

# ST. PETER CLAVER

JANUARY 18, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

• January 19, 2026 •

“Violence is immoral because it thrives on hatred rather than love. It destroys community and makes brotherhood impossible. It leaves society in monologue rather than dialogue. Violence ends up defeating itself. It creates bitterness in the survivors and brutality in the destroyers.”

— *The Quest for Peace and Justice*  
Nobel Lecture, December 11, 1964

## 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**

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Email: [stpeterclaver@cdlex.org](mailto:stpeterclaver@cdlex.org)

**Office Hours**

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

**After-hours Emergency**

Fr. Damian Anumba • (609) 457-0034

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**Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.**  
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**YOUNG ADULTS**

**Brenna Carpenter**

**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.

**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.

**Pastor**

Fr. Damian Anumba • [Danumba@cdlex.org](mailto:Danumba@cdlex.org)

**Deacon**

Deacon James Weathers • [jweathers@cdlex.org](mailto: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>

**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)

**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](mailto:jweathers@cdlex.org) or Beth Ross • [rossbt2@gmail.com](mailto:rossbt2@gmail.com)  
Maria Fischer-Boothe • [mgfischerboothe2012@gmail.com](mailto:mgfischerboothe2012@gmail.com)

**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.

**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](mailto:jweathers@cdlex.org)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE SCHEDULE:**

To be included in the **February 1, 2026** bulletin, please submit information **before or by noon on Friday, January 23, 2026.**

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

**NULLITY FIELD ADVOCATES**

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[nitaclarke06@gmail.com](mailto: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**

**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](mailto:jweathers@cdlex.org) or Nita Clarke at (859) 317-3719 or [nitaclarke06@gmail.com](mailto:nitaclarke06@gmail.com)

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

Go to our website [www.cdlex.org/stpeterclaver](http://www.cdlex.org/stpeterclaver) click on DONATE and follow the easy directions. Or go directly to <https://tinyurl.com/3zd3vvdv> 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. Charles Richard Drew, “Father of the Blood Bank”

Charles Richard Drew was an American surgeon, educator, and pioneering medical researcher on blood transfusions. He discovered that plasma had a longer shelf life than blood and could be separated to be used in transfusions. His work not only saved thousands during World War II, it also laid the groundwork for long-term blood preservation and storage techniques that have saved countless lives since.

Born in Washington, DC, in 1904, Drew attended Dunbar High School, where he was a good student and outstanding athlete, excelling in football, basketball, baseball, and track. He received an athletics scholarship to Amherst College in Massachusetts, where he played football and was on the track and field team.

For two years after undergraduate school, while saving for medical school, Drew was a professor of chemistry and biology, the first athletic director, and football coach at the historically Black private Morgan College in Baltimore, Maryland (now Morgan State University).

In 1928 Drew went to medical school at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. While at McGill, he became interested in blood transfusions, which eventually became his lifelong work. In 1933 he graduated with a doctor of medicine and master of surgery degree.

After moving back to the Washington, DC, area, Drew worked on the faculty at Howard University and as an instructor in surgery and an assistant surgeon at Freedmen’s Hospital. Now Howard University Hospital, Freedmen’s Hospital was a federally operated facility associated with Howard University.

Drew completed graduate and postgraduate work at Columbia University, earning his doctor of science at surgery in 1940. His ground-breaking doctoral thesis was called “Banked Blood: A Study on Blood Preservation.” He was the first African American to earn a medical doctorate from Columbia.

During World War II, as casualties mounted, the need for blood increased. As the leading authority in blood transfusions, Drew was recruited to be the medical director of the Blood for Britain project, and was tasked with creating a blood bank for British soldiers and civilians. Based in New York City, Drew set up a system for recruiting volunteers to donate blood, which would be shipped overseas.

Drawing on Drew’s research, the project separated the plasma, stored and tested it, and then shipped it to Britain through the Red Cross. The project was immensely successful — it collected over

14,500 blood donations and sent 5,000 liters of plasma to Britain.

In January 1941, the U.S. federal government asked the National Research Council and the American Red Cross to establish a blood program, and Drew became the director of the new American Red Cross Blood Bank. Under Drew’s leadership, the organizations were in charge of blood used by the U.S. Army and Navy. He also invented what would be later known as blood-mobiles, mobile donation stations that could collect the blood and refrigerate it; this allowed for greater mobility in terms of transportation and increased prospective donations. Ironically, the Red Cross excluded African Americans from donating blood, making Drew himself ineligible to participate in the very program he established. That policy was later modified to accept donations from blacks, however the institution upheld racial segregation of blood, which throughout the war Drew openly criticized as “unscientific and insulting to African Americans.”

Drew’s stint with the Red Cross, however, was short-lived. At the time, the Red Cross segregated blood by race even though they acknowledged there was no scientific foundation for the practice. Instead, they defended their policy by arguing it was what the recipients wanted (but did not provide any evidence supporting this claim). As a result of this blatantly racist and discriminatory practice, Drew resigned and returned to Freedmen’s Hospital and Howard University.

While Drew may be best known for his groundbreaking research in the development of blood plasma, one of Drew’s major legacies was teaching and training Black medical students and advocating for more opportunities for Black medical students and surgeons. Between 1941 and 1950, more than half of the Black surgeons in the U.S. had studied under Drew.

Drew’s life was tragically cut short at the age of 45 from injuries sustained in a car accident in North Carolina while driving to a conference with three other Black physicians in 1950. He left behind his wife, Minnie, and four children.

Despite a popular myth to the contrary, once repeated on an episode (“Dear Dad... Three”) of the hit TV series M\*A\*S\*H and in the novels Carrion Comfort, The 480, and The Human Stain, Drew’s death was not the result of his having been refused hospital access because of his race. According to Dr. John Ford, one of the passengers in Drew’s car, Drew’s injuries were so severe that virtually nothing could have been done to save him. Dr. Ford added that a blood transfusion might have actually killed Drew sooner. This myth spread, however, because it was not then uncommon for black people to be refused treatment because there were not enough “Negro beds” available or the nearest hospital only serviced whites.



*Dr. Charles Richard Drew*



*Dr. Charles R. Drew with the nurses at the first Mobile Blood Bank.*  
(COURTESY OF THE MOORLAND-SPINGARN RESEARCH CENTER)

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:** January 18–24, 2026 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

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

**IMPORTANT DATES**

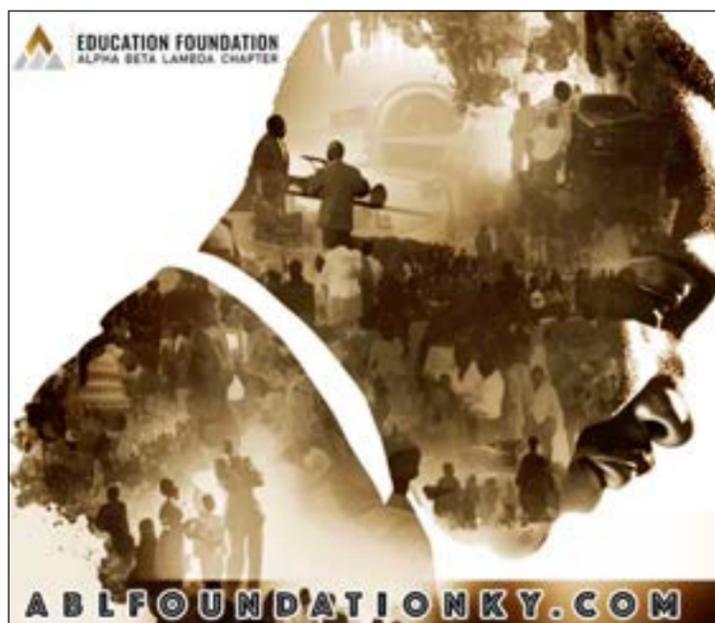
- Monday, January 19, Noon–5 p.m.: *Red Cross Blood Drive* at SPC (see announcement on page 5 for more information).
- Monday, January 19: *Unity Breakfast* at the Central Bank Center (see the announcement on page 4 for more information).
- Monday, January 19, 12:45 p.m.: *MLK Celebration* at St. Paul’s church (see announcement on page 5 for more information).
- Sunday, January 25, Noon: *Deacon James’ Birthday Potluck* at SPC (see announcement on page 6 for more information).
- Thursday, January 29, 5:30 p.m.: *United in Hope Symposium* at St. Paul’s church (see announcement on page 6 for more information).

**NEXT WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:** January 24–25, 2026 • Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

<p><b>Saturday, January 24 (No Mass)</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday, January 25 (10 a.m. Gospel Mass)</b>                  Presiders: <i>Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers, Pam Johnson</i>                  Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Felecia Leach, Pat LaPrelle</i>                  Ushers: <i>D’Jakarta Ellis, Elmer Ellis, Kris Miller, Linda Lewis, David Young</i>                  Servers: <i>Arabella Floyd, Xavier Caird, Thérèse Boothe</i>                  Lectors: <i>Hilary Jones, Jennifer Murray</i>                  Response: <i>NA</i></p>
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, 1/17: Parish • Sunday, 1/18: 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**



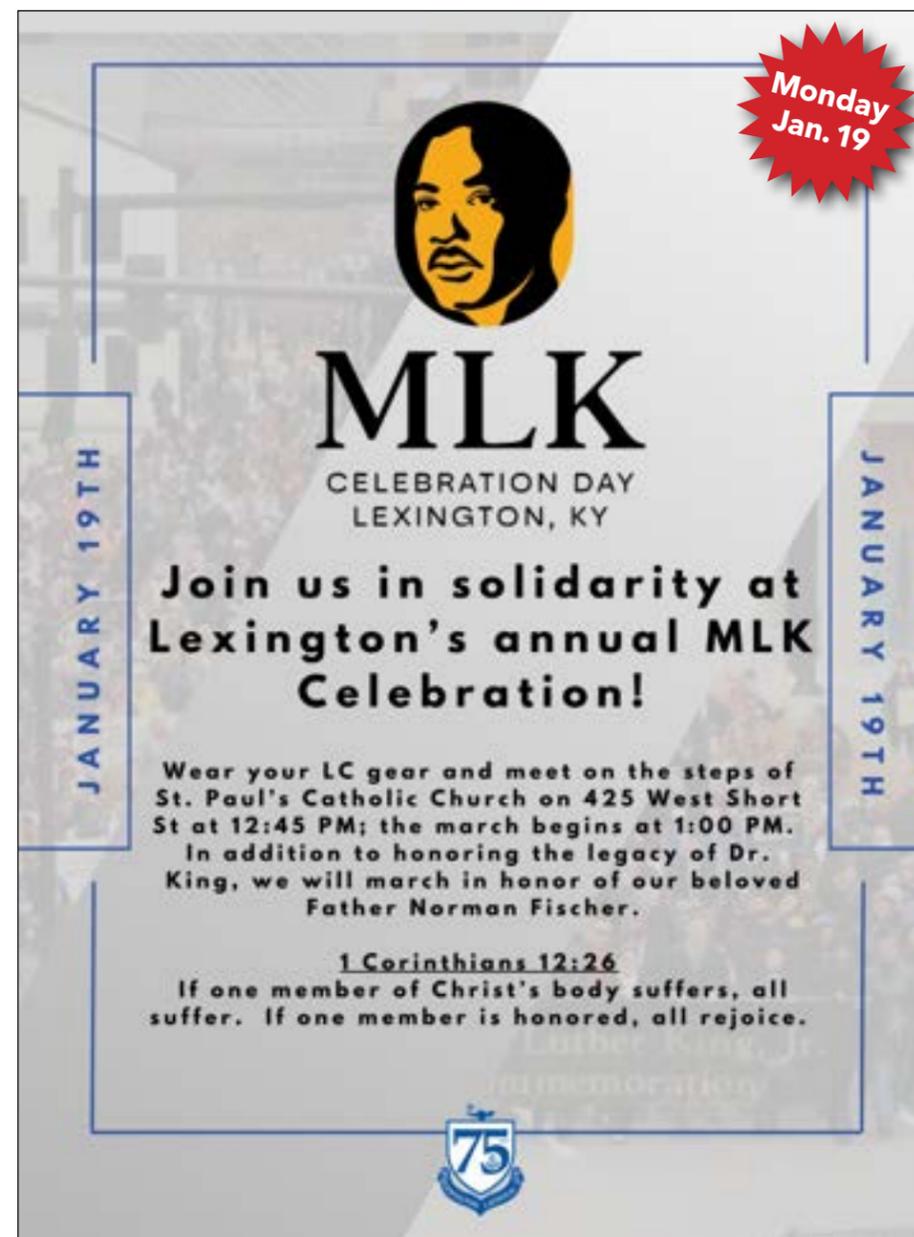
**American Red Cross**

**GIVE SOMETHING**  
*That Means*  
**SOMETHING**

**ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Monday, January 19**  
**Noon–5 p.m.**

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT,  
GO TO THIS LINK  
<https://tinyurl.com/4kjuhtm9>  
or scan the QR code using  
your smart phone.

**Monday Jan. 19**

**MLK**  
CELEBRATION DAY  
LEXINGTON, KY

**Join us in solidarity at Lexington’s annual MLK Celebration!**

**Wear your LC gear and meet on the steps of St. Paul’s Catholic Church on 425 West Short St at 12:45 PM; the march begins at 1:00 PM. In addition to honoring the legacy of Dr. King, we will march in honor of our beloved Father Norman Fischer.**

**1 Corinthians 12:26**  
If one member of Christ’s body suffers, all suffer. If one member is honored, all rejoice.

**JANUARY 19TH** (vertical text on left and right)



**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.



If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at (859) 254–0030.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Dcn. James!*

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

**Sunday, January 25, 2026  
Noon**

EVENT: Dcn. James' Birthday 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.



Interfaith, nonpartisan

## UNITED IN HOPE: DENOUNCING POLITICAL VIOLENCE

Keynote speaker  
**Gov. Andy Beshear**

**5:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JAN. 29**  
**Historic St. Paul Catholic Church,**  
**425 W. Short St.**

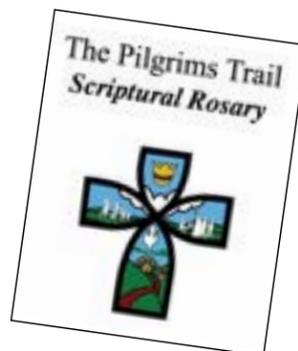
Sponsored by Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass and Lexington UNITED Interfaith Encounters and Dialogues.

## 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.



## 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

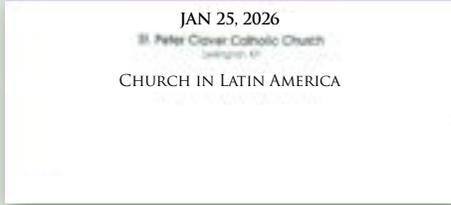
### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Contact information:** SPCECKY@gmail.com

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

# SECOND COLLECTION

*Church in Latin America*  
Next Sunday — January 25



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.

 **STS. PETER & PAUL**  
REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
*Catholic | Academic | Arts | Downtown*

## WE'RE HIRING!

### Substitute Teachers

If you are looking for a rewarding and flexible job that allows you to make a positive impact on the lives of students and teachers, then consider applying to become a substitute teacher at Sts. Peter & Paul Regional Catholic School



**Contact Our Principal**  
Jonathan Kincheloe  
jkincheloe@sppslex.org  
859-254-9257  
www.sppslex.org

# OUR CHURCH IN *Action*

**Our Golden Ministry adopted five seniors from our church. Mary Margaret Brown and Sallena Washington delivered Christmas gifts to them. Our adopted seniors will receive special remembrance throughout the year.**



Photos by Patricia LaPrelle