

ST. PETER CLAVER

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, ‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ He said in reply, ‘I will not,’ but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, ‘Yes, sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two did his father’s will?’ They answered, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.’”

MATTHEW 21:28–31



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
Phone: (859) 254-0030
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Email: stpeterclaver@cdlex.org



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

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, M.S.S.C. • 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/yjhj4ea67>



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 Smith, 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 **October 11, 2026** bulletin, please submit information **before or by noon on Friday, October 2, 2026.**
(We reserve the right to edit your ad size.)

NULLITY FIELD ADVOCATES
Fr. Damian Anumba • Danumba@cdlex.org
Deacon James Weathers • jweathers@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:

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MAKING HISTORY

Juana Briones — San Francisco's Founding Mother

Briones' family, who descended from enslaved people brought to Mexico during the 1500s, came to California from northern Mexico with the 1775-1776 Anza colonizing expedition. Born in what is now Santa Cruz, Briones, also known as Doña Juana Briones de Miranda, eventually became an entrepreneur, landowner and, with the help of Native Americans who taught her about herbal medicine, a respected healer.

Juana Briones was a healer, an early landowner, and an entrepreneur. She also secured a divorce from her abusive husband, which was unheard of at the time. As a woman of mixed heritage who accomplished so much, she was a trailblazer.

Native, Spanish, Mexican, and American California cultures blended in her life. In 1802, she was born near Santa Cruz into a mixed-race family (Native American, African-American, and European) in what was then New Spain, later Mexico. Halfway through her life, her home became part of California and then the United States. Her grandparents and parents had walked from New Spain (Mexico) with the de Anza and Portola expeditions to Alta California, then part of the Spanish empire.

The daughter of a soldier posted near Monterey, Juana moved to the Presidio in 1820 and married a soldier, Apolinario Miranda. She raised a large family including adopting an orphaned Native American girl. Strikingly unusual for the times, she secured the equivalent of a divorce (a "clerical separation") from her abusive, alcoholic husband, and then dropped his surname.

The first non-native woman living in Yerba Buena, (now San Francisco), she ran a farm and sold milk and produce to sailors. She was known for her hospitality and medical skills. She never received a formal education, but trained her nephew, Pablo, who became known as the "Doctor of Bolinas."



A vintage photo of the Juana Briones house on Old Adobe Road, Palo Alto. (COURTESY OF THE PALO ALTO HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION)

In 1844 Juana, who already owned land and multiple homes, purchased the 4,400-acre Rancho La Purísima Concepción — now Palo Alto and Los Altos Hills. While many land grant owners lost their property during the tumultuous period following the Gold Rush, she successfully fought for and retained title to her land. Briones later sold most of her land to the Murphy family, who came to California with the first wagon train to successfully reach the west — two years before the ill-fated Donner Party.

In 1889, she died in Mayfield (now part of Palo Alto). Juana Briones Elementary School and Juana Briones Park are named for her, and several streets incorporate her husband and children's names. The remnants of her early rancho home in the Palo Alto foothills were demolished in 2011, but local residents purchased the adobe wall section, which was on displayed in the Palo Alto Museum in 2014.



Juana Briones



The rescued wall of the Juana Briones house was part of the Palo Alto Museum exhibit in 2014. (COURTESY OF THE PALO ALTO HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: September 27–October 3, 2026 • Twenty-sixth 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

Saturday, October 10, 2026, 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m.: Catholic Education Opportunities Foundation invites you to *Stallions, Sips and Savories* at Taylor Made At Diamond A Farm (5506 Steele Road, Versailles, KY 40383 (see ad on page 7 for more information).

Sunday, October 11, 2026, 3 p.m.: Sign up to walk in the *2026 CROP Hunger Walk* (see ad on page 8 for more information).

Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 10:30 a.m.: Join *PHOEBE Forum*, St. Paul Women’s Spirituality Group (St. Paul Parish, Ave Maria Hall) (see ad on page 7 for more information).

October 13–14, 2026: *SPC pictorial directory sessions* (see ad on page 5 for more information).

NEXT WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE: October 3–4, 2026 • Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 3: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass	Sunday, October 4: 10 a.m. Gospel Mass
Presiders: <i>Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers</i>	Presiders: <i>Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers, Pam Johnson</i>
Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Alyce Graves, Sharon Smith</i>	Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Vache Beckham, Priscilla Johnson</i>
Ushers: <i>Cheryl Bogarty, Alyce Graves</i>	Ushers: <i>Ingrad Bisseh, Amy Smith, Charlene Young, Stephanie Hogan, David Young</i>
Server: <i>Eli Blair</i>	Servers: <i>Natalia Brooks, Kamella Brooks, Thérèse Boothe</i>
Lector: <i>Paul Anaya</i>	Lectors: <i>Elnoel Akwa, Ned Benson</i>
Response: <i>Uzoma Okechukwu</i>	Response: <i>Uzoma Okechukwu</i>
	Gift Bearers: <i>David & Karen Baumgartner</i>

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 27: *Parish* • **Tuesday, September 29:** *Fr. Damian — Safe travels* • **Wednesday, September 30:** *Parker Kuhn*

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, October 2.

NOTICE

There will be NO
FIRST SATURDAY MASS & ROSARY
on Saturday, October 3.



ST. PETER
CLAVER
CATHOLIC
CHURCH

St. Peter Claver Pictorial Directory

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 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.



Sign up
for your
appointment
today!

Remember CHURCH
DIRECTORIES

|| 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



As **ELECTION DAY** approaches, we want to remind you of some important dates.

Monday, Oct. 5 – Deadline to register to vote in this year’s election. Registration must be completed by 4 p.m. online or 4:30 p.m. in person.

Tuesday, Oct. 20 – Last day to request a mail-in absentee ballot.

Wednesday, Oct. 21 through Wednesday, Oct. 28 – Absentee in-person voting with an excuse.

Thursday, Oct. 29 through Saturday, Oct. 31 – Early voting

Tuesday, Nov. 3 – Election Day



Calvary Cemetery NEWS

Saturday, October 3, 10 a.m.: Laudato Si Season of Creation Walk at Calvary Cemetery with Arborist Barry Duncil

Sunday, October 11, 3 p.m.: St. Joseph Hospital 4th Annual Walk to Remember (begins at the Via Dolorosa Mausoleum).

Wednesday, October 14: Feast day of St. Callistus I, patron saint of cemetery workers...pray for us.

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CALVARY CEMETERY
The Cemetery of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington

874 West Main St., Lexington, KY
(859) 252-5415 • ccmemetery@cdlex.org

OUR CHURCH Celebrates

On Sunday, September 13 our parish celebrated the Feast day of St. Peter Claver.



Photos by Elnoe Akwa and Priscilla Johnson

PHOEBE Forum

WOMEN, SERVICE, AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Join St. Paul Women's Spirituality Group for one of three opportunities to learn about the Church's newest teaching on women.

Discover how **you** can contribute to the ongoing discernment about women's participation and ministry during the Vatican's Synod Implementation Phase.

St. Phoebe, pray for us!



PLEASE REGISTER BY OCTOBER 9TH

FOR REGISTRATION
CLICK LINK OR SCAN QR CODE

REGISTER
HERE



Tuesday, October 13th, 10:30 am (after 10 am Mass)

St. Paul Parish - Ave Maria Hall
425 West Short Street, Lexington, KY 40507

Monday, October 19th, 6:30 pm

Catholic Center - side door "G"
1310 West Main Street, Lexington, KY 40508

Thursday, October 22nd, 6:00 pm via ZOOM

link will be sent after registration



QUESTIONS: KATHYMATONE@GMAIL.COM

Please Join Us

Catholic Education Opportunities
Foundation invites you to

Stallions, Sips and Savories

Saturday, October 10, 2026
10:30am-1:00pm

Taylor Made At
Diamond A Farm
5506 Steele Road
Versailles, KY 40383

Please visit ceoflex.org
for more information

Proceeds to benefit the
CEOF Equine Fund



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; **October 4, 2026 (Ada),** after the 10 a.m. Mass.

Contact persons:

Martha Crumbie • mjcrumbie@aol.com • (859) 396–5178

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



AUGUST 1–31, 2026 FINANCE REPORT

August 2/2026

Total In-house: \$5,504

Total Online: \$0

August 9/2026

Total In-house: \$4,280

Total Online: \$1,770

August 16/2026

Total In-house: \$4,037

Total Online: \$955

August 23/2026

Total In-house: \$2,150

Total Online: \$2,400.13

August 30/2026

Total In-house: \$3,717

Total Online: \$1,885

Additional Deposit

Total In-house: \$0

Total Online: \$690

MONTH TOTALS:

In-house: \$19,688

Online: \$7,700.13

Projected August Income: \$27,300.70 / **Total: \$27,388.13**

Net Income: \$87.43

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Greater Lexington 2026 CROP HUNGER WALK

WE NEED
TEAM
MEMBERS

Sunday, October 11, 2026 • 3 p.m.

Second Presbyterian Church • 460 East Main Street • Lexington

SIGN UP
TO
WALK

What is the CROP Hunger Walk?

CROP Hunger Walks are community-led interfaith events that raise funds to end hunger locally AND around the world. Everyone is welcome to join!

The CROP Hunger Walk is the only nationwide Walk that addresses hunger both locally and globally.



Local
IMPACT



Global
IMPACT



3 THINGS You Can Do to Help CROP Hunger Walk

- 1) **Sign up online to be a team member** to walk on October 11. (We will also have a sign up table on September 19, 20 and 27 after Mass)
- 2) **Donate money online**
- 3) **Donate canned food** on October 3 & 4 (canned tuna, canned chicken, canned salmon, canned beans or dried beans, boxed/powdered milk, nutritious cereal, canned fruits).

Go to this link or scan the QR code:

<https://tinyurl.com/ybwj8nsb>



SUPPORT TEAM ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH AND CWS

Make a Donation

Join The Team

YOU MAY ALSO DONATE BY CHECK

Make check payable to CWS/CROP WALK. • **In the check's MEMO line put St. Peter Claver** so SPC gets credit. • Please turn in ALL FUNDS by November 30. MAIL check directly to Nathan Lee at 401 Clinton Rd., Lexington, KY 40502-2355



Let's Beat Last Year's Contributions!

- Last year team St. Peter Claver Catholic Church brought in 90% of the total 444 lbs. food items collected on Walk Day!
- We had a team of 11 walkers & \$1,224.57 in donations. Our goal this year is \$3,000!



The impact of your gift!

Each step you take makes a life difference! Thank you for walking! 25% of proceeds will benefit Local Hunger Fighting Agencies. 75% of proceeds will benefit Church World Service.

For more information, contact us at:
spc.justice.ministry.network@gmail.com