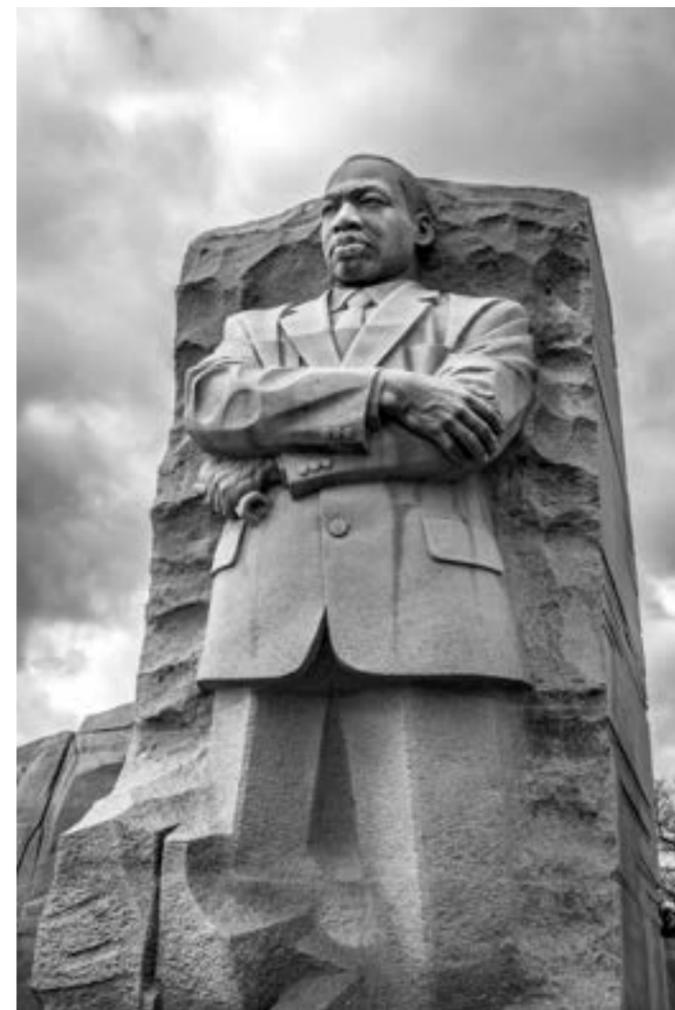
unsuccessful Albany Movement in Albany, Georgia, and helping organize nonviolent 1963 protests in Birmingham, Alabama. Dr. King was one of the leaders of the 1963 March on Washington, where he delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech, and helped organize two of the three Selma to Montgomery marches during the 1965 Selma voting rights movement. There were dramatic standoffs with segregationist authorities, who often responded violently. The civil rights movement achieved pivotal legislative gains in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

Dr. King was jailed several times, by then FBI director J. Edgar Hoover who considered Dr. King a radical and began to investigate him in 1963. Hoover and the FBI agents investigated Dr. King for possible communist ties, spied on his personal life, and secretly recorded him. In 1964, the FBI mailed Dr. King a threatening anonymous letter, which he interpreted as an attempt to make him commit suicide, which proved they did not know who he really was as a God fearing man. Dr. King won the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through nonviolent resistance. In his final years, he expanded his focus to include opposition towards poverty and the Vietnam War.

In 1968, King was planning a national occupation march on Washington, D.C., to be called the Poor People's Campaign, when he was assassinated on April 4 in Memphis, Tennessee, by James Earl Ray, who was later convicted of the assassination. Dr. King's death and Ray's conviction still remains the subject of conspiracy theories. As expected Dr. King's death led to riots in many US cities. Dr. King was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977 and Congressional Gold Medal in 2003. In 1971 the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established as a holiday in cities and states throughout the United States and the federal holiday was first observed in 1986. The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., was dedicated in 2011, where thousands of visitors pay tribute to him each year.



Edith Sampson



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: January 11–17, 2026 • The Baptism of the Lord

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

African Attire.....	First Sunday of each month	Youth Group/Choir.....	Seasonal
Bible Study.....	Thursday, 5:45–7 p.m.	Knights of Peter Claver.....	First Sunday, after 10 a.m. Mass
Liturgy Committee.....	Quarterly	Ladies of Peter Claver.....	First Sunday, after 10 a.m. Mass
Parish Council.....	Fourth Thursday, 4:30 p.m.	RCIA/OCIA.....	Every Sunday, 8:30–9:40 a.m.
Adult Choir & Men’s Choir.....	Thursday, 7 p.m.	CCD/CYO.....	First & Third Wednesdays, 6–7 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, January 19, 2026, Noon–5 p.m.: *Red Cross Blood Drive* at SPC (see the announcement on page 6 for more information).
Monday, January 19, 2026: *Unity Breakfast* at the Central Bank Center (see the announcement on page 4 for more information).
Sunday, January 25, 2026, Noon: *Deacon James’ Birthday Potluck* at SPC (see the announcement on page 6 for more information).

NEXT WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE: January 17–18, 2026 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 17 (4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass)	Sunday, January 18 (10 a.m. Gospel Mass)
Presiders: <i>Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers</i>	Presiders: <i>Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers, Pam Johnson</i>
Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Cheryl Bogarty, Salema Washington</i>	Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Jennifer Murray, Mariah Dence</i>
Ushers: <i>Cheryl Bogarty, Alyce Graves</i>	Ushers: <i>James Keene, James Gerton, D’Jakarta Ellis, Elmer Ellis, Chuck Bond</i>
Server: <i>Eli Blair</i>	Servers: <i>Jack Gerwe, Merritt Michael, Xavier Caird</i>
Lector: <i>Christy Rickert</i>	Lectors: <i>Ned Benson, Priscilla Johnson</i>
Response: <i>NA</i>	Response: <i>NA</i>

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 1/10: Parish • **Sunday, 1/11:** Parish

EDUCATION FOUNDATION
ALPHA BETA LAMBDA CHAPTER

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
MLK
JANUARY 19, 2026
UNITY BREAKFAST

EMBRACING LOVE, PEACE AND RESPECT

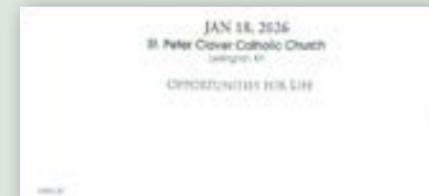
CONTACT: Karen King-Jones • mkingjones@gmail.com

ABL FOUNDATION KY.COM **DOORS OPEN @ 7:30AM -- PROGRAM @ 8:30AM**

SECOND COLLECTION

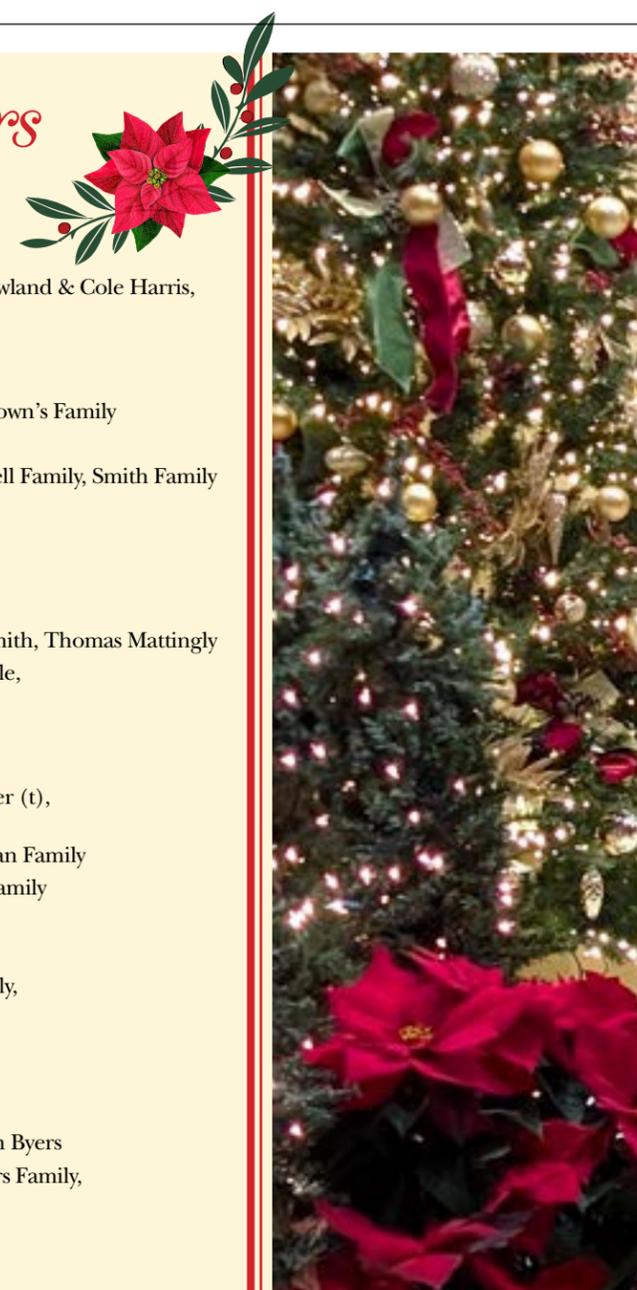
Opportunities for Life
Next weekend — January 17 & 18

Second and special collections are taken up for specific purposes within the diocese, the nation, and the Church worldwide. These collections are separate from the regular offertory, which directly supports parish operations. These collections bring awareness to issues beyond our local community. As Catholics we are called to respond with solidarity to contribute to the common good of all.



2025 Christmas Flowers

FROM	IN MEMORY/HONOR OF
<i>Drs. Denis Alikier & Ima Ebong.....</i>	Helen Adderley-Ebong, Richard Acana, Helen Alikier, Eleanora Alikier
<i>Mr. & Mrs. David Baumgartner.....</i>	Henry & Doris Waits, Mary Mitchell, Rowland & Cole Harris, Paul Baumgartner
<i>Margaret Bessette.....</i>	Brandon Callofello
<i>Wayne Bond.....</i>	Mr. & Mrs. Bennie Bond
<i>Mary Margaret Brown.....</i>	Emily Lou Washington, Mary Coffey, Brown’s Family
<i>Mr. Jerry Cheatham.....</i>	Karen Cheatham
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Steve Cocanougher.....</i>	Cocanougher Family, Grundy Family, Bell Family, Smith Family
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Richard Crumbie.....</i>	Brown & Wright Family
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Michael Elery.....</i>	Juana Barbosa
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Billy Fryer.....</i>	Anna Mae Fryer, Gladys Wheatley
<i>Bobby Gantley.....</i>	Cellina Gantley
<i>Alyce Graves.....</i>	Betty Thornton, Kate Mattingly, Rose Smith, Thomas Mattingly
<i>Priscilla Johnson.....</i>	John Fogle, Charles Givens, George Fogle, George Biggerstaff, Fr. Norman Fischer
<i>Nancy Marks.....</i>	Fr. Norman Fischer
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Dirk Morris.....</i>	Amos C. Williams, Sr., Susan George
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Robert Murray.....</i>	Walker A. Murray (t), Fr. Norman Fischer (t), Dc. James & Christina Weathers, Choir
<i>Mr. & Mrs. John Phillips.....</i>	Langford Family, Phillips Family, Bowman Family
<i>Mary Jo Quinn.....</i>	Quinn Family, Taylor Family, Leonard Family
<i>Sheryl Rice.....</i>	John H. Rice Jr., Zelma Sharkey
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Smetanko.....</i>	Smetanko Family
<i>Amy Smith.....</i>	Raphael B. & Lois O’Daniel, Craig Family, Mary Mitchell, James & Lucille Smith
<i>Drs. Amanda Sokan.....</i>	Parish
<i>Elizabeth Vaughn.....</i>	Parish
<i>Diane Viert.....</i>	Niemaszy K. & Viert Families
<i>Mrs. Mary Walker.....</i>	Walker, Tipler & Riggle Families, Sharon Byers
<i>Dc. James & Christina Weathers.....</i>	Linda Higgins, Betty Thurman, Weathers Family, George Thompson, Sr.
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Weathers.....</i>	Alton & Louise Weathers
<i>Mr. & Mrs. David Young.....</i>	Parish



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dea. James!

Please join us on Sunday to celebrate Deacon James' birthday.

Sunday, January 25, 2026
Noon

EVENT: Potluck

TIME: Potluck will begin at noon (after the 10 a.m. Mass)

PLACE: Fr. Norman Fischer Jr. Fellowship Hall

The church will provide a cake and beverages.

Please sign up to bring a dish of your choice. Go to this link <https://tinyurl.com/m4wpt7dr> or scan the QR code using your smart phone.



GIVE SOMETHING
That Means
Something

ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, January 19, 2026
Noon–5 p.m.

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church
485 West Fourth St., Lexington, KY 40508

*14.5 million units of blood
are needed each year in the U.S.
Your donation matters to hospital patients.*

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, GO TO THIS LINK

<https://tinyurl.com/4kjuhtm9>

or scan the QR code using
your smart phone.



ORDINATION

Deacon John Becerra
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON



Ordination of Deacon John Becerra
Saturday, January 31 • 10:30 a.m.
Cathedral of Christ the King

ALL ARE INVITED TO THIS CELEBRATION

At this time, Deacon John continues his service at Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish. Please keep Deacon John, and all the other men in formation for service in our Diocese, in your prayers.



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

BUILDING FUND REPORT



Every member of our parish community of faith is being asked to:

*Reflect on how great God has blessed us as a parish.
Be thankful for our individual blessings and prayerfully
consider how your gift can reflect your gratitude to God and
SPC. May we be filled with the same Spirit as we work to fund
the cost of our new parking lot addition.*

PARKING LOT PROJECT

Projected Parking Lot Expenses: \$400,000

MEETINGS

GOLDEN MINISTRY

Meetings are on Thursday • St. Peter Claver, Church Hall

1st Thursday: Community Service off site.

2nd Thursday: 10:30 a.m. – Noon

3rd and 4th Thursday: 1:30 – 3 p.m.

If there's a 5th Thursday: 10:30 a.m. or a planned outside activity.

Contact person: Patricia Laprelle
Patricia.laprelle1@icloud.com
(859) 321–8124 call or text

St. Peter Claver Golden Ministry Mission Statement:

The Golden Ministry of St. Peter Claver is a seasoned group of men and women, age 55 and older. We aspire to bring the golden community together through fellowship, companionship and sharing of our faith while planning and participating in activities of fun, adventure and helping others with the strength of God and Christian faith.

HEALTH MINISTRY

Blood Pressure checks on the First Sunday of every month; **February 1, 2026 (Misti)**, after the 10 a.m. Mass.

Contact persons:

Martha Crumbie • mjcrumbie@aol.com • (859) 396–5178
Kris Miller • ck2304@aol.com • (859) 351–4253

St. Peter Claver Health Ministry's Mission:

St. Peter Claver Health Ministry's Mission is to support the vision and ministry of the church by providing resources, information, health fairs, and other programs. To empower individuals to take active roles in managing their health and modifying their behaviors to live longer.

Purpose:

To Promote Health as a part of faith and to care for our congregation and surrounding community by advocating for optimal health and wellness. To promote preventative health measures to help the congregation and community maintain overall health through initiatives such as:

- Exercise Programs
- Blood Pressure and other Screenings
- Health awareness/education
- Volunteer activities and outreach
- Support group formation
- Informational Speakers

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Contact information: SPCECKY@gmail.com

Jason Akwa, Elnoel Akwa, Morgan Lincoln, Mayce Brothers, Keylan Joyce, Tate Sams, Martha Crumbie



Welcome to our
St. Peter Claver Junior Knights

Leadership Forum

Sunday, February 1, 2026

(Immediately after the 10 a.m. Mass)

Fr. Norman Fischer Jr. Fellowship Hall

Master of Ceremonies: Teresa Hawkins



*Lux Leverette, Austin Riggle, Jacob Konate
Isaiah Gerton, Cruz Leverette, Joseph Konate*

PANELISTS

- Damian Anumba* (PASTOR)
- James Weathers* (DEACON)
- Nita Clarke* (EVANGELIZATION)
- Beth Ross* (ENVIRONMENT)
- David Young* (KOPC GRAND KNIGHT)
- Michael Elery* (CHOIR DIRECTOR)
- James Keene* (PARISH COUNCIL)
- Ed Grider* (DEACON)
- Maria Boothe* (CRHP)
- Wayne Bond* (USHER BOARD)
- Valerie Jenkins* (KOPC GRAND LADY)
- Patricia Laprelle* (GOLDEN MINISTRY)

Are you committed to daily prayer?

Join Catholics across the Diocese of Lexington in the use of the Pilgrims Trail Scriptural Rosary.

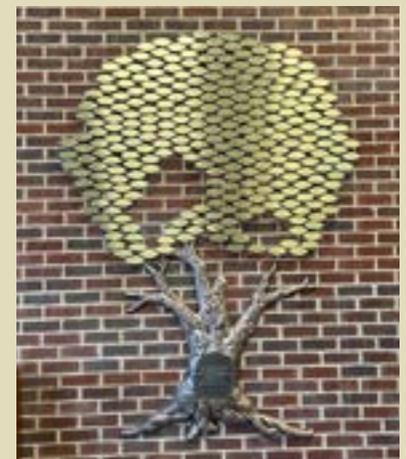
Pray daily, meditate as you read the scripture with your family, friends or by yourself. Be astonished by what scripture reveals to you and as you pray the Scriptural Rosary.

You don't need a booklet if you have a smart phone, computer or iPad. Just LOG IN <https://cdlex.org/the-pilgrims-trail/> to download The Pilgrims Trail Scriptural Rosary.

CLICK ON TOP RIGHT CORNER AND SAVE TO YOUR DESKTOP FILES OR TABS



LEGACY TREE OF LIFE (Donor Tree)



When you make a donation to the **Legacy Tree of Life**, your name and or personalized message will be engraved on a Bronze Leaf.

Bronze Leaf:
\$125 (cash or check);
\$130 (debit or credit card).

Leaves are approximately 4" wide x 1.56" high. Each leaf will be personalized up to 2 lines, 20 characters per line (including punctuation and blank spaces).

To make your donation, go to <https://tinyurl.com/7wz35p5e>
You may also use your smart phone to scan in the QR code.



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