

ST. PETER CLAVER

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

- **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
(See page 3 for more information)

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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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YOUNG ADULTS

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. (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
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 20, 2026** bulletin, please submit information **before or by noon on Friday, September 11, 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 (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, Christmas Outreach Donation.
Go to our website spclex.org, click on the DONATE button to go to the Donation page. 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.



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

The celebration starts this Wednesday, September 9



- **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.



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, September 9 & Sunday, September 13, 2026: *Home coming Celebration of St. Peter Claver’s Feast Day* at SPC (see the announcement on page 3 for more information).

Thursday, September 10, 2026, 7 p.m.: *A Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance* at Centro de San Juan Diego (1389 Alexandria Dr., Lex., KY) The Most Reverend John Stowe, OFM Conv., presiding (see ad on page 8 for more information).

Saturday, September 12, 2026, 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.: *2026 Season of Creation* at Pax Christi Fellowship Hall (4001 Victoria Way, Lexington, KY) (see ad on page 8 for more information).

Saturday, September 19, 5:30 p.m.: *Night of Light* An evening benefiting the Patricia Stewart Catholic education fund for Eastern Kentucky (Bellefonte Country Club, Ashland, KY) (see ad on page 8 for more information).

NEXT WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE: September 12–13, 2026 • Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 12: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Presiders: *Fr. Dennis Knight, Dcn. James Weathers*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Christy Rickert, Alyce Graves*

Ushers: *Cazzie Zumwalt, Cheryl Bogarty*

Server: *Eli Blair*

Lector: *Colby Blair*

Sunday, September 13: 10 a.m. Gospel Mass

Presiders: *Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., Fr. Muthu, Dcn. James Weathers, Pam Johnson*

Eucharistic Ministers: *ElNoel Akwa, Ned Benson*

Ushers: *Stephanie Hogan, Linda Lewis, Priscilla Johnson, Chuck Bond, Colleen Benelli, Kris Miller, Amy Smith*

Servers: *Arabella Floyd, Xavier Caird, Thérèse Boothe, Natalia Brooks, Kamella Brooks*

Lectors: *Makenzie Brooks, Bill Kiefer*

Gift Bearers: *Wayne Bond, Priscilla Johnson*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 5: Parish • **Sunday, September 6:** Albert Fogle • **Tuesday, September 8:** Godwin Anumba



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/4p6rzysw>



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.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS

Meet the Leverettes BY NITA CLARKE

State Line, Mississippi born and bred Nicholas Leverette met Melissa Bolling from Cincinnati, Ohio while both were studying in Dallas, Texas to become Chiropractors. The two would marry on August 19, 2007, the day following their graduation. Both Dr. Nick and Dr. Missy stated that they experienced their parents using Chiropractic care and were inspired to become Chiropractors.

“My father received Chiropractic care after throwing his back out, working too hard,” Dr. Nick said. Missy also stated that her mother had experienced Chiropractic care. “Chiropractic helps people heal themselves according to God’s design. When given the optimal ingredients — healthy food, a peaceful spirit and an active body — the body can respond to chiropractic adjustments most optimally. This is what encouraged me to go into lifestyle nutrition. These two disciplines are independent.”

The Leverettes live in Stamping Ground, Kentucky on 78 acres of land that includes a milk cow, beef cows,

chickens, one beloved dog and two squirrel dogs. They are also the proud parents of nine children and one “Angel” baby. They are Noah Levonce, Cruz Nicholas, Lux Ambris, Brave Daniel, Micah Joseph, Phoenix Zetta, Pax Baptiste, Soleil Milagros Rosario and Prince Toussaint. “Our family Patron Saint is Anthony of Padua, the Patron Saint of Lost Items and of Miracles”. All of the children were born at home.

Milagros, which means “Miracle” in Spanish, had a twin known as their “Angel Baby” who was taken to heaven early on. She was named “River Jordan”, a suggestion by Father Norman. “It was a one-in-a-million pregnancy,” Missy said. “That’s why we named her twin sister Milagros. We will always have a baby in Heaven, but it is still painful.”

Dr. Nick and Missy came to Saint Peter Claver in 2018, during Covid, when Missy was pregnant with Pax Baptiste. “Saint Peter Claver is just like my Church home where I grew up.” Dr. Nick said. “I feel we have a place to grow and I feel like we’ve been planted. It’s a really good



Dr. Missy and Dr. Nick Leverette

foundation for our family.” Missy said, “Oh boy! Saint Peter Claver was just like coming home!”

Fr. Norman was always there for the Leverettes. “Father Norman helped Nick and me during a difficult season of impasse. We had been off track for months and after a few minutes with him, we were miraculously seeing with new eyes. I can hear and see him, especially at Mass, during the Alleluia. We all remember him with joy, very little sorrow. Heaven has an advocate for Saint Peter Claver!” Dr. Nick added that “Father Norman was also non-judgmental.”

“Father Damian is a bit more stern and serious, but that was needed, necessary,” and timely.” Dr. Nick said. “to take us in the direction that God wants us to go. He’s a really good Coach!” Missy added that “we are being called to a deeper reverence, to the Holy Days of Obligation, and to take the Eucharist worthily.”

“Nick and I are open to life and accept our sacrifices,” Missy said, “even if they are really uncomfortable. I give honor to Nick, to be together; divorce is not an option. We are never talking about that. I am an abundant mother and intend to be faithful. God’s Mercy and Grace are sufficient.”

Dr. Nick concluded the interview by saying that “I could not love my wife anymore than I do right now!”



Dr. Nick and Dr. Missy Leverette and their nine children: Noah Levonce, Cruz Nicholas, Lux Ambris, Brave Daniel, Micah Joseph, Phoenix Zetta, Pax Baptiste, Soleil Milagros Rosario and Prince Toussaint.

SUPPORT

St. Peter Claver and promote your business at the same time.

Advertise your business in the bulletin today!

For more information or to place an ad, please call our office at **(859) 254-0030** or email us at **stpeterclaver@cdlex.org**



ST. PETER
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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



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

SPC is doing a new pictorial directory!

We want everyone to get a new picture made so that our directory will be complete.

Photo dates: October 13-14, 2026.

You can make your appointment online by scanning this QR code.



There will also be a table set up in the Narthex on the weekend of 9/5-9/6 to help schedule appointments or call the office at (859) 254-0030.

You will have a professional photography session, see your proofs, and have the opportunity to purchase extra portraits for family and friends.



Remember **CHURCH
DIRECTORIES**

SECOND COLLECTION

**Next Sunday,
September 13**

*Collection for Formation of
Ordained and Lay Ministers*



Next week (September 13) we will take up the **Collection for Formation of Ordained and Lay Ministers**. Funds from this collection will support formation opportunities for diaconate program as well as continuing education programs for our priests, deacons and lay ministers. Please be generous and pray for our Ordained and Lay Ministers. Thank you!

OUR CHURCH

Community

End of year CCD Teachers Celebration



Photo by Beth Ross

St. Peter Claver Educational Committee's "Back to School Parents & Students Celebration" on August 5 was a wonderful success!



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; **September 6, 2026** (Jasmine), after the 10 a.m. Mass.

Contact persons:

Martha Crumbie • mjcumbie@aol.com • (859) 396-5178

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

**TODAY
SEP. 6
Blood
Pressure
Check**



Photos by D'Jakarta Ellis

IN HONOR OF WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY



A Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance

The Most Reverend John Stowe, OFM Conv., Presiding



Diocese of Lexington CMHM
CMHMministry@cdlex.org

When: Thursday, September 10, 2026
at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Centro de San Juan Diego
1389 Alexandria Dr.
Lexington, KY 40504

This mass is open to everyone and serves
to remember loved ones lost
by suicide and to promote healing for
those who grieve their passing.



In Honor of Worldwide Suicide Prevention Month

Diocese of Lexington Catholic Mental Health Ministry

Join us for a:

ASSESS AND RESPOND TO SUICIDE RISK TRAINING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11,
2026

10:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M.
Cathedral of Christ the King
Hehman Hall
299 Colony Blvd.
Lexington, KY 40502



Essentials of understanding and how to respond
to suicide risk for everyone.

Lunch included.

Please RSVP to CMHMministry@cdlex.org

Fr. Livinus Uba, PhD
Trainer and
Pastor, St. Jude Parish

YOU'RE INVITED TO

Night of Light

AN EVENING BENEFITING

THE PATRICIA STEWART
CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND

for Eastern Kentucky

Saturday, September 19th

BELLEFONTE COUNTRY CLUB
208 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE
ASHLAND, KY

5:30 PM
COCKTAILS

7:00 PM
DINNER

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND
TICKET PURCHASES VISIT
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Inspiring Futures.*



"LOVE'S
SPLENDID
GARDEN:
Laudato Si
and
Caring
for Holy
Mother Earth"



Join Artist and Storyteller Brother Mickey McGrath as he shares his own images and reflections on the crucial importance of Laudato Si and the need for each of us to be a small part in the healing of Holy Mother Earth. From Saints Brigid of Ireland to Hildegard of Bingen to Kateri Tekakwitha- all Sisters of the earth- we will look at the many ways in which we are connected as one human family, each of us made in God's image and likeness.

Creative Activity will be included to remind us that creating beauty with our own hearts and hands brings hope and joy to our deeply troubled world in ways that nothing else can do.

HOSTED BY THE LAUDATO SI COMMISSION

Date and Time: September 12, 2026 9:30am to 3:00pm

Place: Pax Christi Fellowship Hall
4001 Victoria Way
Lexington, KY

Registration Cost: \$25

*PLEASE BRING A BROWN BAG LUNCH.



REGISTRATION