

ST. PETER CLAVER

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.”

MATTHEW 5:14

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
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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

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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



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 22, 2026** bulletin, please submit information **before or by noon on Friday, February 13, 2026.**

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

NULLITY FIELD ADVOCATES

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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.



CELEBRATING LOCAL ARTISTS | Celebrating **Black History Month** in February

St. Peter Claver Musician, Charles F. Little, Jr.

Charles F. Little, Jr., born in Memphis, TN, graduated from Kentucky State University with a B.S. in Music Education, then earned his M.S. in Secondary Education at the University of Kentucky. He was a band director in the Fayette County Public Schools for 30 years and taught music to more than 4,500 students from 1971 to 2001.

He was also the band director/keyboard instructor at the Academy of Lexington, teaching 120 students classroom piano from 2001 to 2005. The Lexington Traditional Magnet School Band Room was named in his honor in 2001. To date, he has also provided private piano lessons to 175 students and organ lessons to five students of all ages in Fayette County and eight surrounding counties.

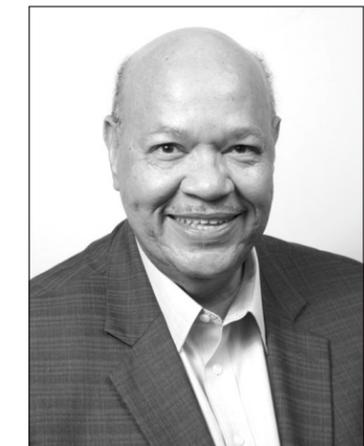
Little has been the musical director, pianist, and coordinator of hundreds of programs, productions, and performances dating back to the 1960s. Most recently he was the musical director of the off-Broadway production of *Crowns*, Actors Guild of Lexington, KY, 2005-2006. He has performed on programs with Rev. Jeremiah Wright, Rev. James Cleveland, Larnelle Harris, the Rev. Billy Graham (Subsidiary) Crusade, Dr. Bobby Jones and New Life, and Miss Albertina Walker.

Charles Little has also received a number of awards,

including the Teachers Who Made a Difference Award from the College of Education at the University of Kentucky in 2003. He is the author of *Praise Him with the Gospel: Black gospel piano music arrangements*, book 1 & 2, with accompanying sound cassettes. He was the developer and editor of *Orchestrating the Perfect Meal*, a cookbook published in 2000.

Charles Little has recorded with the United Voices of Lexington on "Genesis" and the Wesley United Voices on "We've Come to Praise Him"; provided piano accompaniment on the Lexington musical "Madame Belle Brezing"; and performed on many other recordings.

For more information see M. Davis, "Teacher's not changing his tune," *Lexington Herald Leader*, 3/23/2003, City/Region section, B, p. 1; S. Dobbins, "Charles F. Little, Jr.: music master of all," *Tri-State Defender*, 3/10/1999, p. 2B; and the Resume of Charles F. Little, Jr.



Charles F. Little, Jr.

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: February 8–14, 2026 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

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| 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

- February 12, 5 p.m.: *Stewardship Meeting* at SPC (see announcement on page 5 for more information).
- February 15, noon.: *Birthday Potluck for Dcn. James & Dcn. Eddie* at SPC (see announcement on page 7 for more information).
- February 17, 6:15–7:30 p.m.: *The Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus Adoration* at Cathedral (see ad on page 5 for more information).
- February 19, 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m.: *Catholics at the Capitol* event at Capitol Annex Building (see ad on page 6 for more information).
- February 22–24: *From Brokenness to Belovedness Revival* at SPC (see announcement on page 8 for more information).

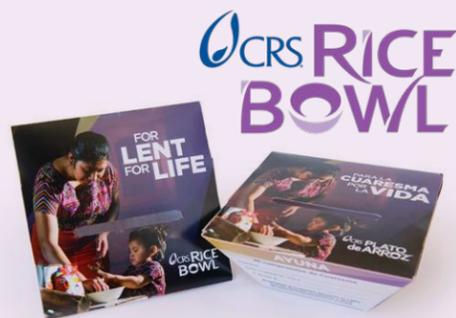
NEXT WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE: February 14–15, 2026 • Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Saturday, February 14 (4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass) | Sunday, February 15 (10 a.m. Gospel Mass) |
| Presiders: <i>Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. Eddie Grider</i> | Presiders: <i>Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. Eddie Grider</i> |
| Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Christy Rickert, Maryam Vasiloff</i> | Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Vache Beckham, Beth Ross</i> |
| Ushers: <i>Maryann Vasiloff, Alyce Graves</i> | Ushers: <i>Ingrad Bisseh, Amy Smith, James Keene, James Gerton, Stephanie Hogan</i> |
| Server: <i>Eli Blair</i> | Servers: <i>Arabella Floyd, Xavier Caird, Thérèse Boothe</i> |
| Lector: <i>Christy Rickert</i> | Lectors: <i>Dave Baumgartner, John Phillips</i> |
| Response: <i>NA</i> | Response: <i>NA</i> |

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 2/7: Parish • Sunday, 2/8: Parish

SECOND COLLECTION



Rice Bowl Lenten Program

From Ash Wednesday (February 18) through Easter (April 5)

Change Lives this Lent

When you give to CRS Rice Bowl, you help families around the world overcome hunger and poverty. Thank you for spreading hope and changing lives this Lent.

End World Hunger with CRS Rice Bowl

By donating to CRS Rice Bowl, you help provide lifesaving support to people around the world. But did you know your generosity also helps your local diocese? **Twenty-five percent of every donation stays in your community** to fight hunger and poverty, while 75% supports vital Catholic Relief Services programs around the world. Thank you for your compassion and for making a profound difference globally and locally.

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States.

For more information, please visit: www.crsricebowl.org

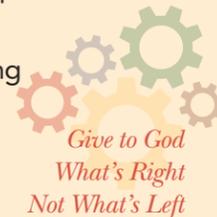
STEWARDSHIP MEETING

Thursday, February 12 • 5 p.m.

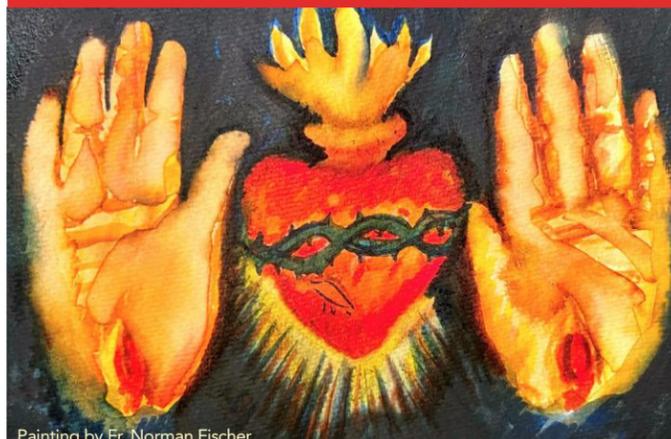
Fr. Damian will be having a mandatory meeting for all Parishioners who signed up for committees during *Stewardship Sunday*.

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

Please plan to attend.



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



Painting by Fr. Norman Fischer

Starting on March 6, 2026
 SPC will observe the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the first Friday of every month.
 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.
(Need someone to be present throughout the day)

NEW MASS

Starting on Thursday, February 26, 2026,
 SPC will have a new weekday mass on Thursday at noon.



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>



Breaking Open the Word Lent 2026

Virtual, Global, Scriptural Conversations in the Spirit



Join Catholics from around the world for one hour each week to reflect and share insights on the weekly Gospel

Steps to Participate

1. Register for the day/time that works for you
2. Receive a Zoom login via email
3. Log in each week of Lent for prayer and conversation

Weekly meetings in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese

Register here: bit.ly/botw2026



Small Group Facilitators also needed. Info and Registration at link above.

Sessions are free, donations are welcome.

Mardi Gras Praise Service & Desserts

February 15, 6:45pm

Featuring:

Mary Queen Praise Band, Renovacion Carasmatica, UK Worship Team, & St. Peter Claver Choir

Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church
601 Hill N Dale Rd Lexington, KY



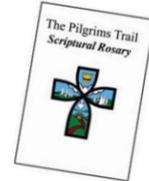
Are you committed to daily prayer?

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



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.

OUR CHURCH IN Action

On Sunday, February 1, 2026, the KOPC Central States Junior Knights (Branch #233) held its first ever Leadership Forum at Saint Peter Claver Catholic Church, with 8 ministry leaders from our congregation. Individually, each Junior Knight took the opportunity to ask pertinent and candid questions from each of the panelists' about their specific ministry, and in turn received clear, concise and informative answers during the session.

Ms. Theresa Hawkins served as the Master of Ceremonies of the Leadership Forum.

The panelists/ministry leaders who participated were:

- James Weathers (Deacon)
- Michael Elery (Choir Director)
- David Young (KOPC Grand Knight)
- Rev. Damian Anumba (Pastor)
- Beth Ross (Environment Coordinator)
- Maria Fischer-Booth (CRHP Coordinator)
- Patricia Laprelle (Golden Ministry)
- Valerie Jenkins (KOPC Ladies Auxiliary Grand Lady)



KOPC Central States Junior Knights (Branch #233) (L-R) Theresa Hawkins, Isaiah Gerton, Lux Leverette, Joseph Konate, Jacob Konate, Austin Riggle, Cruz Leverette, Michael Elery

Photos by David Baumgartner

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/ywvnhv6y> or scan the QR code using your smart phone.





St. Peter Claver Catholic Church
PROUDLY PRESENTS

Save the Date!

REVIVAL 2026

FEBRUARY 22–24

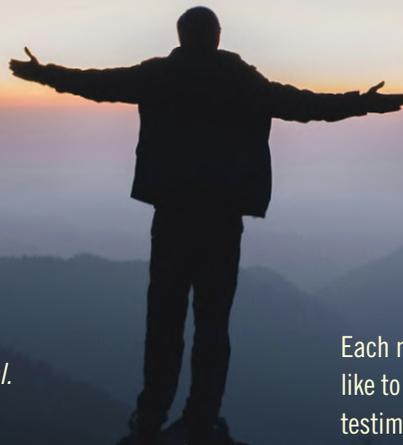
(Three evenings of spirituality, fellowship and healing)

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.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Meal at 5 p.m. • Revival 6–7:30 p.m.
Sharon & the Golden Ministry assist with meal.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Reception at 5 p.m. • Revival 6–7:30 p.m.
The Knights & Ladies group assist with reception.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Reception at 5 p.m. (CRHP) • Revival 6–7:30 p.m.

Each night during the revival, Fr. Roy Lee would like to have two people give a two to three-minute testimony about your faith journey. If this is of interest to you, please let Fr. Damian or Deacon James know.

Everyone is welcome to attend!