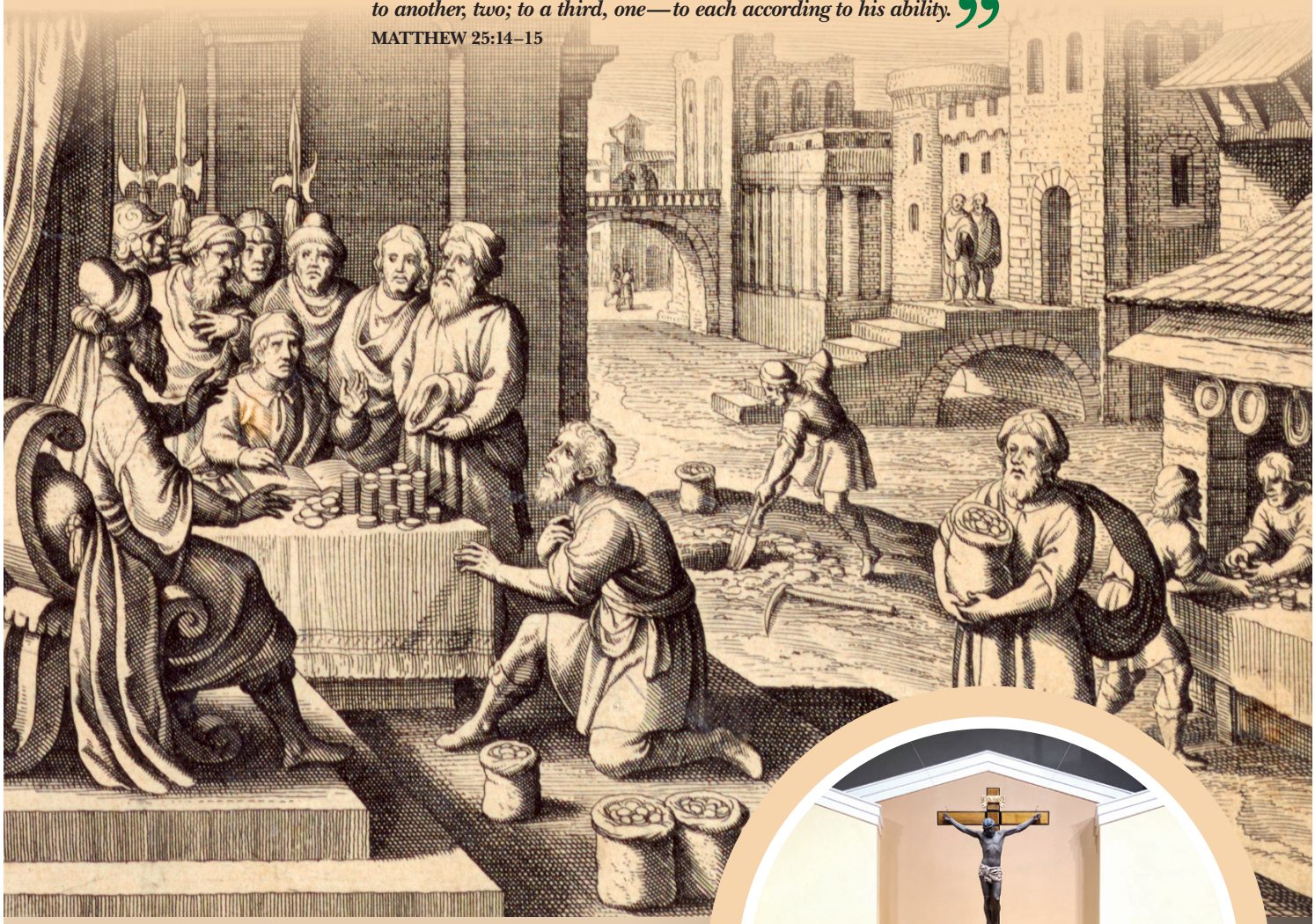
ST. PETER CLAVER

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

> *Jesus told his disciples this parable:*
> *'A man going on a journey called in his servants and*
> *entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents;*
> *to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability.*
> **MATTHEW 25:14–15**





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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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 29, 2026** bulletin, please submit information **before or by noon on Friday, November 20, 2026**.

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

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Bobby Gantley, James Keene, Amy Smith, Hilary Jones, Maureen Peters, Tim Gaillard.

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FACILITY MANAGER
Greg Gerton

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS (2026–2027)
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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.

National Black Catholic Congress XIV in 2028

HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS

Daniel Rudd was born on August 7, 1854, on Anatok Plantation in Bardstown, Kentucky to enslaved parents Robert and Elizabeth Rudd. Daniel and all 11 of his siblings were baptized in the Catholic Church.

Rudd was very religious, but it is unknown at what point in his life he decided to make the promotion of Catholicism his life's work. He was eventually emancipated from slavery and moved to Springfield, Ohio while still a young adult, sometime before 1876.

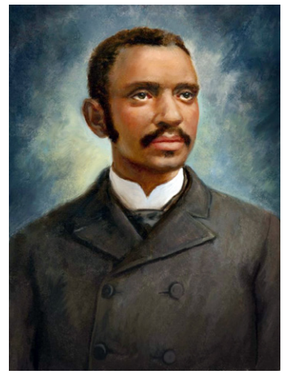
Rudd's journalism career started at the *Sunday News*. While there, he was a printer, reporter, and editor who was interested in following a Frederick Douglass-like advocacy that was aimed at protecting the civil rights of African Americans.

In 1885 Rudd began his first Catholic newspaper called the *Ohio Tribune*, the first Black paper printed by and for the Black community. The fledgling, local weekly—with a limited scope—did not do well.

After only a year, Daniel moved the company to Cincinnati, where he started featuring articles that spoke out on Black issues such as segregation and discrimination. This new iteration, the *American Catholic Tribune*, this was the first Black-owned and operated national Catholic newspaper.

Rudd believed that the newspaper was important in promoting the church as a transformational institution that was capable of bringing equality and social justice for African Americans.

Rudd was very observant activist, watching and interacting with various organizations, discussing matters unique to the respective organizations. In particular, Rudd watched the workings of the German Roman Catholic Central Verein. In September 1887, Rudd attended a gathering in Chicago to address the group. Upon his return, he complained about the fact that the German and Irish were organized, but African Americans were not. He thought to gather Black Catholics to discuss various troubles in the Black community.



Daniel Rudd

He built the idea of an English-speaking Catholic congress in the hope that all races would attend. Before the call, Rudd explained that those looking for freedom must first be the ones to "strike a blow". He believed that the way to win the Black population to the Catholic church was to "find out how many Catholics we would have to start with and then put that force to work".

The **Colored Catholic Congress** held its first meeting in Washington, D.C. in January 1889, where Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, the nation's first openly-Black priest, celebrated Mass, and the 200-strong group met with President Grover Cleveland. The Congress met for five more years before disbanding.

The movement was revived in the late 20th century as the **National Black Catholic Congress**, under the leadership of several national Black Catholic organizations and the first NBCC president, Bishop John Ricard, SSJ.

The next National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) quinquennial gathering is scheduled for summer 2028, following the previous Congress XIII held in July 2023. The exact dates and host city are still being finalized by the NBCC Board of Trustees.



Portrait of the attendees at the 1892 Colored Catholic Congress. Front and center is Fr. Augustus Tolton, the nation's first openly-Black Catholic priest.



Symbols of the NBCC is the Acacia Tree:
The acacia tree is native to Africa and is mentioned throughout the Bible. It is a strong tree with deep roots. It provides shelter, food and nourishment, and can survive through drought, dryness and famine. Since biblical times, the acacia tree has been a symbol of stability and resilience.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: November 15–21, 2026 • Thirty-third 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

Saturday, November 21, 2026, 10:30 a.m.: Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., will ordain seminarian Didier Buwani to the diaconate at St. Peter Claver. Please join us for this diocesan celebration and pray for Didier as he prepares to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Saturday, November 21, 2026, 10–11:30 a.m.: Catholic Mental Health Ministry presents ***The Faces of Mental Health: Fighting the Stigma One Face at a Time*** with guest speaker Nita Clarke at Pax Christi (see ad on page 8 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 6 for more information).

DIDIER'S ORDINATION MASS
November 21, 2026

Saturday, November 21: 10:30 a.m.
Presiders: ***Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., Fr. Muthu, Fr. Damian, Dcn. James Weathers, Dcn. Eddie Grider***
Eucharistic Ministers: ***Vache Beckham, Beth Ross***
Ushers: ***Kris Miller, Chuck Bond, Colleen Benelli, Priscilla Johnson, Amy Smith***
Server: ***Xavier Caird, Thérèse Boothe, Ibra Jake, Amnobe Amisi, Guibo & Ramos***
Lector: ***Maria Fischer-Boothe, Elnoel Akwa***
Response: ***Earline Jackson***

NEXT WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:
Nov. 21–22, 2026 • The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday, November 21: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Presiders: ***Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers***
Eucharistic Ministers: ***Alyce Graves, Sharon Smith***
Ushers: ***Christy Rickert, Cassie Zumwalt***
Server: ***Eli Blair***
Lector: ***Cheryl Bogarty***
Response: ***NA***

Sunday, November 22: 10 a.m. Gospel Mass
Presiders: ***Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers***
Eucharistic Ministers: ***Mary Jo Quinn, Priscilla Johnson***
Ushers: ***Chuck Bond, David Young, Amy Smith, Colleen Benelli, Kris Miller***
Servers: ***Natalia Brooks, Kamella Brooks, Alex Riggle***
Lectors: ***Felecia LaPrelle, Ned Benson***
Response: ***NA***
Gift Bearers: ***Steve & Ada Cocanougher***

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 14: *Parish* • **Sunday, November 15:** *Parish* • **Wednesday, November 18:** *Parker Kuhn*

DIACONAL ORDINATION
of Didier Buwani

Saturday, November 21, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.
St. Peter Claver Catholic Church



Didier Buwani
SEMINARIAN

Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., will ordain seminarian Didier Buwani to the diaconate. Please join us for this diocesan celebration and pray for Didier as he prepares to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders and serve God's people as a deacon.

RECEPTION to follow in Fr. Norman A. Fischer Jr. Fellowship Hall.

WEEKDAY WEDNESDAY MASS

November 25 at 5 p.m.

There will be a blessing of food items.

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

Tickets on sale now!
Everyone is welcomed.

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.

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

ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

"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

SCAN HERE TO GIVE ONLINE TODAY!

Catholic Diocese of Lexington





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

Ministries Supported By the Diocesan Annual Appeal

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

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BUILD Community Problems Assembly Report:

Congratulations to Father Damian! He was elected to serve as an at-large officer on the BUILD Board.

AFFORDABILITY is the new issue for 2026/27. It won by a large margin as the most pressing issue facing our community.

For more information on BUILD or this issue, contact Colleen Benelli at 567-208-3164.

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

SECOND COLLECTION

Today, November 15

Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development



Please be generous in this week's special collection for the ***Catholic Campaign for Human Development***. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain here in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

FREE Thanksgiving Meals in Lexington 2026

LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRIES (190 Spruce Street, Lexington):
Thanksgiving meal – Saturday, November 14, 2026, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

NATHANIEL MISSION (1109 Versailles Road, Lexington):
Sit-down meal – Thursday, November 19, 2026. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; meal starts at 6 p.m., Limited capacity (120 folks max), only for neighbors living along the Versailles Road Corridor.

FOOD CHAIN (501 W. 6th Street, Lexington):
Hot turkey dinner – Monday, November 23, 2026, 4–6 p.m.

LEXINGTON RESCUE MISSION (535 W. 2nd Street):
Wednesday, November 25, 2026, service from 3–4 p.m., **Thanksgiving meal** from 4–6 p.m.

CATHOLIC ACTION CENTER (1055 Industry Road, Lexington):
Thanksgiving Day, **Thursday, November 26**, 2026, 4:30–6 p.,. Take-out, drive-thru, NO eat-in service,

MALONE'S/PORTER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH:
Take-out meal. Call (859) 272–3441 to reserve a pickup time on Thanksgiving, **November 26**, 2026, between 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m. at the church. Registration will be limited to 200 families.

SALVATION ARMY (736 West Main Street, Lexington):
Thanksgiving meal – Thursday, November 26, 2026, Noon–2 p.m.

LEXTRAN: Lextran routes will provide service for Thanksgiving Day with routes following a Sunday schedule and fare will be waived for all Lextran fixed-route and Lextran Wheels passengers on that day!

ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

YOUTH MASS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026

Presentation following Mass

FEATURING A SPECIAL PRESENTATION

"Oral Health is More Than Healthy Teeth"

Presented by

Wanda Gonsalves, M.D.

Retired, UK College of Medicine

FOOD WILL BE SERVED | DOOR PRIZES

ALL YOUTH INVITED TO ATTEND!

Sponsored by the Education Committee
Co-sponsored by the Health Committee

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

Blood Pressure checks on the First Sunday of every month; **December 6, 2026** (Beth), 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.

OUR CHURCH IN *Action*





Fr. Jesuraj "Jesu" Mariasalethu, Priscilla Johnson and Fr. Damian attended the BUILD's meeting on November 5.



Fr. Damian closed the meeting with a prayer.





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