

ST. PETER CLAVER

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted...’”

MATTHEW 5:1-4



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
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**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

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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

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>

**YOUTH CYO EVENTS**

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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 or Beth Ross • rossbt2@gmail.com
Maria Fischer-Boothe • 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

BULLETIN DEADLINE SCHEDULE:

To be included in the **February 15, 2026** bulletin, please submit information **before or by noon on Friday, February 6, 2026.**

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

NULLITY FIELD ADVOCATES

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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**

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

Sister Thea Bowman: Educator, Missionary Disciple

Sister Thea Bowman is the first African-American woman to receive a Doctorate in Theology from Boston College. Sr. Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A., Ph.D., was born Bertha Bowman in Yazoo City, Mississippi, in 1937. Her grandfather had been born a slave but her father was a physician and her mother a teacher. She was raised as a Methodist but, with her parents' permission, converted to the Roman Catholic faith at the age of nine and later joined the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration at La Crosse, Wisconsin. There she attended Viterbo University, run by her congregation.

In 1965, Sr. Bowman received a B.A. in English, Speech and Drama from Viterbo College in La Crosse, Wisconsin. In 1969, she received an M.A. in English and in 1972, a Ph.D. in English Language, Literature, and Linguistics; Bowman later attend-

ed The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., for advanced studies, where she wrote her doctoral thesis on the American writer William Faulkner.

Educator:

Bowman taught at an elementary school in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and then at a high school in Canton, Mississippi. She later taught at her alma maters, Viterbo College in La Crosse and the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., as well as at Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

"When we understand our history and culture, then we can develop the ritual, the music and the devotional expression that satisfy us in the Church." Bowman became instrumental in the publication in 1987 of a new Catholic hymnal, *Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal*. The hymnal includes an essay by her titled *The Gift of African American Sacred Song*.

In it she says "Black sacred song is soulful song" and then describes it these five ways:

- Holistic:** challenging the full engagement of mind, imagination, memory, feeling, emotion, voice, and body;
- Participatory:** inviting the worshiping community to join in contemplation, in celebration and in prayer;
- Real:** celebrating the immediate concrete reality of the worshiping community — grief or separation, struggle or oppression, determination or joy — bringing that reality to prayer within the community of believers;
- Spirit-filled:** energetic, engrossing, intense;
- Life-giving:** refreshing, encouraging, consoling, invigorating, sustaining.

Evangelist:

After she had spent 16 years in education, the Bishop of Jackson, Mississippi, invited Bowman to become a consultant for intercultural awareness for his diocese. She then became more directly involved with ministry to her fellow African-Americans. She began to give inspirational talks to Black congregations and found a tremendous response by the people to whom she spoke. Immediately before her death, Bowman spoke to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops from her wheelchair, and the bishops "powerfully and visibly moved, applauded her. When she finished they stood linking arms and singing as Thea led them in the spiritual, *We Shall Overcome*."



Sister Thea Bowman



Sister Charlene Smith and Sister Thea Bowman pictured in their early FSPA years. (PHOTO COURTESY FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION/FSPA.ORG/THEABOWMAN)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: February 1–7, 2026 • Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

- Sunday, February 1, after the 10 a.m. Mass:** *Leadership Forum* at SPC (see announcement on page 5 for more information).
- Tuesday, February 3, 5:30 p.m.:** *Stewardship Meeting* at SPC (see announcement on page 4 for more information).
- Sunday, February 15, noon.:** *Birthday Potluck for Dcn. James & Dcn. Eddie* at SPC (see announcement on page 5 for more information).
- Tuesday, February 17, 6:15–7:30 p.m.:** *The Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus Adoration* at Cathedral of Christ the King (see announcement on page 7 for more information).

NEXT WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE: February 7–8, 2026 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 7 (4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass)

Presiders: *Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. Eddie Grider*
 Eucharistic Ministers: *Alyce Graves, Sharon Smith*
 Ushers: *Cheryl Bogarty, Alyce Graves*
 Server: *Eli Blair*
 Lector: *Paul Anaya*
 Response: *NA*

Sunday, February 8 (10 a.m. Gospel Mass)

Presiders: *Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. Eddie Grider, Pam Johnson*
 Eucharistic Ministers: *Vache Beckham, Beth Ross*
 Ushers: *Ingrad Bisseh, Amy Smith, Charlene Young, Stephanie Hogan, David Young*
 Servers: *Natalia Brooks, Kamella Brooks, Thérèse Boothe*
 Lectors: *Elnoel Akwa, Ned Benson*
 Response: *NA*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 1/31: Parish • Sunday, 2/1: Parish

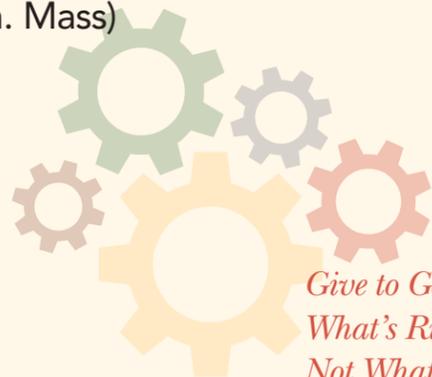
STEWARDSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, February 3
5:30 p.m. (after the 5 p.m. Mass)

Fr. Damian will be having a mandatory meeting for all Parishioners who signed up for committees during **Stewardship Sunday**.

This will be a generalized meeting and will not involve discussing specifics of the committees.

Please plan to attend.



*Give to God
What’s Right
Not What’s Left*



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)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Dcn. James
&
Dcn. Eddie*

Please join us to celebrate the birthdays of Dcn. James and Dcn. Eddie.

**Sunday, February 15, 2026
Noon**

EVENT: Birthday Potluck for Dcn. James & Dcn. Eddie
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.



ALZInColor

ALZ INCOLOR.

The help Black and Latino families need to start conversations around brain health is here.

Visit www.alzincolor.com to learn more.



Please check out **AlZInColor**, a new campaign that launched this week to help Black and Latino families start conversations about brain health and memory changes earlier. It's time to add color to conversations about brain health and Alzheimer's so that Black and Latino families finally receive the full spectrum of education and support everybody needs.

- January 26–31:** Latino Brain Health Awareness Week
- February 2:** AlZInColor Day, building solidarity around the shared experiences of Black and Latino families facing Alzheimer's
- February 3–8:** Black Brain Health Awareness Week

VISIT www.alzincolor.com

to stay informed about brain health lifestyle tips, resources, storytelling and community events.

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL



REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 12

Join the Diocese of Lexington and the Catholic Conference of Kentucky in Frankfort to advocate for our communities.

This year's advocacy will center around medicaid, criminal justice reform, education, and urgent budget issues. Come put your faith into action and let your voice be heard!

Thursday, February 19
10:30am-2pm
Capitol Annex Building
Frankfort, KY

Registration is Required.

Email Joshua van Cleef, Director of the Office of Peace and Justice, at jvancleef@cdlex.org by Feb 12 to register and receive the full schedule for the day.



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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN PRAYER AND ADORATION OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION.

What a wonderful way to start the 40 days of Lent!



CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING

February 17, 2026 • 6:15–7:30 p.m.

The Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Christ the King. Join us in Prayer and Adoration of the Holy Face of Jesus, either in-person or by live stream at <http://cathedralctk.org/howtostream>.

For more information about the Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus, watch this beautiful video at this link:
<https://youtu.be/g2T-obVMDNY>



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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

TODAY SUNDAY FEB. 1

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Contact information: SPCECKY@gmail.com
Jason Akwa, Elnoel Akwa, Morgan Lincoln, Mayce Brothers, Keylan Joyce, Tate Sams, Martha Crumbie



St. Peter Claver Catholic Church
PROUDLY PRESENTS

REVIVAL 2026

FEBRUARY 22–24

(Three evenings of spirituality, fellowship and healing)

From Brokenness to Belovedness

GUEST REVIVALIST: **Father Roy Lee, Ph.D.**

From the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Georgia

Father Lee will address such topics as Black Catholic spirituality, social justice, evangelization, with an emphasis on our call to continue the mission of Jesus Christ.

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St. Peter Claver choir and Charles Little.



Everyone is welcome to attend!

Save the Date!