

ST. PETER CLAVER

AUGUST 23, 2026

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
MATTHEW 16:18–19



Guido Reni

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
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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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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>



YOUTH CYO EVENTS
Elnoel Akwa
CHOIR MUSICIANS
Michael Elery (Choir Leader: (859) 619-8502)
Charles Little, Xana Plum.
FINANCE COUNCIL
Bobby Gantley, James Keene, Amy O'Daniel, Hilary Jones, Maureen Peters, Tim Gaillard.
FUNDRAISING/FINANCE MEMBERS
James Keene, Amy Smith, Hilary Jones, Timothy Gaillard, Maureen Peters.
KNIGHTS & LADIES OF 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 **September 6, 2026** bulletin, please submit information **before or by noon on Friday, August 28, 2026.**
(We reserve the right to edit your ad size.)

NULLITY FIELD ADVOCATES
Fr. Damian Anumba • Danumba@cdlex.org
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nitaclarke06@gmail.com
PROPERTY
Chris Weathers, Elmer Ellis, David Young, John Gerton
FACILITY MANAGER
Greg Gerton
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS (2026-2027)
Elmer Ellis, John Gerton, Charlene Young, Felecia LaPrelle-Leach, D'Jakarta Ellis, Elnoel Akwa, Ima Ebong, Steve Cocanougher, James Gerton, David Young.

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 Maria Fischer-Boothe at (859) 227-2319, email mgfischerboothe2012@gmail.com

ONLINE GIVING (Offertory, Building Fund, St. Peter Claver Legacy Tree of Life, and Christmas Outreach Donation)
Go to our website spclex.org, click on the DONATE button to go to the Donation page.
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

Henry Ossian Flipper, the First Black American To Graduate From West Point

Henry Ossian Flipper (March 21, 1856–April 26, 1940) was an American soldier, engineer, former slave and in 1877, the first African American to graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point, earning a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. He was also an author who wrote about scientific topics and his life experiences. Flipper was born into slavery in Thomasville, Georgia, the eldest of five brothers including Joseph Simeon. His mother, Isabelle Flipper, and his father, Festus Flipper, a shoemaker and carriage-trimmer, were enslaved by Ephraim G. Ponder, a wealthy slave trader. Flipper attended Atlanta University during Reconstruction. There, as a freshman, he was appointed by Representative James C. Freeman to attend West Point, where four other black cadets were already attending. The small group had a difficult time at the academy, where they were rejected by white students. Nevertheless, Flipper persevered, and in 1877, became the first of the group to graduate, earning a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army cavalry. After his commissioning, he was assigned to one of the all-black regiments in the U.S. Army, the 10th Cavalry Regiment, one of the four all-black “buffalo soldier” regiments in the Army, and became the first black officer to command regular troops in the U.S. Army (all-black regiments had been commanded by white officers). Being assigned to ‘A’ Troop under the command of Captain Nicholas M. Nolan, Flipper served with competency and distinction during the Apache Wars and the Victorio Campaign, but because of jealousy by some of his white officers he was plagued by rumors alleging improprieties. Eventually, he would be court-martialed and dismissed from the U.S. Army.



Cadet Henry O. Flipper USMA Class of 1877
(BY U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.)

After losing his commission in the Army, Flipper worked throughout Mexico and Latin America as an assistant to the Secretary of the Interior. He retired to Atlanta in 1931 and died of natural causes in 1940. In 1976, his descendants applied to the U.S. military for a review of Flipper’s court-martial and dismissal. A review found the conviction and punishment were “unduly harsh and unjust” and ordered Flipper’s dismissal be changed to a good conduct discharge. Shortly afterwards, an application for pardon was filed with the Secretary of the Army, which was forwarded to the Department of Justice. Eventually, President Bill Clinton posthumously pardoned Lieutenant Henry O. Flipper on February 19, 1999, 118 years after his conviction.



President Clinton pardons Flipper, February 19, 1999 (BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, AMERICAN FORCES INFORMATION SERVICE, DEFENSE VISUAL INFORMATION CENTER)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: August 23–29, 2026 • Twenty-first 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

Wednesday, August 26 (Shifts: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.; 2–5 p.m.; 5–8 p.m.): Volunteers Needed for the *4th Annual Street Survey* (see the ad on page 8 for more information).

Friday, August 28, noon to 1 p.m.: *Hands Across Stand Together* (see the ad on page 8 for more information).

Wednesday, September 9 & Sunday, September 13, 2026: *Home coming Celebration of St. Peter Claver’s Feast Day* at SPC (see the announcement on page 5 for more information).

Saturday, December 5, 6–10 p.m.: *An Evening of Christmas Elegance* at Saint Peter Claver (Fr. Norman A. Fischer Jr. Fellowship Hall); (see the ad on page 6 for more information).

NEXT WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE: August 29–30, 2026 • Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 29: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass	Sunday, August 30: 10 a.m. Gospel Mass
Presiders: <i>Fr. Dan Noll, Dcn. James Weathers</i>	Presiders: <i>Fr. Dan Noll, Dcn. James Weathers, Pam Johnson</i>
Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Sharon Smith, Salenna Washington</i>	Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Beverly Brothers, Macy Brothers</i>
Ushers: <i>Cheryl Bogarty, Alyce Graves</i>	Ushers: <i>Dave Baumgartner, James Gerton, D’Jakarta Ellis, Elmer Ellis, Chuck Bond</i>
Server: <i>Eli Blair</i>	Servers: <i>Jack Gerwe, Merritt Michael, Xavier Caird</i>
Lector: <i>Cheryl Bogarty</i>	Lectors: <i>Ned Benson, Priscilla Johnson</i>
Response: <i>NA</i>	Gift Bearers: <i>NA</i>
	Response: <i>NA</i>

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 23: Coralyn Peters • **Tuesday, August 25:** Mary Fogle • **Wednesday, August 26:** Albert Fogle



Time to Register for CCD/CYO

St. Peter Claver’s CCD/CYO classes start September 2, 2026
Please register your children, ages 4–18. Each child will need to be registered individually.

CCD/CYO CLASS SCHEDULE

CCD/CYO is on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.
5 p.m. Mass
5:30–6 p.m. Dinner
6–7:15 p.m. CCD/CYO

REGISTRATION FORM

Go to this link or scan the QR code using your smart phone: <https://tinyurl.com/4p6rzsww>



NOTE: For the September 2 CCD/CYO class, we ask parents to join their child in the classroom so that the Catechists can do a brief overview of what they’ll be teaching, setting classroom expectations, and the importance of parental support.

If you have any questions please contact the DRE, Maria Fischer-Boothe at (859) 227–2319.

HOME COMING CELEBRATION OF ST. PETER CLAVER’S Feast Day

1875.



2026.



• WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

Feast of St. Peter Claver, Mass at 5 p.m.

• SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Mass at 10 a.m. and a meal afterwards, in our Fr. Norman A. Fischer Jr. Fellowship Hall

Join Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., Fr. Damian, Fr. Anthony Muthu, and St. Peter Claver’s Evangelization Committee, in a homecoming celebration of our Feast Day as we celebrate 151 years of teaching and worship.

On September 9, 2026, we will celebrate the **Feast of St. Peter Claver** with a Mass at 5 p.m.

We will continue with our celebration on Sunday, September 13, with Mass at 10 a.m. and a meal afterwards, in our Fr. Norman A. Fischer Jr. Fellowship Hall.

This will be an excellent time to invite parishioners or family members who have been away or may have moved.

The parish will provide meat, side dishes, drinks, and bread. Parishioners are asked to bring your favorite fruit or dessert, that will serve 20 people.

TO SIGN UP to bring fruit or dessert of your choice. Go to this link <https://spclex.org/potluck> or scan the QR code using your smart phone.



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO
THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



Painting by Fr. Norman Fischer

NOTICE

There will be **NO**
Devotion to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus
on Friday, September 4.

NOTICE

There will be **NO**
FIRST SATURDAY MASS
& ROSARY
on Saturday, September 5.



MINISTRY TRAINING SCHEDULES

Altar Servers Training
TO BE RESCHEDULED

New Pastoral Council / Finance Council Installation

August 23, 2026

There is going to be an installation rite on
August 23, during Mass,
for our present members listed in the bulletin
and new members: Steve Cocanougher,
James Gerton and David Young.

Our Finance Council Members are:
Bobby Gantley, James Keene, Amy O'Daniel,
Hilary Jones, Maureen Peters, and Tim Gaillard.




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; **September 6, 2026** (Jasmine), 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

❖ SAVE THE DATE ❖

Father Damian & Saint Peter Claver invite you to:

AN EVENING OF

Christmas Elegance



**Saturday, December 5, 2026
6–10 p.m.**

**SAINT PETER CLAVER • FR. NORMAN
A. FISCHER JR. FELLOWSHIP HALL**

*Join us for a night full of Holiday Cheers
for a special all-inclusive cocktail party
with hors d'oeuvres.*

Music by Renowned Jazz Artist Benny J.

More Details to Follow



SECOND COLLECTION

Thank you!

*Collection for Seminarian
Higher Education*



Thank you for your generous
contributions to the **Collection
for Seminarian Higher
Education** last week!

As a parish, we collected
\$755 to support the formation
of seminarians as they discern
their vocation to the priesthood.
Preparing for the Sacrament of
Holy Orders is a six to eight years
process of intellectual, spiritual,
pastoral and human formation
that prepares men to answer the
call they have received to serve
God's people in love and humility.
Your support ensures that our
seminarians receive adequate
tuition assistance.
Thank you!

INTERREGIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION CONFERENCE

September 11–12, 2026
ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH
1169 KERR AVENUE • MEMPHIS, TN 38106

For more information,
please contact Theresa Jones-Hawkins at
resajhawk@yahoo.com



*"The most basic of all human needs is the need to understand and be understood.
The best way to understand people is to listen to them." — RALPH G. NICHOLS*



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

4th Annual Street Survey

Wednesday, August 26

SHIFTS: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.; 2–5 p.m.; 5–8 p.m.

Help survey our unhoused brothers and sisters.
Those you survey will receive a gift card and sack lunch.
Show our brothers and sisters that our community sees them!

Interested?

SIGN UP AT: www.catholicactioncenter.net

All Volunteers will be required to attend one Zoom Training:
Saturday, August 22 (10–11 a.m.)
or Monday, August 24 (7–8 p.m.)



Cursillo is a movement within the Catholic Church that promotes authentic Christian ideals and spiritual growth in daily living. It provides an opportunity to deepen your Catholic faith and experience the love of God within a supportive and prayerful community.

Being Catholic is about more than going to church on Sunday. Your faith should influence every aspect of your life. Cursillo can help you understand where you are in your faith journey and how to live your faith more authentically.

The Cursillo Community of the Diocese of Lexington invites you to attend one of our 2026 Weekends, to be held at St. Peter Claver in Lexington, KY.

- Women's Weekend: August 27 – 30, 2026
- Men's Weekend: November 5 – 8, 2026

If you have any questions, please contact Grace Wiemann at wiefam@icloud.com or 859-351-5995.

More information and online registration are available at <https://cdlex-cursillo.org/>



SAVE THE DATE



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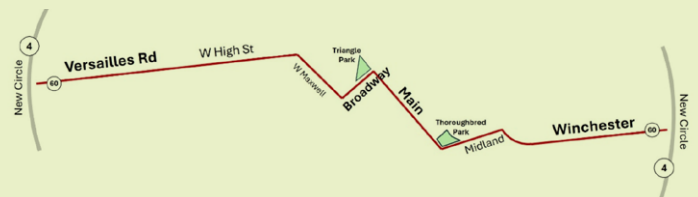
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Friday, August 28, 2026

NOON - 1 PM

How can you help? Stay tuned for more information or contact:
Jeff Rubin - jeffrubin515@gmail.com | Mark Nigro - mjnigro04@gmail.com
Stu Johnson - stbert.johnson@gmail.com

- **Purpose:** to provide a visible demonstration of unity and community, shown by folks standing beside each other, hand-in-hand, and showing positive sign messages, along a prescribed route across central Lexington, inspired by the core message of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream Speech".
- **When:** August 28, 2026, from noon to 1 p.m.
- **Where:** Stand (or sit) anywhere along a prescribed **public sidewalk route across central Lexington**. The route extends from New Circle 4 on Versailles Road (highway 60), through downtown including Main Street, and across to New Circle 4 on the east side, via Winchester Road (60).



- **How:** Simply come to any point along the route and stand with your sign, holding hands with others.
- **Who:** Anyone from central Kentucky is invited to join this human linked chain of community. Last year a number of WSU members participated.
- **For More Information:** Facebook / Instagram — Hands Across Stand Together Lexington – 2026