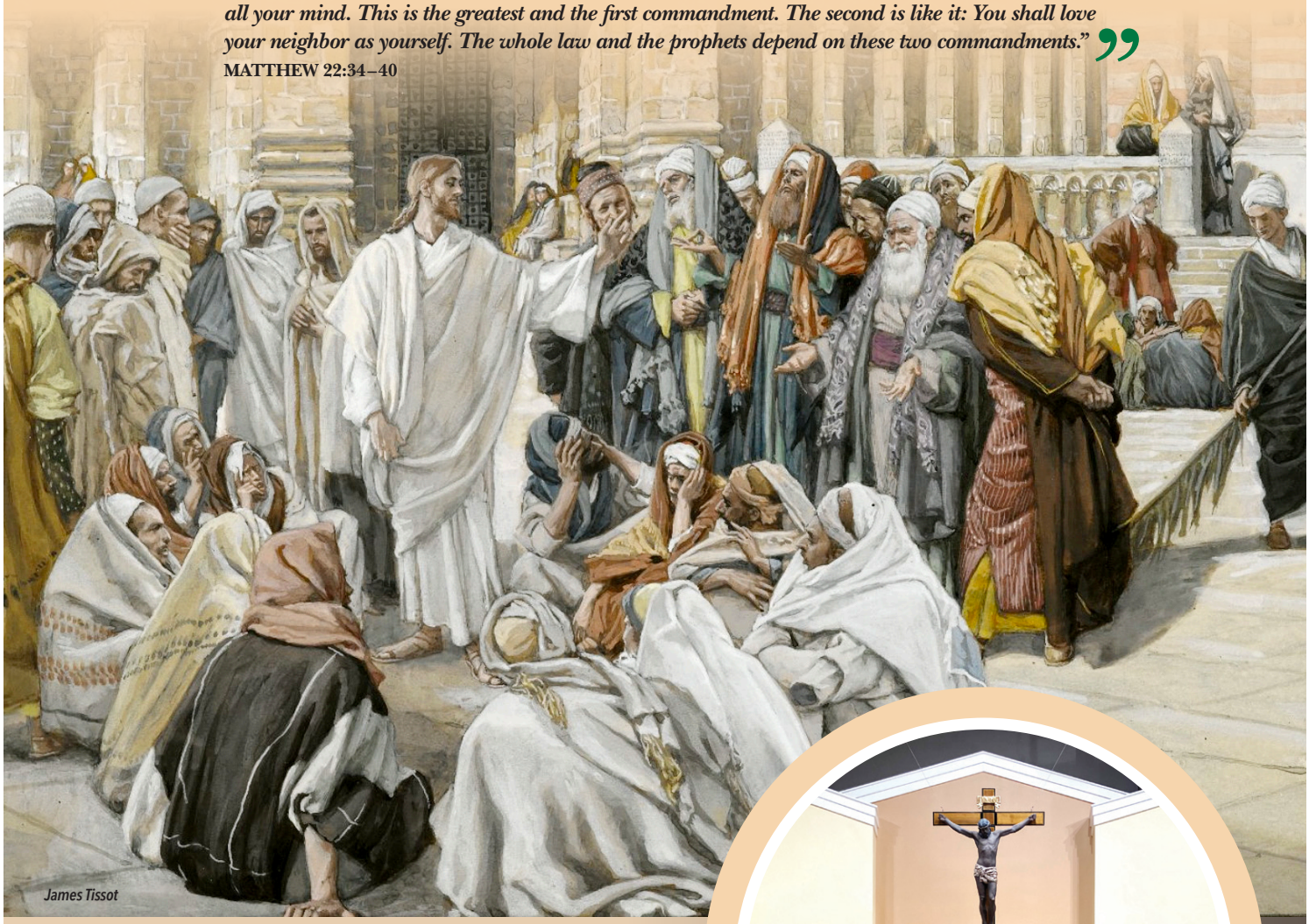
ST. PETER CLAVER

OCTOBER 25, 2026

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

MATTHEW 22:34–40



James Tissot



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 **November 8, 2026** bulletin, please submit information **before or by noon on Friday, October 30, 2026**.

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

PARISH STAFF

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Deacon James Weathers • *jweathers@cdlex.org*

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

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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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Deacon James Weathers • *jweathers@cdlex.org*
Nita Clarke • (859) 317–3719
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.

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.

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MAKING HISTORY

Albert Antoine Provides Over 40 Years of Contributions to NASA Research

In the summer of 1954, a young chemist named Albert Antoine was visiting Cleveland to interview for a job with a rayon manufacturer, when a former university classmate recommended that he apply at the NACA's Lewis Flight Propulsion Laboratory (today, NASA Glenn). Antoine took the advice and soon began a career at the center that spanned over four decades and multiple fields of research.

While attending City College in New York City during World War II Antoine was drafted into the military. He qualified for the Army Specialized Training Program and was sent to Ohio State University to study civil engineering. He completed his Bachelor of Science degree after the war and went on to earn his doctorate in chemistry at Ohio State in 1953.

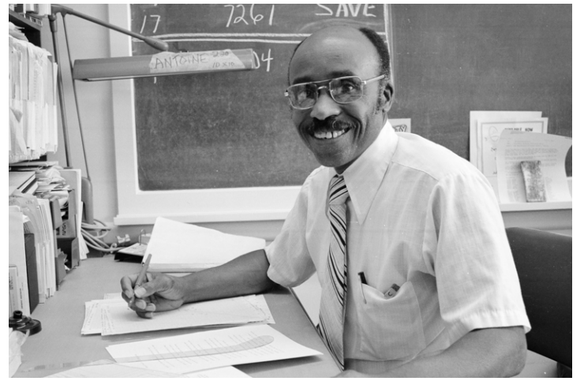
When Antoine joined the NACA in August 1954, the Lewis laboratory was examining new high-energy propellant combinations that could dramatically increase the performance of military aircraft and missiles. He was assigned to a small group that analyzed boron and hydrazine-based compounds. Although these chemicals did increase energy levels, the toxicity and combustion byproducts ultimately made their use impractical.

Lewis began phasing out its exotic propellants work in the early 1960s, as the clean-burning hydrogen-oxygen combination was selected for NASA's new upper-stage rockets. Antoine applied his expertise to the study of electrical power systems for spacecraft. At the time, little was known about the properties of liquid metals being considered as the working fluid for some of the proposed high-efficiency systems. Antoine provided the basic thermodynamic data for mercury paired with either cesium or sodium.



Chemist Albert Antoine conducts research at the High Energy Fuels Laboratory in November 1961. (NASA)

During this period, Antoine joined forces with five Black colleagues to encourage underrepresented and minority students to pursue careers in space. The group's weekly science club meetings led to NASA-sponsored events at local high schools. In addition, Antoine's visits to historically Black universities in southwestern Ohio led to the center's enduring affiliations with the institutions. Antoine's mentoring activities continued in various forms throughout his career.



Albert Antoine at work in the 10-By 10-Superosonic Wind Tunnel Office Building in July 1981 (NASA)

In the 1970s, Lewis began applying its technical expertise to problems on Earth. As a member of the new Combustion and Pollution Research Branch, Antoine helped develop new instruments to accurately measure airborne particulate matter. These tools were used to study pollution in the Cleveland area and in air lanes across the country.

In response to the energy crisis of the 1970s, the center studied both renewable energy sources and alternative fossil fuel sources such as coal and oil shale. Antoine and his colleagues analyzed the composition of these non-petroleum fuels and assessed their storage, stability, and emissions characteristics. Antoine authored the summary report in 1982, just before the stabilization of global energy resources led to the cancellation of the program.

Antoine retired from government service in 1983, but immediately returned to his work at Lewis as a research associate through a cooperative agreement with Cleveland State University (CSU). Over the next 13 years he managed NASA-sponsored research in batteries and fuel cells. Antoine and his CSU colleagues were an integral part of the NASA team that advanced the phosphoric acid fuel cell technology to the point of commercialization.

Antoine retired for good in 1996 after 42 years of work at NASA. He passed away in 2017 at the age of 92.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: October 25–31, 2026 • Thirtieth 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

Sunday, November 1, 3 p.m.: ***All Saints Day Mass*** with Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., presiding; at the Via Dolorosa Mausoleum & Blessing of Mary Queen of Heaven & Earth statue at the Priests Section at Calvary Cemetery (see ad on page 8 for more information).

Saturday, November 7, 2026, 5 p.m.: Catholic Diocese of Lexington ***2026 Wedding Anniversary Mass and Reception*** for couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, and 50th+ anniversaries in 2026 (Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., presiding; Cathedral of Christ the King (see ad on page 6 for more information).

Thursday, November 12, 2026, 11 a.m.: ***A Faith-Centered Grief Care Workshop*** 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 31–November 1, 2026 • Solemnity of All Saints

Saturday, October 31: Vigil Mass
Presiders: ***Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers***
Eucharistic Ministers: ***Alyce Graves, Cheryl Bogarty***
Ushers: ***Cheryl Bogarty, Alyce Graves***
Server: ***Eli Blair***
Lector: ***Christy Rickert***
Response: ***NA***

Sunday, November 1: 10 a.m. Gospel Mass
Presiders: ***Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers***
Eucharistic Ministers: ***Jennifer Murray, Mariah Dence***
Ushers: ***Ingrad Bisseh, Amy Smith, Charlene Young, Stephanie Hogan, Priscilla Johnson***
Servers: ***Natalia Brooks, Kamella Brooks, Thérèse Boothe***
Lectors: ***Makenzie Brooks, Theresa Jones-Hawkins***
Response: ***NA***
Gift Bearers: ***Kim Riggles & Family***

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 25: *Parish* • **Tuesday, October 27:** *Fr. Norman Fischer*

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



Painting by Fr. Norman Fischer

Friday, Nov. 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

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

Celebrate the holiday season with an evening filled with thanksgiving, fellowship, and joy!

Music by Renowned Jazz Artist Benny J.

Tickets: $50 per person

Ticket sales begin after Mass on Sunday, October 18. (You may also purchase tickets from the parish's office)

We hope you'll join us for this special evening of celebration and community!

Tickets on sale now!

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church

Advertise your business in the bulletin today!

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

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 CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHRISTMAS TREES & WREATHS



PICK UP AT SPPS:
SATURDAY, NOV. 28TH

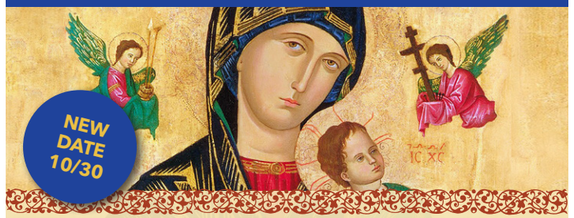
PICK UP AT BLUEGRASS DISTILLERS:
SATURDAY, DEC. 5TH

TREES

WREATHS

HELP SUPPORT STS. PETER & PAUL REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OCTOBER DEVOTION TO MARY & PRAYERS FOR PEACE



October has been set aside for Devotion to Mary and Prayers for Peace.

Fr. Damian will have Adoration on Friday, October 30 • 5–6 p.m.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mass and Reception

• WITH BISHOP JOHN PRESIDING •

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 2026 AT **5PM**
CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING

FOR COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 10TH, 25TH, 40TH, 50TH, AND 50TH+ ANNIVERSARIES IN 2026

SCAN TO REGISTER!

REGISTER AT CDLEX.ORG/FAMILY

OR CALL CLAUDIA BY OCT. 30TH AT (859) 253-1993 x 1004.

Support St. Peter Claver When You Shop at Kroger!

It's easy when you enroll in **Kroger Community Rewards**!
Sign up with your KROGER PLUS CARD.
Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards for St. Peter Claver when you use your KROGER PLUS CARD!

1) **Get a Kroger Plus Card:** If you don't have a Kroger Plus Card, you can pick one up at the Kroger's customer service desk.
2) **Create an Account:** Members need to sign in or create a digital account at Kroger and link their Kroger Plus Card.
3) **Enroll** in **Kroger Community Rewards** by visiting this link or scan the QR code: www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards
4) Enter our Organization Name: **St. Peter Claver Catholic Church** or our Organization Number: **XI088**
5) **Click Enroll**

It takes approximately 10 days for the Community Rewards total to begin displaying on your receipt. Remember, you'll need to re-enroll every April.

Sponsored by the St. Peter Claver Health Ministry and the St. Peter Claver Golden Ministry

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FINDING HOPE THROUGH GRIEF

A Faith-Centered Grief Care Workshop

Join us for a compassionate workshop created especially for older adults navigating loss. Together, we will make space for reflection, connection, and healing - grounded in faith and guided by caring professionals.

WHERE: St. Peter Claver Catholic Church

WHEN: Thursday, November 12, 2026

TIME: 11:00 AM

Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, feel free to contact Martha Crumbie @ 859-396-5178.

SEPTEMBER 1–30, 2026 FINANCE REPORT

September 6/2026	
Total In-house: $4,104	Total Online: $1,235
September 13/2026	
Total In-house: $5,237	Total Online: $1,075
September 20/2026	
Total In-house: $3,394	Total Online: $1,350.13
September 27/2026	
Total In-house: $2,607	Total Online: $1,825
September 30/2026	
Total In-house: $0	Total Online: $1,635
Additional Deposit	
Total In-house: $0	Total Online: $0

MONTH TOTALS:
In-house: $15,342 Online: $7,120.13
Projected September Income: $27,300.70 / **Total: $22,462.13**
Net Income: -$4,838.57

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. You may also use your smart phone to scan in the QR code.

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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

Next Sunday NOV. 1 Blood Pressure Check

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

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

Catholic Mental Health Ministry

invites you to join us for:

The Faces of Mental Health: Fighting the Stigma One Face at a Time.

with guest speaker Nita Clarke

Hosted by Pax Christi, this inspiring program will feature Nita, a member of St. Peter Claver parish, sharing her personal journey of faith, perseverance, and survivorship. Through her experiences with grief, mental health challenges, and the loss of her father to suicide, Nita will offer a message of hope and the power of faith in overcoming life's challenges.



When: Saturday, November 21, 2026
10:00–11:30 with lunch to follow after.
Where: Pax Christi
4001 Victoria Way
Lexington, KY 40515

CATHOLIC MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

To RSVP please email cmhm.amanda.day@gmail.com or call 859-334-1980



As Election Day approaches, we want to remind you of some important dates.

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

"Look to Christ!... Listen to his offer of love and become his one family: in the one Christ, we are one." **-Pope Leo XIV**

2026 Diocesan Annual Appeal

One In Christ

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Catholic Diocese of Lexington





Please help SPC reach our GOAL of $24,000 by November.

Ministries Supported By the Diocesan Annual Appeal

- Catholic Charities
- Catholic Schools
- Clergy Support
- Campus Ministries
- Hispanic Ministry
- Permanent Diaconate
- Seminarians & Vocations
- Stewardship
- Technology

ENCOUNTER • LIVE • SHARE



Calvary Cemetery NEWS

Sunday, November 1, 3 p.m.: All Saints Day Mass at the Via Dolorosa Mausoleum & Blessing of Mary Queen of Heaven & Earth statue at the Priests Section at Calvary Cemetery with Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv. presiding.

Sunday, November 1 to Sunday November 8: Plenary Indulgence if you participate in Sacramental Confession, Communion and Pray for the Intentions of the Holy Father (all to be carried out within days of each other or at the same time) & visit a cemetery (Calvary's gates open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. every day unless inclement weather) and fervently prays for the deceased [on other days of the year, the Indulgence is Partial].

CALVARY CEMETERY
The Cemetery of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington

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