ST. PETER CLAVER

OCTOBER 11, 2026

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

> *The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.*
> MATTHEW 22:2–3





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
Web: spclex.org
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
Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.
1310 West Main Street
Lexington, KY 40508
Phone: (859) 253–1993 • Web: cdlex.org

Pastor
Fr. Damian Anumba, M.SS.CC • *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 **October 25, 2026** bulletin, please submit information **before or by noon on Friday, October 16, 2026**.

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

PARISH STAFF

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Karen Baumgartner • *kbaumgartner@cdlex.org*

PARISH LIFE DIRECTOR & LITURGY
Deacon James Weathers • *jweathers@cdlex.org*

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Deacon Eddie Grider • (859) 312–7860
egrider@cdlex.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE)
Maria Fischer-Boothe • (859) 227–2319
mgfischerboothe2012@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULTS

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)

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.

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.

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*

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*

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.

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.

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.

MAKING HISTORY

Dr. Dolores Grier — Champion of the Unborn

Dr. Dolores B. Grier, was a Black activist against abortion and pioneering diocesan official, also the first lay diocesan vice chancellor in the United States, appointed by Cardinal John O'Connor of New York in 1985.

Perhaps it was fitting, then, that her first day and her last, February 22, came during Black History Month.

At the time of the death of Dr. Dolores Bernadette Grier, her family chose not to reveal her age. It was an almost Biblical turn, smacking of Melchizedek, the priestly ruler who foreshadows Christ and the eternal priesthood in the book of Genesis.

Born circa 1927, Grier herself had been baptized into the priesthood of believers as a child — though an older one, since she was raised a Baptist. She encountered the Catholic faith through a friend, and converted as a teenager in her native New York City, where she lived in Harlem throughout her life.

A graduate of Fordham University's Graduate School of Social Service, Grier worked for years as social worker with Catholic Charities and as an activist for pro-life concerns. Like many African Americans of her time, she was not particularly disposed to the movement from her youth, and instead came upon it by means that many today would likely find stunning.

Dolores Grier was one of the most committed Catholics I ever met, and one of the nation's strongest defenders of the rights of the unborn. She was especially outraged over the high number of African American abortions, as well as those who peddled the message that abortion was good for blacks.

When I first met her in 1994, Dolores told me why she wanted to be a part of the Catholic League. When she was around 17, she went for a job interview, and, after leaving the room somewhat despondent, she told the secretary that she did not get the job. The woman already knew why. "They didn't want you," the secretary said. Dolores replied, "Because I'm black?" "No," she said, "because you're Catholic."

This was Dolores' first experience with anti-Catholicism, a bigotry she fought as hard as racism. Naturally, when I assembled an all-star board of advisors, she was on it. At that time, she was vice chancellor of the Archdiocese of New York, the first black woman in the nation to hold that job.


Dr. Dolores Grier

Dolores had a commanding presence. She was a big woman with a deep voice. She wore a huge hat and a large blue emblem of Our Blessed Mother on her dress. While she was friendly and loved to joke around, she could be tough when the occasion called for it. I will never forget what happened when I asked her to help me out dealing with a reporter.

A woman reporter for a local TV station showed up at the Catholic League (which at that time was right next door to Cardinal John O'Connor's office) asking if she could interview some woman who could defend the Church's teachings on women. I asked for the Vicar of Religious to come to my office. The nun, in full habit, said, "Oh, I don't think I can do that."

Stunned, I asked a young staffer to find someone in the building (of the archdiocese) who could do so. Someone referenced Dolores, and in she came, swaying as she often did. She looked at the reporter and said, "I understand you're looking for a woman to defend the Catholic Church's teachings on women." When the interview was over, the reporter came out, looked at me and said, "Wow."

Dolores could wow anyone. She certainly wowed many a Catholic audience, never more than when she talked about abortion.

William A. Donohue



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Friday, November 6, 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

FIRST SATURDAY MASS & ROSARY

November 7 at 9 a.m. with the Rosary following.

ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: October 11–17, 2026 • Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

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

IMPORTANT DATES

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

October 13–15, 2026: ***SPC pictorial directory sessions*** at St. Peter Claver (see ad on page 6 for more information).

Thursday, October 15, 2026, 2 p.m.: ***The Neighborhood Voices Initiative,*** a discussion with First District Council Member Tyler JR Morton at St. Peter Claver (see ad on page 7 for more information).

Saturday, December 5, 2026, 6–10 p.m.: ***An Evening of Christmas Elegance*** at St. Peter Claver (see ad on page 5 for more information).

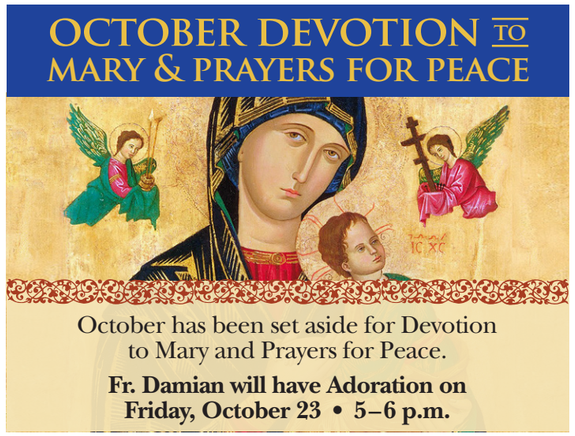
NEXT WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE: October 17–18, 2026 • Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 17: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Presiders: ***Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers***
Eucharistic Ministers: ***Alyce Graves, Sharon Smith***
Ushers: ***Cassie Zumwalt, Cheryl Bogarty***
Server: ***Eli Blair***
Lector: ***Colby Blair***
Response: ***Michael Elery***

Sunday, October 18: 10 a.m. Gospel Mass
Presiders: ***Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers***
Eucharistic Ministers: ***Pat LaPrelle, Ce Ce Ogbogu***
Ushers: ***Linda Lewis, Kris Miller, Chuck Bond, Sharon Searcy, Stephanie Hogan***
Servers: ***Thérèse Boothe, Austin Riggle, Alexandria Riggle***
Lectors: ***Dave Baumgartner, Maria Boothe***
Response: ***NA***
Gift Bearers: ***Beverly & Mayce Brothers & Family***

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Oct. 10: *Parish* • **Sunday, Oct. 11:** *Alberta Robinson* • **Tuesday, Oct. 13:** *Poor Souls in Purgatory* • **Wednesday, Oct. 14:** *Mary Fogle*





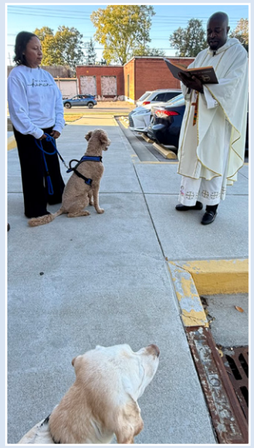


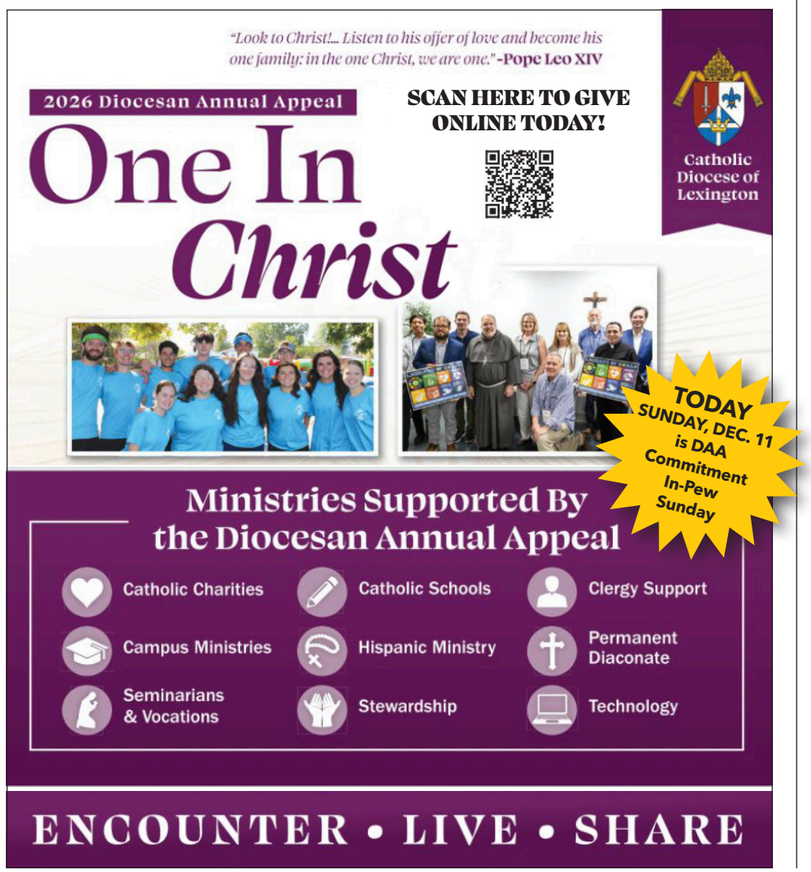
OUR CHURCH *Celebrates*

Last Tuesday Fr. Damian blessed the animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.

Photos by Beth Ross







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 SESSIONS DATES:
October 13–15, 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.

PHOTO SESSIONS THIS WEEK!



Remember CHURCH DIRECTORIES

NOTICE

During the Priest Retreat (October 19–23, 2026), the Cathedral of Christ the King will have a Mass offered each day at the following times with the following presiders:

Monday, October 19
8 a.m.: Fr. Derek Van Daniker

Tuesday, October 20
5:30 p.m.: Fr. Dennis Knight

Wednesday, October 21
8 a.m.: Fr. Larry Hehman

Thursday, October 22
5:30 p.m.: Fr. Dennis Knight

Friday, October 23
5:30 p.m.: Fr. Mariya Doss

CALVARY CEMETERY NEWS

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

Thursday, October 15: National Pregnancy & Infant Loss Day (since 1988)

CALVARY CEMETERY
The Cemetery of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington • 874 West Main Street
(859) 252-5415 • ccemetery@cdlex.org

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



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

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

Discerning Deacons

QUESTIONS: KATHYMATTONE@GMAIL.COM

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; **November 1, 2026** (Misti), after the 10 a.m. Mass.

Contact persons:
Martha Crumbie • mjcrumbie@aol.com • (859) 396–5178
Kris Miller • ck2304@aol.com • (859) 351–4253

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Contact information: SPCECKY@gmail.com
Jason Akwa, Elnoel Akwa, Morgan Lincoln, Mayce Brothers, Keylan Joyce, Tate Sams, Martha Crumbie

The Neighborhood Voices Initiative

A discussion with First District Council Member ***Tyler JR Morton***

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026 • 2 P.M. • ST. PETER CLAVER



The Neighborhood Voices Initiative is a council-led pilot project created by Council Members Tyler Morton and James Brown to address the pressures of growth, particularly displacement and gentrification, in vulnerable neighborhoods.

The initiative seeks to preserve the history, culture, and identity of communities through three key areas: policy, strategic capital investments that honor neighborhood history and culture, and resources that support residents' ability to remain and thrive in their neighborhoods.

At its core, this initiative is guided by the voices of the people who know these communities best residents, both past and present, and neighborhood stakeholders. The goal is to ensure that growth does not come at the expense of the people and culture that have shaped these neighborhoods for generations.

Everyone is welcome to attend this event!

SECOND COLLECTION

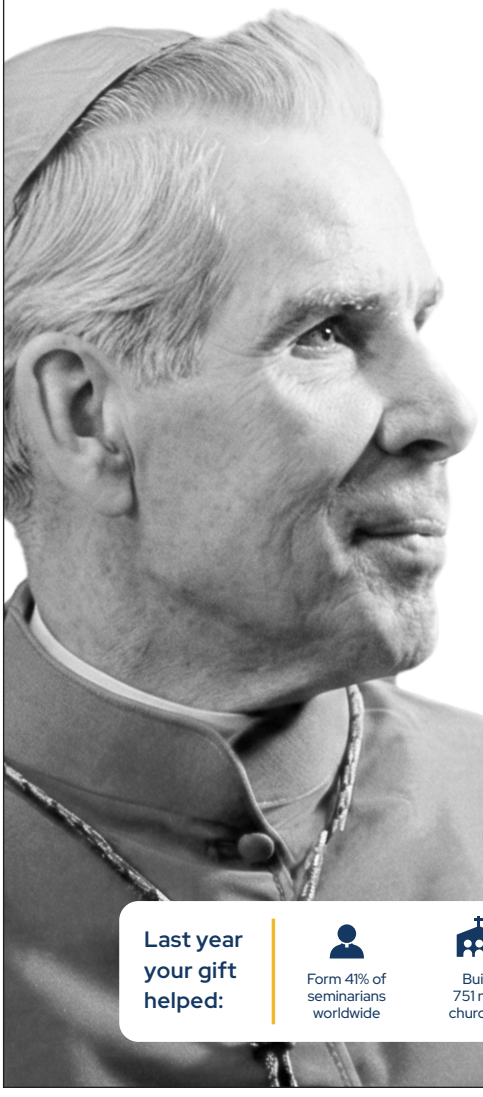
Next Sunday, October 18

Collection for World Mission Sunday

Next week (October 18) we will take up the ***Second Collection for World Mission Sunday***. This is the 100th Anniversary of World Mission Sunday! Established by Pope Pius XI in 1926 and widely promoted by Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen throughout the 1950s and 1960s, World Mission Sunday is a global celebration of our shared responsibility to support the Church's missionary work.

- 41% of the world's seminarians receive educational support through this collection.
- 1,130 mission dioceses, like our own, receive vital assistance.
- 751 new churches were built last year with resources provided through the collection.

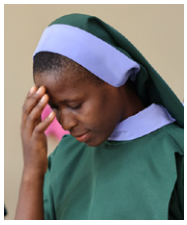
Please be generous.
Thank you!



THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES USA

ONE IN CHRIST, *United in Mission*

100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



World Mission Sunday
October 18th, 2026



"Let us be charitable about the missions, remembering that the Lord who said: 'Go teach all nations' is the same Lord who bewailed: 'I have mercy on the multitudes.'"

– Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen
National Director
The Pontifical Mission Societies USA
(1950 – 1966)





Last year your gift helped:

- Form 41% of seminarians worldwide
- Build 751 new churches
- Sustain 1,130 mission dioceses
- Train 843,785 missionary catechists
- Support 50% of all religious sisters worldwide



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