

ST. PETER CLAVER

MARCH 15, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



James Tissot

“While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”
When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.”

JOHN 9:5-7



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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YOUNG ADULTS

NA

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 29, 2026** bulletin, please submit information **before or by noon on Friday, March 20, 2026.**

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

NULLITY FIELD ADVOCATES

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Chris Weathers, Elmer Ellis, David Young, John Gerton

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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.



HISTORY OF THE SAINTS

The Life, Legacy, and Feast Day of Ireland's Patron Saint

Saint Patrick was born in Roman Britain in the late fourth century. While his exact birthplace is uncertain, evidence shows he was born near Dumbarton, which is in modern-day Scotland.

Our knowledge of Saint Patrick comes mainly from two works he wrote that survive to this day: his *Confessio*, which is his spiritual autobiography, and his *Letter to Coroticus*, in which he denounces British mistreatment of Irish Christians.

When Patrick was sixteen he was captured by Irish raiders and enslaved in pagan Ireland, where he worked as a shepherd for several years. During this time his faith deepened, and he spent much of his captivity in prayer. After a vision from God, Patrick escaped and returned home to Britain. He eventually became a Catholic priest and beloved bishop of his adopted country.

Patrick entered formation as a deacon and priest, studied extensively, and, in time, was also ordained a bishop. Patrick returned to Ireland to preach the gospel, convert the Irish people, and further establish the Catholic Church in Ireland, which St. Palladius had begun. Saint Patrick's missionary work was revolutionary for Ireland. He traveled extensively, converting local chieftains and establishing Christian communities. His efforts firmly rooted the Catholic Church in Ireland, and thus he became widely acclaimed as the country's patron saint.

One of the most famous stories about Saint Patrick is his use of the shamrock to explain the doctrine of the Holy Trinity—one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This

simple yet profound explanation helped the Irish understand the Christian faith. Today, the shamrock is a well-known symbol associated with Saint Patrick and Ireland.

Saint Patrick's feast day has been observed for more than a thousand years. Originally, Saint Patrick's Feast Day was a religious occasion marked by prayer, Mass, and feasting. Over the centuries, it evolved into a broader celebration of Saint Patrick, Ireland, and Irish heritage and culture. Traditional Saint Patrick's Day food includes corned beef and cabbage, Irish soda bread, and shepherd's pie.

Today, Saint Patrick's Day in Ireland is both a religious and national holiday, with parades, festivals, and other public celebrations, particularly in Dublin. In the United States and other countries with large Irish populations, cities like New York, Chicago, and Detroit hold grand parades, and the Catholic faithful are encouraged to celebrate in a manner truly befitting St. Patrick and our Lord Jesus. Many people wear Saint Patty's green and adorn themselves with shamrocks in honor of the saint.



OUR CHURCH DURING

Lent

St. Peter Claver's parishioners attended the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 6.



Photos by Karen Baumgartner

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: March 15–21, 2026 • Fourth 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

- Thursday, March 19, noon:** *Weekday Mass* at St. Peter Claver.
- Friday, March 20, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.:** *Regional Gathering of Synodality* at Ss. Francis & John Catholic Parish — Cardome Chapel (806 Cincinnati Road, Georgetown, KY), (see ad on page 8 for more information).
- Tuesday, March 24–May 19, 7–8:30 p.m.:** A discussion series on *Sexual Integrity for Individuals and Families: A Series of Conversations for Adults about Love, Lust, and Pornography* at the Catholic Center (1310 West Main St., Lexington); Sponsored by Catholic in Recovery (CIR) and the Diocese of Lexington’s Family Life Office;
- Wednesdays, March 25–May 13, 2026, 7–9 p.m.:** *Journey of Hope* (an 8-week divorce recovery course) at the Catholic Center (1310 West Main St., Lexington), (see ad on page 7 for more information).
- March 27, 2026, 11 a.m.–6:30 p.m.:** *SPC Fish Fry* at St. Peter Claver (see ad on page 6 for more information).

NEXT WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE: March 21–22, 2026 • Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 21 (4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass)	Sunday, March 22 (10 a.m. Gospel Mass)
Presiders: <i>Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers</i>	Presiders: <i>Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers</i>
Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Christy Rickert, Maryann Vasiloff</i>	Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Felecia Leach, Pat LaPrelle</i>
Ushers: <i>Cheryl Bogarty, Alyce Graves</i>	Ushers: <i>Priscilla Johnson, Ethel Hughes, Kris Miller, Linda Lewis, Amy Smith</i>
Server: <i>Eli Blair</i>	Servers: <i>VJ Michael, Merritt Michael, Xavier Caird</i>
Lector: <i>Cheryl Bogarty</i>	Lectors: <i>Bill Kiefer, Hilary Jones</i>
Response: <i>NA</i>	Response: <i>NA</i>

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 3/14: Parish • **Sunday, 3/15:** Parish

STATIONS of THE CROSS

Mary’s Way of the Cross

Friday, March 20 • 5 p.m.

NEW MASS

St. Peter Claver added a new weekday Mass on Thursday at noon.



FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Keeping a Holy Lent

- **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.

2026 LENTEN SCHEDULE

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

The 40 days and 40 nights prior to Easter are known as Lent.

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 received 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.

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



Friday, March 27
11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

MENU:

Fish, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Hushpuppies

TICKET PRICES:

Dinner tickets \$15
Sandwich tickets \$8

Desserts will also be available for purchase.



The church will be selling tickets on Saturdays (3/14, 3/21) and Sundays (3/15 and 3/22)

(The church suggests each family buy a minimum of 2 dinner tickets.)

NOTE:

Food will not be served without a ticket;

Carryout orders larger than 10, call 254-0030 1 hour before pickup.

Bring your family for fellowship and dinner on Friday, March 27!



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

Need extra money for books?

8th ANNUAL BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

Our 2026 Book Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school student from St. Peter Claver Catholic Church.

DEADLINE: MAY 17, 2026

For more information, please contact Grand Lady Valerie Jenkins at (954) 292-3110 or Grand Knight David Young at (859) 361-5372



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DIVORCED. CATHOLIC. NOW WHAT?

Journey of Hope

for Divorced/Separated Catholics

Wednesdays • March 25–May 13, 2026 • 7–9 p.m.

THE CATHOLIC CENTER • 1310 W. Main St., Lexington, KY

Cost: \$50 (scholarships available)

Register online by March 23, at cdlex.org/JOH

For info, email lexjourneyofhope@cdlex.org or call/text Lee at (859) 229-1038 or Mike at (859) 619-8440.

No one should suffer through divorce alone.

Are you feeling lost, sad, or angry; or wondering how to move forward with your life because of divorce or separation? Join others in your Catholic community finding God's love, forgiveness, and healing.

Journey of Hope, an 8-week divorce recovery course led by Catholics who have walked through divorce themselves, offers hope, healing, and guidance on important and sometimes misunderstood issues that result from divorce.

The emphasis on prayer, scripture, and the teachings of the Catholic Church leads to healing and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.



A peer ministry of the Family Life Office of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington

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; **April 5, 2026** (Beth), after the 10 a.m. Mass.

Contact persons:

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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
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"Synodality denotes those structures and ecclesial processes in which the synodal nature of the Church is expressed at an institutional level, but analogously on various levels: local, regional and universal. These structural processes are officially at the service of the Church, which must discover to move forward by listening to the Holy Spirit" (ITC 70.b). (Final Document, 30a)

**Friday, March 20, 2026
10 am – 3 pm
(registration at 9:30 am)**

at Cardome in Georgetown, Kentucky
(806 Cincinnati Road) Scan QR Code below
for further information and directions.

Join this opportunity to gather with regional leaders and peers to share strategies and best practices of synodality with discussion on the implementation of the Pathways document in the third phase.

Participants will include diocesan staff leaders, parishioners, and young adults engaged in the synodal process from four Dioceses (Cincinnati, Covington, Indianapolis, Lexington) along with participants from the University of Dayton and Xavier University.

Question for Reflection: "After reading the Final Document of the Synod and Pathways, how is the Holy Spirit calling us to implement synodality in our respective contexts at this moment of the synodal journey?"

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REGIONAL GATHERING of SYNODALITY

**March 20, 2026
in Georgetown, Ky**



Bishop John Stowe

OFM Conv., Bishop of Lexington

Keynote Speaker



Julia McStravog

Senior Advisor, Synod Staff, USCCB

Synodal Facilitator