

ST. PETER CLAVER

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

“At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.”

He said in reply, ‘It is written:

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.’”

MATTHEW 4:1-4



Juan de Flandes

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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Office Hours

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

After-hours Emergency

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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.
NEW MASS Thursday: Noon • 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 **March 8, 2026** bulletin, please submit information **before or by noon on Friday, February 27, 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, Elnol 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 | Celebrating **Black History Month** in February

Alain LeRoy Locke, the first African American Rhodes Scholar.

Alain LeRoy Locke (September 13, 1885–June 9, 1954) was an American writer, philosopher, and educator. He was born Arthur Leroy Locke in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on September 13, 1885, to parents Pliny Ishmael Locke (1850–1892) and Mary (née Hawkins) Locke (1853–1922), both of whom were descended from prominent families of free blacks. Called “Roy” as a boy, he was their only child. His father was one of the first black employees of the U.S. Postal Service, and his paternal grandfather taught at Philadelphia’s Institute for Colored Youth. His mother Mary was a teacher and inspired Locke’s passion for education and literature. Mary’s grandfather, Charles Shorter, fought as a soldier and was a hero in the War of 1812.

At the age of 16, Locke chose to use the first name of “Alain”. In 1902, Locke graduated from Central High School in Philadelphia, second in his 107th class in the academic institution. He also attended Philadelphia School of Pedagogy.

In 1907, Locke graduated from Harvard University with degrees in English and philosophy; he was honored as a member of Phi Beta Kappa society and recipient of the Bowdoin Prize. That year he was the first African American to be selected as a Rhodes Scholar to the University of Oxford (and the last to be selected

until 1963, when John Edgar Wideman and John Stanley Sanders, a future notable writer and politician, respectively, were selected). In the early 20th century, Rhodes selectors did not meet candidates in person, but there is evidence that at least some selectors knew that Locke was African-American. On arriving at Oxford, Locke was denied admission to several colleges. Several American Rhodes Scholars from the South refused to live in the same college or attend events with Locke. He was finally admitted to Hertford College, where he studied literature, philosophy, Greek, and Latin, from 1907 to 1910. Alongside his friend and fellow student Pixley ka Isaka Seme, he was part of the Oxford Cosmopolitan Club, contributing to its first publication.

In 1910, he attended the University of Berlin, where he studied philosophy.

Locke wrote from Oxford in 1910 that the “primary aim and obligation” of a Rhodes Scholar “is to acquire at Oxford and abroad generally a liberal education, and to continue subsequently the Rhodes mission of international understanding throughout life and in his own country. If once more it should prove impossible for nations to understand one another as nations, then, as Goethe said, they must learn the Alpha Sigma Port to tolerate each other as individuals”.



Alain LeRoy Locke
(PHOTO COURTESY OF MOORLAND-SPINGARN RESEARCH CENTER, HOWARD UNIVERSITY)



The New Negro: An Interpretation, an anthology of poems, essays, drawings, musical pieces, stories, and music by Black artists.

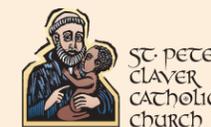
History of Black History Month

The idea of the recognition of black people and their accomplishments actually began in 1915, 50 years after the 13th Amendment that abolished slavery in the United States. Harvard Trained Carter G. Woodson and Minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, dedicated to research and promotion of black Americans. In 1926, the group sponsored a national Negro History Week celebrating during the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. It was during the Ford Administration that National Black History Month came to be. Since then, every US president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month.

It is only appropriate that during Black History Month we acknowledge the Black Saints to be in the Catholic Church: *Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, Servant of God Mother Mary Lange, Sister Thea Bowman, Venerable Mother Henriette DeLille, Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Servant of God Julia Greeley.*

NEW MASS

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



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: February 22–28, 2026 • First Sunday of Lent

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

February 22–24: *From Brokenness to Belovedness Revival* at SPC (see announcement on page 8 for more information).
Thursday, February 26: *Weekday Mass* at noon (see announcement on page 3 for more information).
Sunday, March 1, 2026, after the 10 a.m. Mass: *Blood Pressure check* at St. Peter Claver (see announcement on page 7 for more information).
Saturday, March 7, 2026, 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.: *LIFT 2026* at STEAM Academy (1555 Georgetown Road, Lex., KY 40511) (see announcement on page 6 for more information).

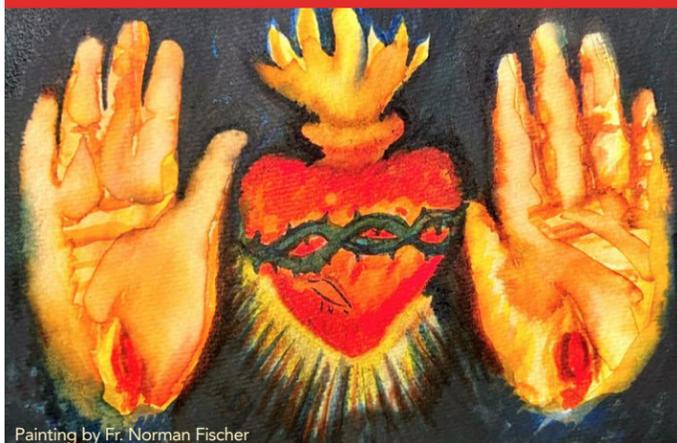
NEXT WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE: February 28–March 1, 2026 • Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 28 (No Mass)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday, March 1 (10 a.m. Gospel Mass) • Presiders: <i>Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers, Pam Johnson</i> • Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Elnoe Akwa, Ned Benson</i> • Ushers: <i>D. Jakarta Ellis, Elmer Ellis, Charlene Young, Chuck Bond, David Young</i> • Servers: <i>VJ Michael, Merritt Michael, Xavier Caird</i> • Lectors: <i>Felecia LaPrelle-Leach, Mary Duff</i> • Response: <i>NA</i>
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 2/21: Parish • **Sunday, 2/22:** Parish

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



Starting on March 6, 2026
 St. Peter Claver will observe the
First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 on the first Friday of every month.
10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Please sign up for your hour. The sign-up sheet is on the table by the front door of the church. You can also sign up online. Go to this link or scan the QR code using your smart phone: Spclx.org/adoration



Painting by Fr. Norman Fischer



FASTING & ABSTINENCE

- **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, **Fridays** during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.
- For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.
- When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.
- The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

The 40 days and 40 nights prior to Easter are known as Lent. In the year 2026, Lent will begin on **Ash Wednesday, February 18**.

The temptation of Jesus Christ is detailed in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. (Matthew 4:1–11). According to these texts, after being baptized by Saint John the Baptist, Jesus fasted for forty days and nights in the Judean Desert. During this time, Satan appeared to Jesus and tried to tempt him by every temptation imaginable. After Jesus having refused each temptation, the Devil then departed and Jesus returned to Galilee to begin his ministry. *The Holy Season of Lent commemorates Jesus’ temptation in the desert.*

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Catholics attend Mass and receive ashes on their foreheads to remind us that “from dust we came; to dust we shall return”.

Lent is the season of penance, prayer, almsgiving and self-denial. Just like the Holy Season of Advent, Catholics are obliged to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist during the Holy Season of Lent.

Catholics are encouraged to **fast** throughout the entire duration of **Lent**, except on Sundays. On Fridays **during Lent**, **Catholics** must **abstain** from meat. **Catholics** must **fast** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is the reduction of intake of food.

The fourth Sunday of Lent is called “Laetare” or “joyful” in Latin. Just like during the Holy Season of Advent, the Priest and Deacon wear Rose vestments. The sixth Sunday of Lent is Palm Sunday which will be March 29 and begins Holy Week which includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil (Easter Triduum). OCIA catechumens and candidates are initiated the evening of Easter Vigil which begins at sundown.

Mpango Wa Misa Na Ibada Ya Kipindi Cha Kwarezma Mwaka ‘A’

- Misa ya muungano wa parokia itasomwa na padri Damian
 - Saa inne asubui (10 a.m.)
 - Saa kumi na moja jiono (5 p.m.)
 - Njia ya msalaba itakuwa kila siku ya tano mtandaoni kwa kila shirika.
 - Siku ya tano takatifu (Good Friday)
 - mafungo ya roho kwa watu wote itaanza 9 a.m.
 - Njia ya msalaba itaanza 2 p.m.
 - Kuabudu msalaba itaanza 3 p.m.
 - Makesha ya Paska itaanza 6 p.m. na itakuwa misa ya muungano wa parokia.
 - Misa ya Paska mchana itaanza 1 p.m.
- Saturday, February 21 **Altar Server Training** (for first time (New) and existing servers).
- Sunday, February 22 **Rite of Sending (OCIA)**
- February 22–24 **NEW — 2026 Revival: From Brokenness to Belovedness;**
 Sunday, February 22: Meal at 5 p.m.; Revival 6–7:30 p.m.
 Monday, February 23: Reception at 5 p.m.; Revival 6–7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, February 24: Reception at 5 p.m.; Revival 6–7:30 p.m.
(See announcement on page 8 for more information.)
- Thursday, February 26 **NEW — weekday mass on Thursday; Noon**
- Friday, February 27 **Stations of The Cross (Mary’s Way of the Cross); 5 p.m.**
- Friday, March 6 **NEW — First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus;**
 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (There will be a sign-up sheet, so someone will be present throughout the day.)
- Friday, March 6 **Stations of The Cross (Mary’s Way of the Cross); 5 p.m.**
- Saturday, March 7 **OCIA & Confirmation Retreat;** Registration 9–9:25 w/ breakfast
 9:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross; 10 a.m. Retreat begins
- Sunday, March 8 **First Scrutiny OCIA**
- Friday, March 13 **Stations of The Cross (Mary’s Way of the Cross); 5 p.m.**
- Sunday, March 15 **Second Scrutiny OCIA**
- Friday, March 20 **Stations of The Cross (Mary’s Way of the Cross); 5 p.m.**
- Sunday, March 22 **Third Scrutiny OCIA**
- Wednesday, March 25 **Parish Reconciliation**
- Friday, March 27 **Fish Fry; 11 a.m.–1 p.m. & 4–7 p.m.**
- Friday, March 27 **Stations of The Cross (Mary’s Way of the Cross); 5 p.m.**
- Sunday, March 29 **Palm Sunday; 10 a.m. Gospel Mass; 1 p.m. (Congolese Mass)**
- Tuesday, March 31 **Chrism Mass; 10 a.m.**
- Wednesday, April 1 **First Eucharist Retreat / Reconciliation**
- Thursday, April 2 **Holy Thursday; 5 p.m. Mass (with washing of feet)**
- Friday, April 3 **Good Friday; 5 p.m. Mass**
- Friday, April 3 **NO First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this month**
- Friday, April 3 **Congolese Retreat; 9 a.m.;** Stations of the Cross 2 p.m.; Mass 3–4 p.m.
- Saturday, April 4 **Rite of Preparation (OCIA); 10 a.m.**
Easter Vigil (OCIA); at dusk (Easter fire)
- Sunday, April 5 **Easter Sunday; 10 a.m. Gospel Mass; 1 p.m. (Congolese Mass)**
- Wednesday, April 15 **Confirmation Reconciliation & Practice; 5:30 p.m.**
- Sunday, April 19 **Confirmation**
- Wed., April 22; April 26 **First Eucharist Practice**
- Sunday, April 26 **First Eucharist**

SECOND COLLECTION

CRS RICE BOWL



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

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LIFT 2026
ARE YOU READY?

A conference for middle and high school students & their parents.

Saturday, March 7, 2026
8:30 AM until 1:00 PM

ATTENTION

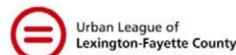
MIDDLE and HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, and CAREGIVERS!
This college and career readiness conference is for you!!

- Meet college representatives
- Explore careers and speak with professionals
- Win door prizes like an Apple Computer
- Learn life skills
- Improve money management skills
- Develop your leadership

LIFT2026.eventbrite.com



Location: 1555 Georgetown Road • Lexington, KY 40511
The Success & STEAM Academy Campus



SCAN ME
TO REGISTER



It's not too late
to start Magnify 90!

While it started on January 5th (90 days before Easter) it's a great time to jump in as we enter into Lent!

WHAT IS IT: Magnify 90 is a journey for women into the desert of spirituality and asceticism (go to www.magnify90.com for more details)

Go to www.magnify90.com to purchase the book and/or workbook. Based on the number of women interested we will meet weekly as a group to "check in", share, and dialogue.

PARISH CONTACT: Amanda Sokan:
(859) 317-1536

OUR CHURCH Celebrates

St. Peter Claver celebrated Deacons James and Eddie's birthdays with a potluck lunch last Sunday.



Photos by Fr. Damian Anumba & Elnoel Akwa

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

HEALTH MINISTRY

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

Contact persons:
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Kris Miller • ck2304@aol.com • (859) 351-4253



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.



St. Peter Claver Catholic Church
PROUDLY PRESENTS



REVIVAL 2026

FEBRUARY 22–24

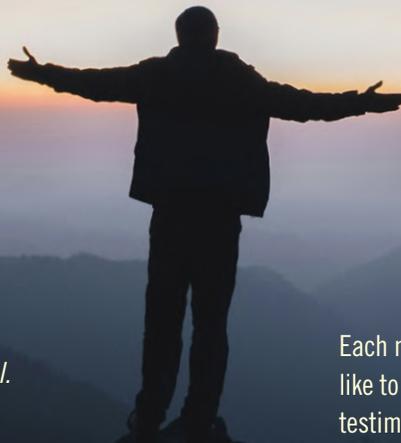
(Three evenings of spirituality, fellowship and healing)

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.



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!