

# ST. PETER CLAVER

MAY 24, 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY



“Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the holy Spirit.”  
JOHN 20:21-22

Antonio Palomino

## 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**  
Fr. Damian Anumba • (609) 457-0034

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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](mailto:Danumba@cdlex.org)  
**Deacon**  
Deacon James Weathers • [jweathers@cdlex.org](mailto: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. (Congolesse 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**  
**Jerry Cheatham** (Chair)  
Committee Members: **Sarah Turley, David Young, Amy O. Daniel, Christina Weathers**  
**FUNDRAISING/FINANCE MEMBERS**  
**James Keene, Ned Benson**  
**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](mailto:jweathers@cdlex.org) or Beth Ross • [rossbt2@gmail.com](mailto:rossbt2@gmail.com)  
Maria Fischer-Boothe • [mgfischerboothe2012@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jweathers@cdlex.org)  
**BULLETIN DEADLINE SCHEDULE:**  
To be included in the **June 7, 2026** bulletin, please submit information **before or by noon on Friday, May 29, 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](mailto:jweathers@cdlex.org) or Nita Clarke at (859) 317-3719 or [nitaclarke06@gmail.com](mailto:nitaclarke06@gmail.com)

**ONLINE GIVING (Offertory, Building Fund, St. Peter Claver Legacy Tree of Life, and Christmas Outreach Donation)**  
Go to our website [spclex.org](http://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 | Celebrating Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month

The month of May was chosen for AANHPI Heritage Month because it commemorates the immigration of the first Japanese people to the United States on May 7, 1843. May is also a significant month because it recognizes Golden Spike Day, May 10, 1869, which marks the completion of the transcontinental railroad that was built with significant contributions from Chinese workers. Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders have contributed significantly to many facets of American culture and society, including science and medicine, literature and art, sports and recreation, government and politics, and activism and law. For more information on AANHPI Month, visit <https://tinyurl.com/mszd9pjy>

## Sister Maria Kim-Ngân Bui

The daughter of Vietnamese refugees, Sister Maria Kim-Ngân Bui, F.S.P. grew up in Tempe, Arizona with plans for a career, children, and plenty of family nearby. “I dreamed of my siblings and cousins purchasing homes in a cul-de-sac so all the children could play in the center.” She met a Daughter of St. Paul through her parish, and as her faith grew, so did her call to religious life. Many people, she says, “have continued to inspire and enflame my love for the Lord.”

Sister Maria Kim was a regional director for the Daughters of St. Paul and loves Jesus, people, good books, and music. Sometimes she gets into hilarious conversations and always is bringing the joy of the Catholic faith to anyone who encounters her, online or otherwise!

After more than twenty years in religious life, Maria Kim-Ngân Bui is now discerning a call to found the Daughters of the Immaculata — a semi-contemplative community of women religious.

The Daughters of the Immaculata are women called to a new semi-contemplative religious community. The Sisters are firstly dedicated to prayerful intercession — to be prayer warriors — and to reaching those who are far from the Marian heart of the Church, where Saint Paul

says there is no spot, stain, or wrinkle.

The courageous young women whom Our Lady will call to join in the Daughters of the Immaculata in this first hour will have a particularly profound sense of the voice of Jesus and will love his preferences. They will know the summons of Our Lady and the encouragement of the Marian saints. They possess a particular, filial devotion to our most Blessed Mother and a profound love for the Church. They will understand the power and need for Total Consecration, and will be given great confidence in Our Lady to give every grace needed to be Her missionaries today.



Sister Maria Kim-Ngân Bui

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

Painting by Fr. Norman Fischer

**Friday, June 5, 2026**

St. Peter Claver observes the **First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** on the first Friday of the month.  
**10 a.m. until 5 p.m.**

*Please sign up for your hour. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.*

*You can also sign up online. Go to this link or scan the QR code using your smart phone:*

[Spclex.org/adoration](http://Spclex.org/adoration)

**NEW MASS**

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

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:** May 24–30, 2026 • Pentecost Sunday

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

|                                 |                                   |   |                              |                                               |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| African Attire.....             | <b>First Sunday of each month</b> | • | Youth Group/Choir .....      | <b>Seasonal</b>                               |
| Bible Study.....                | <b>Thursday, 5:45–7 p.m.</b>      | • | Knights of Peter Claver..... | <b>First Sunday, after 10 a.m. Mass</b>       |
| Liturgy Committee .....         | <b>Quarterly</b>                  | • | Ladies of Peter Claver.....  | <b>First Sunday, after 10 a.m. Mass</b>       |
| Parish Council.....             | <b>Fourth Thursday, 4:30 p.m.</b> | • | RCIA/OCIA.....               | <b>Every Sunday, 8:30–9:40 a.m.</b>           |
| Adult Choir & Men’s Choir ..... | <b>Thursday, 7 p.m.</b>           | • | CCD/CYO .....                | <b>First &amp; Third Wednesdays, 6–7 p.m.</b> |

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Saturday, May 30, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.:** *A Panel Discussion on Multiple Sclerosis*, Fayette County Extension Office (1140 Harry Sykes Wy, Lexington, KY 40504) (see ad on page 7 for more information).

**Friday, June 5, 7:30 a.m. Registration:** *Catholic Education Opportunities Foundation’s 4th Annual Golf Scramble* (Connemara Golf Course) (see ad on page 7 for more information).

**Sunday, June 7, 2026, at the 10 a.m. Mass:** *Senior Salute Mass* at St. Peter Claver (see ad on page 5 for more information).

**June 30–July 2, July 21–July 23, July 28–July 30:** *Career Exploration Camp*, three free Career Exploration Camp opportunities for 6th – 8th FCPS students (**Application deadline June 1**). Davis Park Workforce Center (501 De Roode St., Lexington, KY 40508) (see ad on page 6 for more information).

**NEXT WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:** May 30–31, 2026 • The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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|------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday, May 30:</b> 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass              | • | <b>Sunday, May 31:</b> 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>Sharon Smith, Cheryl Bogarty</i> | • | Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Beth Ross, Ned Benson</i>                            |
| Ushers: <i>Cassie Zumwalt, Cheryl Bogarty</i>              | • | Ushers: <i>Elmer Ellis, David Young, James Keene, James Gerton, Chuck Bond</i> |
| Server: <i>Eli Blair</i>                                   | • | Servers: <i>Xavier Caird, Merritt Michael, Austin Riggle</i>                   |
| Lector: <i>Christy Rickert</i>                             | • | Lectors: <i>Felecia Laprelle-Leach, Wanda Gonsalves</i>                        |
| Response: <i>NA</i>                                        | • | Gift Bearers: <i>Myron &amp; Kim Blair</i>                                     |
|                                                            | • | Response: <i>Teresa Bond</i>                                                   |

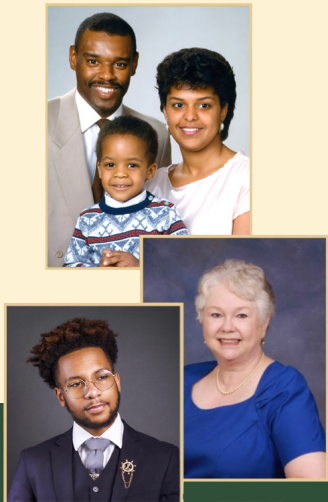
**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, May 24:** Fr. Norman Fischer (t)

*St. Peter Claver parishioners,  
please mark your calendars!*

We invite all parishioners to participate in our church directory.  
We have scheduled photography sessions with **Re:MEMBER Church Directories** for Tuesday, October 13 and Wednesday, October 14 (photography sessions 1:30–8 p.m.)  
Sign-up will start in August, 2026. Stay tuned for more details.

**Re:MEMBER CHURCH DIRECTORIES**



St. Peter Claver Catholic Church

*Senior Salute*  
**MASS**

**Sunday, June 7, 2026 • 10 a.m. Mass**

Please contact Martha Crumbie at [mjcrumbie@aol.com](mailto:mjcrumbie@aol.com) or the church office if you are graduating from high school or college.

*Congratulations!*  
Class of 2026



**MISSION APPEALS MASSES**

*Celebrant: Fr. Kenneth Shula Chileshe*

**SATURDAY, MAY 30 • 4:30 p.m. Mass**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 31 • 10 a.m. Mass**

**The Mission Appeal by the Benedict XVI Institute for Africa**

As the Church in Africa grows and participates in the New Evangelization of the world Church, the need for a proper formation of the clergy, religious and laity becomes all the more acute.

Integral to this mission of the formation of Church leaders is their formation in theology and spirituality, while paying attention to the cultures of the peoples of the vast continent of Africa.

With the election of Pope Leo XIV, a missionary pope, the call to mission appears to be a reminder that the Holy Spirit is making to the world church. The purpose of the Benedict XVI Institute for Africa, therefore, is to promote theological and spiritual formation of Church leaders across the African Church, particularly African Theological Faculties, Seminaries, and Religious Houses of Formation.

We have been at the forefront of theological, spiritual and cultural development across Africa, especially in seminaries, houses of formation and universities.

The Benedict XVI Institute for Africa is actively engaging on making the basic tools of learning available to different seminaries and local Churches in Africa, and your support will be very much appreciated.

Our mission likewise includes *Caritas*, providing support to needy rural parish communities in terms of education of children and basic medical support to rural parishes across Africa. Your widow’s mite might just be a life line for many in the continent of Africa.

Thank you so much that you are able and willing to help. Be assured of our prayers for you and yours.

**What ever happened with the Synod?**

Join in a 6 week online study of the Final Document starting Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm



We will be using the School for Synodality materials  
contact Kathy  
[kathymattone@gmail.com](mailto:kathymattone@gmail.com)  
Register by May 22nd.



**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Save a Life, Give Blood**

**ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE**

**Thursday, July 2, 2026  
Noon–5 p.m.**

## SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 28–JULY 17, 2026



### INSTITUTE FOR BLACK CATHOLIC STUDIES

Xavier University of LA  
1 Drexel Drive,  
New Orleans, LA 70125  
(504) 520-7691  
[www.xula.edu/ibcs/](http://www.xula.edu/ibcs/)

The Institute for Black Catholic Studies is offering its 47th summer session from June 28–July 17. Some of these classes are taught by Fr. Roy Lee.

Go to [www.xula.edu/ibcs/](http://www.xula.edu/ibcs/) Select “Continuing Education Summer Session 2026” to review the classes. C&E scholarships are available. Go to [www.xula.edu/ibcs/scholarship-form.html](http://www.xula.edu/ibcs/scholarship-form.html)

Continuing Education and Enrichment (C&E) Programs provide lifelong learning and spiritual formation for the faithful, pastoral leaders, administrators, teachers and others who minister with Black communities or serve in multi-cultural settings. C&E courses offer unique opportunities to grow in understandings of Black Catholicism and its impact on ministry, community and the Church at-large. Students are assessed on a pass/fail basis and receive 1.5 CEUs for each course successfully completed. There is a limit of 15 students per class unless otherwise noted.

## CAREER EXPLORATION CAMP



WORK-Lexington is partnering with The HILL – The Hub for Innovative Learning and Leadership and many workforce partners across Lexington to provide this career exploration opportunity.



We are offering **three free Career Exploration Camp** opportunities to rising **6th – 8th FCPS** students.

### June 30 – July 2

**Tech & Thrive**  
Exploring Information Technology and Business Career Exploration Camp

### July 21 – July 23

**Future Healers**  
A Healthcare Exploration Camp

### July 28 – July 30

**Hands on Horizons**  
Skilled Trades Exploration Camp

Application  
deadline  
**June 1**

**25 Spots  
available  
at each camp**



For more information on these camps go to [lexingtonky.gov/cec](http://lexingtonky.gov/cec) or scan the QR code.



## 5th Annual SWAHILI DAY

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026**

GATTON PARK (795 Manchester St.)

Swahili Day is a community festival celebrating the diverse African cultures in Lexington. It celebrates Swahili as the third most spoken language in Lexington. Join us for African music, food, arts & crafts, dances, drums, fashion, and a live band. From bustling market stalls to a lively lineup of dancers and musicians to delicious food, this dynamic event is fun for the whole family.

This is a free, family-friendly event.  
**All are welcome!**



MAY IS  
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## 4TH ANNUAL CEOF GOLF SCRAMBLE

**Friday, June 5th**  
Connemara Golf Course

**7:30 a.m. Registration**  
**9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start**

### Questions?

Contact Kim Thompson  
[kthompson@ceoflex.org](mailto:kthompson@ceoflex.org)

**Sign Up Now– Space is Limited**  
**Click on QR Code to Reserve Your Spot**



**Registration & Lunch**  
**\$125 individual/\$500 team**



## 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](mailto: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; **June 7, 2026** (No blood pressure check this month)

### Contact persons:

Martha Crumbie • [mjcrumbie@aol.com](mailto:mjcrumbie@aol.com) • (859) 396–5178  
Kris Miller • [ck2304@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:SPCECKY@gmail.com)

Jason Akwa, Elnoel Akwa, Morgan Lincoln, Mayce Brothers, Keylan Joyce, Tate Sams, Martha Crumbie



## ST. PETER CLAVER PRESENTS The 3rd Annual



## OF ST. PETER CLAVER

(Celebrating the Cultures of Our Parish Through International Foods)

**SAT | JULY 25 | 2026**

**11:30 A.M. UNTIL THE FOOD RUNS OUT**

**FR. NORMAN A. FISCHER, JR. FELLOWSHIP HALL**

If you would like to participate by sharing your favorite cultural dish with the parish, please fill out this form in and turn into the office.

**PARTICIPATING FORM:**

I would like to reserve a table to participate with my cultural dish.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Culture Represented \_\_\_\_\_

**A taste**  
— OF ST. PETER CLAVER —

Please turn the form into the office. There will also be parishioners in the lobby after Mass to collect your forms.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this event, and should you have further questions, please feel free to call the office at (859) 254-0030.