ST. PETER CLAVER

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

> *When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:*
> *'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.*
> *Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.*
> *Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land…*
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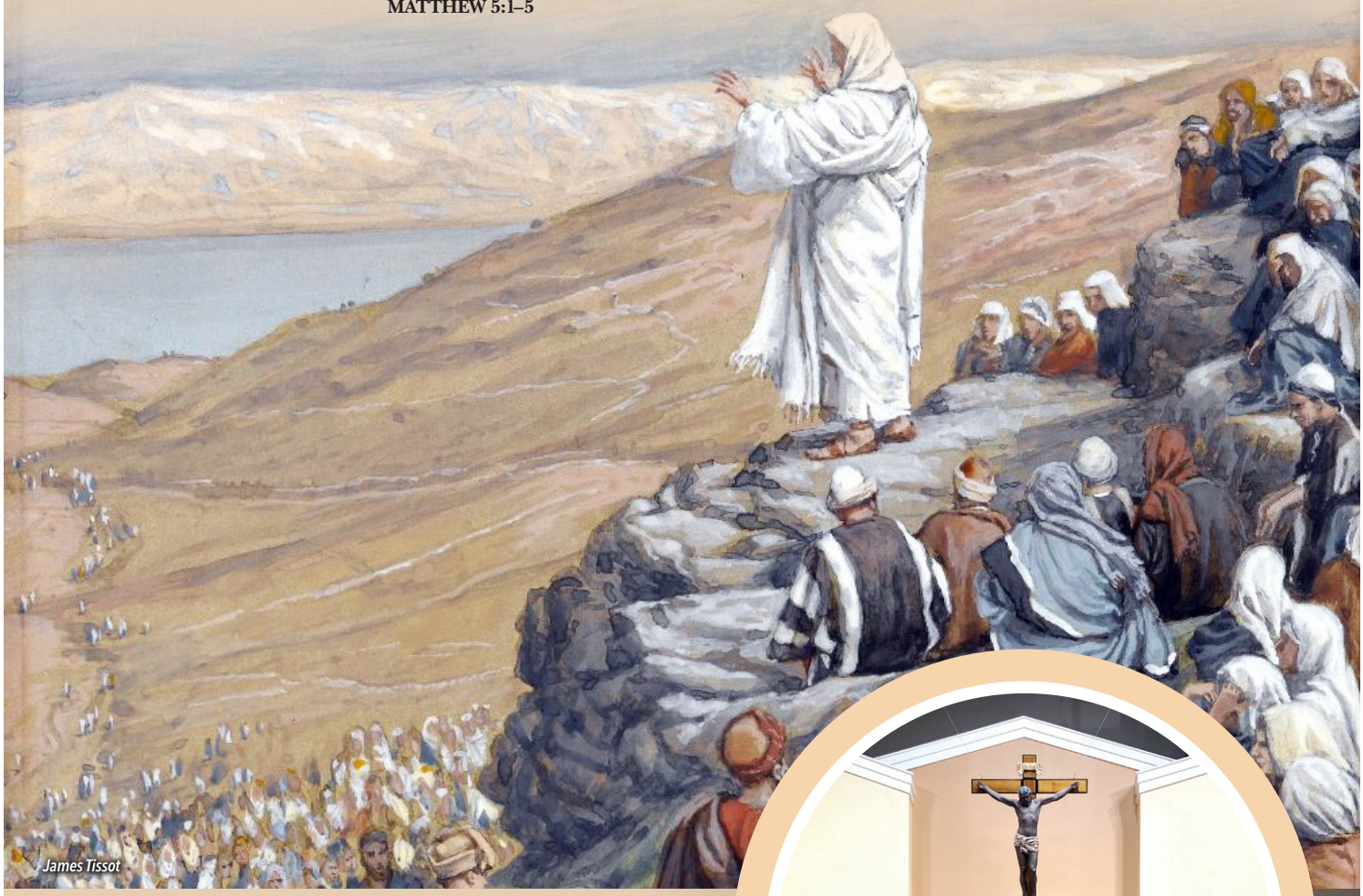
> MATTHEW 5:1–5



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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
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.
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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 15, 2026** bulletin, please submit information **before or by noon on Friday, November 6, 2026**.

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

PARISH STAFF

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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)

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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.

Saint Martin de Porres



St. Martin de Porres

Saint Martin de Porres is the patron saint of African-Americans, biracial people, barbers, innkeepers, the poor, Peru, public health workers, public schools, television, and interracial and social justice. He was canonized by pope John XXIII on May 6, 1962.

Martín de Porres y Velázquez was born in Lima, Peru. Martin's father was a Spaniard, and his mother was a freed slave of African/native descent. According to the custom of the time, this made Martin an illegitimate child of mixed race, earning him the demeaning label of "mulatto." He had one sister and after Martin's sister was born, their father, abandoned the family leaving their mother, Ana, to raise the children on her own. Though there is little documentation about Martin and his sister's early faith formation, it is clear that Martin developed a profound love of God from an early age and a love for the poor and suffering. One story relates that when Ana sent Martin to the market to purchase food for the family, he often gave the food away to the poor on the way home. By the time Martin was twelve years old, his mother sent him to a school where he was able to live and study for a couple of years. Afterwards, a barber-surgeon took him in and taught him his trade. Though "barbers" and "surgeons" might not seem to be of the same trade, these were among the most common medical practitioners at the time. Because barbers became skilled with blades for haircutting, they were also called upon for surgeries and learned other basic medical techniques. Martin soon fell in love with this trade, because it gave him an opportunity to not only support himself but also to be of service to others.

For the next eight years, Martin lived and dressed as a Dominican but worked as a servant of the community. He cut the friars' hair, cooked, cleaned, did laundry, and used his medical knowledge to care for the sick. Eventually, he did his duties so well that he was put in charge of the alms that the community distributed to the poor. Those eight years were a time of profound humility. Martin never complained but eagerly served the friars and local community in the most menial ways, with the most tender compassion and concern. As a result, after eight years of humble service, the superior of the community of 300 friars decided to ignore the Spanish law and asked Martin to take formal vows as a Dominican at the age of twenty-four, which he did out of obedience. Over the next ten years, Brother Martin continued his humble service and grew deeper in prayer every year, spending countless hours before the Blessed Sacrament and developing a deep devotion to our Blessed Mother.

At the age of thirty-four, Brother Martin was placed in charge of the infirmary, a duty he would fulfill for the next twenty-five years until his death. As the infirmarian, Brother Martin used the skills he had learned as a barber-surgeon to help heal many people. People started to notice, however, that his medical remedies appeared to be backed by supernatural power. Miracles began to be reported. Though this was impressive to many, Brother Martin's profound humility, compassion, and spiritual wisdom made an even greater impact. He cared not only for the Dominicans, but regularly sought out the poor and sick within the community, sometimes bringing the most diseased and emaciated into the friary and even providing his own bed. Though some brothers complained, Brother Martin's depth of love was so convincing that the complaints quickly vanished.

Little by little, Brother Martin began to have a profound effect upon not only the friars but on all of Lima. His miracles increased. Sometimes he miraculously appeared in the room of a sick friar to care for him without even opening the door. He founded a home for orphans. He continuously begged for alms throughout the city, distributing all he received to the other friars and the poor of the city. While in prayer, some saw him enveloped in light or levitating. He could read souls and was given miraculous wisdom and knowledge that led the most learned of men to seek his counsel. Miraculous cures were abundant, and his charity never ceased. He was even loving to stray animals, treating them with dignity as God's creatures, some claiming he was even able to miraculously communicate with them. After his death, the miracles increased as people sought his intercession. Twenty-five years after his death, Martin's body was exhumed and found to be incorrupt.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: November 1–7, 2026 • Solemnity of All Saints

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

Thursday, November 5, 2026, 7 p.m.: ***BUILD — Community Problems Assembly*** at Consolidated Baptist Church at 1625 Russell Cave Road, (see ad on page 6 for more information).
Sunday, November 8, 2026, 4 p.m.: ***Black Church Coalition of the Bluegrass Mass Meeting*** at Shiloh Baptist Church, 237 E. Fifth St., (see ad on page 7 for more information).
Saturday, November 21, 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 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 6 for more information).

NEXT WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE: November 7–8, 2026 • Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 7: Vigil Mass
Presiders: ***Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers***
Eucharistic Ministers: ***Alyce Graves, Sharon Smith***
Ushers: ***Cassie Zumwalt, Cheryl Bogarty***
Server: ***Eli Blair***
Lector: ***Paul Anaya***
Response: ***NA***

Sunday, November 8: 10 a.m. Gospel Mass
Presiders: ***Fr. Dennis, Dcn. James Weathers, Pam Johnson***
Eucharistic Ministers: ***Beth Ross, Ami Hillenmeyer***
Ushers: ***Linda Lewis, Chuck Bond, Priscilla Johnson, Sharon Searcy, Stephanie Hogan***
Servers: ***Arabella Floyd, Xavier Caird, Thérèse Boothe***
Lectors: ***Hilary Jones, Jennifer Murray***
Response: ***NA***
Gift Bearers: ***Mary Duff & Family***

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 31: *Parish* • **Sunday, November 1:** *Parish* • **Tuesday, November 3:** *Thanksgiving*

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

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS

Meet Valerie Jenkins

BY NITA CLARKE

Valerie Campbell Jenkins was born January 17, 1953 here in Lexington, Kentucky. She is the eldest of four children, three boys and one girl. Her parents, Onie and Clarence Campbell, taught her at an early age to always be positive.

"I like to pull the best out of people," Valerie said. "I don't have time to be bitter or negative." She said. "God is so good!"

Valerie began to attend Shiloh Baptist Church in 1963. She graduated from Henry Clay High School in 1971 and attended Kentucky State University where she studied Nursing. She was an Alpha Phi Alpha Angel and would be chosen the Alpha Phi Alpha Queen during her first year.

"I met my husband, Thomas Jenkins II at K-State," Valerie said. "His father was one of the first black Nuclear Physicists at NASA."

The family moved to Lorain, Ohio in 1973 where she became a Home School Liaision.

"My job was to be the liaison between the children, their parents and the school. If the children would get into trouble, they would come to me and when they settled down, I contacted the parents."

Valerie moved back to Kentucky in 1986, she and five of her eight children.

"I wanted my children to know my parents who were getting older at the time. I also wanted to be of help to my parents, and I was so happy that I did!"

Three of Valerie's older children visited many parishes in Lexington and finally discovered St. Peter Claver.

"Sweet Mary Mitchell welcomed us at the door." Valerie said, smiling. "Father Jim Sichko was at SPC at the time and he, and Skip and Cindy Olson, helped us to become Catholic.

Valerie would join the St. Peter Claver Gospel Choir and eventually became the Choir's Secretary after the passing of Carnella Clay. At this time, she is serving her second term as the Grand Lady of the Knights of Peter Claver's Ladies' Auxilary.

"The Ladies have served lunch at the Hope Center; brought gifts to the Nursing Home, brought gifts to Moms and Dads on Mothers' and Fathers' Day, and recently collected over 300 winter hats and gloves for children in need at two local schools and SPC."

Attending a church conference in Orlando, Florida in 2017, Valerie was bitten by a mosquito and was the first person in Fayette County to come down with West Nile Virus.

"I was paralyzed and lost my voice," she said. "But God taught me a new lesson each day; one day my voice came back and even though I was no longer paralyzed, I had to learn how to walk again. That lesson was to trust Him! My children were so upset but Father Norman calmed them all down. He was such a blessing."

"Also, by the way, Father Damian is a really wonderful Priest!"

Valerie has eight children: Four have their Bachelors, two have their Masters, two have retired from Military Service. Nefertiti is a producer for Channel 18 TV, Onierita works as a Behavioral Specialist in Myrtle Beach, Thomas is a Music Teacher at Full Sales University and has his own music recording business.

"None of my children have ever given me any problems and all of them are great adults. I am so very proud of all of them." Valerie concluded. "GOD IS GOOD!"



Valerie Jenkins



Valerie Jenkins' eight children

Community Problems Assembly

Thursday, November 5 • 7 p.m.

Consolidated Baptist Church • 1625 Russell Cave Road

Rise Up and Build!
BUILD
Lexington, Ky
EST. 2003

Microtransit: On October 27 Lextran launched the first pilot microtransit service in Lexington.

Elder Care: A Caring Place continues to run an active Village pilot in Beaumont/Gardenside/HeadleyGreen. It is preparing to launch another in St. Martin Village and organizing toward one in District 8.

Renters' Concerns: The city is nearing the launch of a website where renters can search an address and see housing violations, how long they've gone unresolved, and landlord information when available. BUILD is also working with Vice mayor Wu, Councilmember James Brown and Commissioner Lanter to host a stakeholders meeting in early 2027 to discuss safe housing.

You can learn more about these issues and BUILD's newest issue at the Community Problems Assembly

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

You may purchase tickets from the parish's office **(859) 254–0030** or online by going to this link **https://spclex.org/Christmas** or scan the QR code using your smart phone.

Tickets on sale now!

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

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church

SECOND COLLECTION

Today, November 1

Collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa



Today our parish will take up a collection to support the ***Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa***. As the Church in Africa grows, its need for pastoral leaders increases. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects that build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

Calvary Cemetery NEWS

The Cemetery of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington (874 West Main Street, Lexington, KY) • (859) 252–5415
ccemetery@cdlex.org

Monday, November 2, 3-5 p.m.: LCHS Students & Fr. Ben Horn prayer service at Priests Section

Wednesday, November 4, 1 p.m.: Prayer service & Burial of Miscarried Babies (0-12 week fetuses) at the Via Dolorosa Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

Friday, November 6, 3 p.m.: Stations of the Cross for the Holy Souls in Purgatory at the Via Dolorosa Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery (Jim/Kathy Boorman to lead)

Saturday, November 7: American Heritage Girls to place USA flags at Veterans graves

A COMMUNITY WITHIN A COMMUNITY THAT HELPS THOSE IN NEED!

BLACK CHURCH COALITION OF THE BLUEGRASS

MASS MEETING

JOIN US FOR A CITY WIDE SERVICE

Black Church Coalition of the Bluegrass:
A collaborative of local churches dedicated to spiritual growth, community outreach, and social impact across the Bluegrass region.

Join our mission for unity, empowerment, and service.

Lexington

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
237 E. FIFTH ST. | LEXINGTON, KY 40508

Sunday, November 8th 2026 | 4:00 PM

SPEAKER:
PASTOR MARVIN KING JR.



MEETINGS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

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

TODAY 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

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mass and Reception

WITH BISHOP JOHN PRESIDING

NEW DATE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, 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 NOV. 13th AT (859) 253-1993 x 1004.

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

OUR CHURCH IN *Action*





Photos by Priscilla Johnson

Last Sunday, the Health Ministry & the Golden Ministry *Pinked the Pews* to create awareness for breast cancer.



ELECTION DAY

Tuesday
November 3, 2026

SECOND COLLECTION

Thank you!

Collection for World Mission Sunday



Thank you for your generous contributions to the ***Collection for World Mission Sunday***!
As a parish, we collected $485 to the Church's missionary work.
Thank you for your support!