ST. PETER CLAVER

NOVEMBER 22, 2026

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

> *And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'*
> **MATTHEW 25:40**





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
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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
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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 **December 6, 2026** bulletin, please submit information **before or by noon on Friday, November 27, 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*

SCRIPTURE STUDY
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.

Diaconal Ordination of Didier Buwani

Didier Ngangani Buwani was born on June 10, 1974, in Ipamu/DR Congo. His family is Catholic. His deceased father is Lievin Buwani (d.1985), and his mother is Christine Mayelebe; she is still alive (in Kinshasa/DR Congo). He has one brother and two sisters.

Didier grew up in a loving Catholic family. His parents raised him well in the Christian faith. Even as a small child he told his parents he wanted to become a priest. He desired to serve God and at a young age became an altar server.

After high school, Didier met three priests from the Divine World Missionaries in Kinshasa. There, a priest became his spiritual director and guided him to their vocation team. He began to use *Lectio Divina* in his prayer life. A theme he kept hearing from reading scripture was "here I am…your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:9–10).

Soon after that, Didier contacted the Comboni Missionaries in Kinshasa/DR Congo for further discernment. He joined the youth group in preparation for postulancy. He was sent to Kisangani (East DR Congo) to study Philosophy. During that time, he grew spiritually and intellectually. However, after seven years, he left the Comboni Missionaries and then apply to the Catholic University of Congo. He began classes in 2005 and received a degree in Theological Ethics at the Catholic University of the Congo/ Kinshasa.


Didier Ngangani Buwani

In 2011, Didier moved to Johannesburg/South Africa. He then went on to get a master's degree and a PhD in Theological Ethics from the University of South Africa/ Pretoria. Didier was also serving poor people in the Department of pastoral care for migrants and refugees in the Archdiocese of Johannesburg. Through the help of a local, he contacted the Diocese of Lexington in 2020.

Didier was sent to Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Milwaukee/Wisconsin where he spent five semesters doing Individual Ordination Track and Master of Art in Systematic Theology. He graduated on May 8, 2026. Didier can speak French, English, Congolese languages and other lingua franca.

OUR CHURCH IN *Action*


Lux Leverette singing
He will always say, I forgive.


Children's Liturgy with 29 children!

Photos by Beth Ross

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: November 22–28, 2026 • Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

Wednesday, November 25, 2026, 5 p.m.: There will be a ***Blessing of food items*** at the weekday Wednesday Mass.

Sunday, November 29, 2026: St. Peter Claver's ***Youth Mass*** (see ad on page 7 for more information).

Friday, December 4, 2026, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.: ***First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*** at St. Peter Claver (see the announcement on page 4 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: November 29, 2026 • First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 28: (No Mass)

Sunday, November 29: 10 a.m. Gospel Mass
Presiders: ***Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers***
Eucharistic Ministers: ***Elnoel Akwa, Jason Akwa***
Ushers: ***Clara Holt, Rio, David Young, Sharon Searcy, Chuck Bond, Micah Leverete***
Servers: ***Alex Riggle, Austin Riggle, Thérèse Boothe***
Lectors: ***Kamella Brooks, Natalia Brooks***
Response: ***Arabella Floyd***
Gift Bearers: ***Onestee Caird, Brave Leverette, Jack Keach***

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 21: *Parish* • **Sunday, November 22:** *Parish* • **Thursday, November 26:** *Virgil & Eulah Young*

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



Painting by Fr. Norman Fischer

Friday, Dec. 4, 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

December 5 at 9 a.m. with the Rosary following.

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church

Father Damian &
St. Peter Claver Church invite you to:

AN EVENING OF

Christmas Elegance

Saturday, December 5, 2026
6–10 p.m.

ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH
(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.

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

Tickets on sale now!
Everyone is welcomed.

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church

"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





Ministries Supported By the Diocesan Annual Appeal

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

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2026 DAA Campaign Update for St. Peter Claver

Goal = $23,933 / Pledged = $20,982.60

Paid = $19,827.93 / **Still needed = $4,105.16**

We reached 83% of our goal / Family participation is at 49%

Last day of the DAA Campaign is November 31

Please remember to drop your envelopes in the collection basket on Sunday or mail it directly to the Diocese.
Together, we can make this happen!
Thank you for your continued faith, generosity, and support of St. Peter Claver!!

CALVARY CEMETERY **NEWS**

Monday, Nov. 23: Feast day of St. Clement I, patron saint of marble workers…pray for us

Thursday, Nov. 26: Anniversary of the Eagle Scout Serenity Garden blessing.

Saturday, Dec. 5: Third Annual "Candlelight at Calvary", 5 p.m.

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

WEEKDAY WEDNESDAY MASS

November 25 at 5 p.m.

There will be a blessing of food items.

SECOND COLLECTION

Thank you!

Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development



Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the ***Catholic Campaign for Human Development***. As a parish, we raised $493.11 to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States.

More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources."

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

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!

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



OUR CLOSET IS OVERFLOWING!



MEN'S, WOMEN'S, CHILDRENS' CLOTHES, SHOES MANY SIZES

Community Action Council collects gently used clothing for our neighbors experiencing homelessness and other emergencies.

We have more than we can store at our High Street facility in Lexington.

Please let those in need know they can **receive clothing from us by making an appointment.**

Call 859-233-4600 & ask to speak with Mae.



FREE CLINIC

Every Saturday
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SHARE Center Clinic

Staffed with volunteer physicians, nurses, and medical students, the SHARE Center Clinic is a complimentary health service dedicated to improving basic health needs of the North Side Community.

SHARE Center Clinic • 572 Georgetown Street, Lexington
EMAIL: shareclinicclex@gmail.com

We Rise by Lifting Others!

Christmas OUTREACH

St. Peter Claver is having our **Christmas Outreach** program again this year. We are requesting Kroger gift cards to be donated to our **Christmas Outreach** program. Donations will be distributed to the community and family names given to the church office.

Friday, December 18, 2026:
The last day to submit families to the church office to receive cards.

Sunday, December 20, 2026:
Last day to submit Kroger cards or donations.

Wednesday, December 23, 2026:
Cards will be distributed to those families from 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Donations can be dropped off to the church office or in the collection basket.
Thank you in advance for your generous donations.



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