



ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH

Vision Statement: *“Saint Peter Claver Church will engage, energize and empower the people of God to grow and evolve spiritually.”*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days: See Liturgy of the Eucharist schedule inside

Weekdays: See Liturgy of the Eucharist schedule inside

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. on Saturday or anytime by appt.

BAPTISM

Appointment with the priest or deacon for preparation is necessary. Call during pregnancy or as soon as possible after the child is born.

MARRIAGE

Contact the priest at least six (6) months in advance.

FUNERAL

Contact the parish office **BEFORE** making arrangements with a funeral home.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-7 – Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Meet in the parish school.

WEBSITE : www.stpeterclaverneworleans.org

NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

COMMUNITY! We ask that you please call the office to register in the parish.

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Credit Union (504) 988-7420
Misaada Center (504) 827-0707

Rev. J. Asare-Dankwah
Pastor

DEACONS:

Mr. Lawrence Houston
Mr. Allen Stevens

PASTORAL STAFF

Mrs. Alena Boucree
Director of Religious Education

Ms. Margie Brown
Business Manager

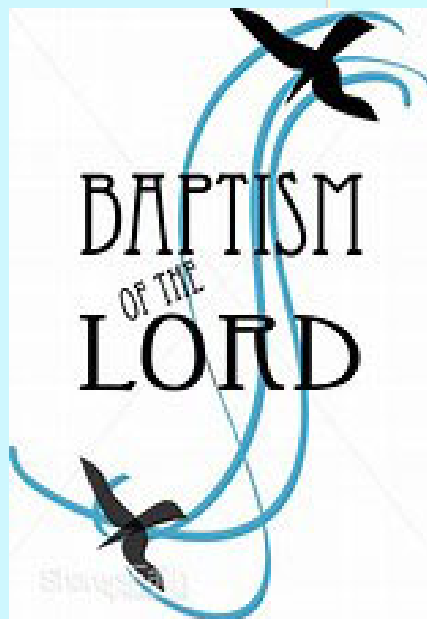
Mrs. Veronica Downs-Dorsey
Director of Music

Mrs. Marinda Lee-Houston
Youth Ministry

Mrs. Edith B. Reed
Executive Secretary

St. Peter Claver School

1020 N. Prieur Street
New Orleans, LA 70116
504-822-8191
Deacon Lawrence Houston
Principal



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church is a vibrant, spirit-filled, evangelizing community that is grounded in the Eucharist and celebrates the culture and traditions of our African-American heritage. Strengthened by our belief in Jesus Christ and trusting in God’s Word, we transform our community through acts of justice by caring for the spiritual and physical needs of His people.

SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

On the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, today's Scriptures invite us to be confident in and mindful of the presence of the divine in our midst. In the First Reading, the prophet urges personified Jerusalem to shout out from its place on the mountaintop, "Here is your God," because its [people's long exile in Babylon is about to come to an end. Note that God is depicted as a shepherd carrying the lambs in the fold of his garment, close to his heart (Hebrew **cheq**, meaning "at breast"), and carefully leading the nursing ewes (Hebrew **ul**, meaning "to give suck") as they make their way to God's holy city. Today's Gospel juxtaposes John the Baptist with Jesus in a most remarkable scene. The crowds were listening to John, who was preaching a baptism of repentance, and were eager to learn whether he might be the messiah. Yet John tells them that he is only the messenger. Someone greater was coming, he said, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The scene quickly shifts to the crowd, who had participated in John's ritual of repentance and to one in their midst who is manifest to the world through a heavenly voice and a descending Holy Spirit as God's beloved Son. The Second Reading invites us to reflect on our Christian Baptism, which the author describes as a "bath of rebirth" and a "renewal by the Holy Spirit." He reminds us that it was given to us as grace (Greek **charis**, meaning "kindness" or "gift"), not because we earned it, but because God is merciful, generous, and loving.

- ◆ Study the First Reading, looking for its many descriptors of God. What do they tell you about the nature of god and God's relationship to humanity?
- ◆ As you reflect on today's Gospel, what message might we glean from the presentation of a crowd captivated by John's celebrity even while God's beloved Son stood unnoticed among them?
- ◆ As you pray over the Second Reading, ask how God wants you to respond to the generous gift you have been given in the "bath of rebirth."

From the Desk of Fr. Asare-Dankwah

January 7, 2019

After much prayerful thoughts and serious consultation with the St. Peter Claver Parish Council, Finance Council, and Advisory Council, we issue the following statement.

1. At the present time, the school is not financially solvent. Additionally, the State of Louisiana has determined that our school cannot accept new students from the State's Scholarship Program for the coming school year which will significantly affect our Enrollment and Finances.
2. St. Peter Claver School's enrollment has continued to drop below the 200 student minimum level. As you know, the Office of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of New Orleans determined 200 as the necessary enrollment to maintain the financial and academic viability of the school.
3. Faced with the facts of the above-mentioned issues, the school will cease its operation at the end of the 2018-2019 Academic School Year. Notwithstanding, we are committed to ensure a successful completion of the school year.
4. St. Peter Claver School has had a long-lasting history in the community for holistic Christian Education.
5. We will convene a Planning Committee to develop a strategic plan for the future use of our school facilities to preserve its legacy in the Treme community. The plan will address both the economic vitality and the culture of our community.
6. We have decided to inform our faculty, staff, parents and parishioners before the Office of Catholic Schools makes the public announcement of our school's closure.

It is our fervent hope that we as a parish, trusting in our God, will find other ways to continue the vision started 98 years ago by the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. We are grateful to God for the role we have played in Catholic Education and faith formation in the lives of many students.

In Christ,

Rev. J. Asare-Dankwah

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Pastor

St. Peter Claver Homebound and Sick Parishioners

Please pray for the following parishioners and friends who are homebound or ill:

Edith Henry, Alice Allen, Gwendolyn Rocque, Verna Mae Martin, Joycelyn Johnson, Stanley & Beatrice Grant, Myra Harrell, Pearl Dupart, Aaron LaCabe, Bernice Stein, Joyce Evans, Javette and Michael Garner, John & Claire Bidol, Demetria Bernard, Gladys Shief, Jerald LaPierre, Robert "RJ" LaPierre, Doris Finister, Marie Walker, Shirley Walker, Chris Price, Shirley Walton, Antoinette Johnston, Cindy Armstrong, Ralph Walker, Albert & Miriam Boucree, Audrey Evans, Vint Barney, Lydia Broyard, Yvette Brown, Shirley Pratt, Grace Jones, Lorraine Bowman, Linda Hunter, Ruby Perry, Yolanda Green, Barbara Phillips, Inaclaire Buckley, Louise Jenkins, Toki Joseph, Joseph Williams, Gerard Robinson, Sr., Emelda Petit, Johnnie Petit, Scarlett Crawford, Vivian Plessy, Debra Gray, Frederick Gray, Lionel and Marion Evans, Gerald Stone, Verlyn Mallory, Marva Batiste, Bronson Lee, John Parker, Maureen Nutting, Cynthia Bluford, Victoria Leslie, Lorraine Bart, Myrtle Dorsey, Bernell Johnson, Tamiko Haynes, Warrentia Clincy, Lula Belle Moss, Wilma Wilson, Wendell Baptiste, Dorothy Holden, Maxine Rixner, Jeremy Tauriac, Shonne Pierce, Wylene Jones, Nowell Lackings, Sr., Dereck Rovaris, Sr., Roslind Louis, Emelda Paul, Lydia Edwards, Ted Nutting, Le'Shawn Porter, Alcede Carter, Eberial McCoy, Joseph Washington. Kim Price.

FATIMA ROSARY

Monday, January 14, 2019

4:30 p.m.. 2100 Ursulines Ave., Apt. 1103

Hosted by: Jerry Queen



We celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Monday, January 21, 2019

"Quotes from Speeches Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Delivered"

Letter from Birmingham Jail: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly."

Our God is Marching On: "How long? Not long, because no lie can live forever." How long? Not long, because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

The Drum Major Instinct: "I'd like for somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to love somebody."

I've Been to the Mountaintop: "True peace is not merely the absence of tension: It is the presence of justice." "Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." "We must live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Sincere THANKS....*The generous hands and hearts of many parishioners helped to make our Christmas Masses beautiful and sacred at St. Peter Claver.*

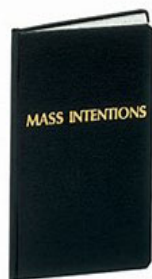
Thanks to ALL who helped in any way..... to all the St. Peter Claver Parish liturgical ministers, to our youth, to our Knights of Peter Claver Organization. To our Staff, and our faithful and faith filled parishioners and guests who attend our Masses.

May God continue to be glorified in all we do at St. Peter Claver Church.



**This year (2019) let's make some
Spiritual Resolutions:**

1. Spending more time with family.
2. Volunteering to help others (A day this year working at the "Food Pantry")
3. Couples work hard at nurturing the Covenant of Love you have with Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
4. Attend the Women's Retreat
5. Attend the Men's Retreat
6. Join a Ministry
7. Increase financial stewardship to the Church.
8. Share your time and talents building God's Kingdom.
9. Once a month bring a can goods to Church.
10. Pray, Pray, Pray more often.



The 2019 Mass Intention Book is open. If you would like to offer a Mass Intention for another person or for the Repose of the Soul of a deceased loved one, please submit your Mass Intention requests calling the Parish Office, 504-822-8059. the donation for Mass Intentions is \$5.00 and the donation for the Sanctuary Candle is \$10.00.



Consult with an Attorney for FREE!!

About your **CONSUMER DEBT** Problems
Debt Problems-Collection Harassment-Bankruptcy
-Foreclosure-Contract Disputes

WHEN: Saturday, January 26, 2019
12:00 noon—2:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Peter Claver Ujima Center
1019 N. Prieur Street
New Orleans, LA 70116



Weekly Ministry Schedule

January 14-20, 2019



Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study-Ujima Center
Tues.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	10:00 a.m.	Food Pantry-Misaada Center
	10:00 a.m.	Health/Wellness Minsitry
	5:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary-Ujima Ctr.
	6:00 p.m.	Women of Nia-Imani-Ujima
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
Wed..	8:30 a.m.	School Mass-Church
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry-Sankofa
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	10:00 a.m.	Food Pantry-Misaada Ctr.
	1:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study-Ujima Ctr.
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts-Ujima Center
Sat.	9:00 a.m.	CCD Classes-School Bldg.
	10:45 a.m.	Liturgical Dance-School Bldg.
	4:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass-Church
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass-Church
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass-Church



Visit St. Ann's Shrine

(2100 Block of Ursulines Ave.)

Open

Tuesdays & Saturdays
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Our Stewardship for Sunday, January 6, 2019 was **\$13,418.59**; **\$18,827.00** is NEEDED to balance the budget weekly. Shortfall for January 6, 2019 is **\$5,408.41** **2nd Collection: Building Fund: \$556.00.**

Thanks for your generosity.



Mass Intention

January 13-19, 2019

Sunday, January 13, 2019

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
 Mr. Kenneth Carter
 Ms. Melissa Ann Moore
 Ms. Florence Bradley
 Mr. Jules Bakewell, III
 Jules, Jr. & Pauline Bakewell, Jr.

10:00 a.m. Ms. Jade Gibson
 Edward and Edna Walker
 Mr. Percy Walker
 Ms. Vivian Delaney
 Mr. Jareath M. Francis, Sr.
 Ms. Christine Locue
 Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
 Living & deceased members of the
 Aldrich, Evans, Moss and Tureaud
 families
 Living & deceased members of the
 Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Saulney,
 Prevost & Wilson families

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

8:30 a.m. School Mass-Church

Thursday, January 17, 2019

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Friday, January 18, 2019

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Saturday, January 19, 2019

4:00 p.m. Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.
 Mr. Thomas A.G. Lee
 Ms. Claudette Bazil
 Ms. Della Parker
 Octave & Leontine Francis

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Annual Financial Statements will be provided for those who request them. Call the Parish Office or place the following information in the collection basket for your 2018 contribution statement. Statements will be available no later than February 11th.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT #: _____

ENV. #: _____

ST. PETER CLAVER HEALTH CORNER



Cervical Cancer Screening Awareness
Early Detection is the Best Protection

Cervical Cancer is a cancer that forms in the tissues of a female’s cervix (the organ connecting the uterus and the vagina). It is the second most common type of cancer for women worldwide, but because it develops over time, it is also one of the **most preventable** types of cancer. Unlike other cancers, **cervical cancer** is not passed down through family genes but caused by certain types of human papilloma virus (HPC). **Cervical cancer screening** is the best way to detect cervix cell changes and early cervical cancers before they cause symptoms. The **“PAP” test** is the screening test which allow early detection of any abnormal cell growth. Early diagnosis and treatment is the **best** way to beat cervical cancer.

Recommended Guidelines for Cervical Cancer Screening: Women 21-29 years of age-Pap test every 3 years; Women 30-65 years of age-Pap test with cytology every 3 years or for women who want to lengthen the screening interval, screening with a **combination** of cytology and HPV testing every 5 years. Women 66 years and older-No screening women is recommended for women who have had adequate prior screening **and** are not otherwise at high risk for cervical cancer. Women who have had a **total hysterectomy** (removal of the uterus and cervix may also choose to stop having Pap tests, unless the surgery as done as a treatment for cervical cancer or pre-cancer. Women who have had a hysterectomy **without** removal of the cervix should **continue** to have Pap tests.

Contact your physician to have a “PAP SMEAR”!

References: U.S. Preventative Services Task Force

If you need more information about Cervical Cancer Screening or help scheduling an appointment call the Health & Wellness Ministry located in the Misaada Center, Office Hrs. Tuesdays 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, (504) 822-8059.

ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH

MEETINGS & EVENTS JANUARY, 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 Happy New Year!!	2 6:00 pm Family Life	3	4 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	5 9:00 am Workshop 9:00 am CCD Classes
6 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass	7 6:00 pm Bible Study	8 5:00 pm Legion of Mary 6:00 pm NIA- Imani	9 8:30 am School Mass	10 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Reh.	11 4:00 pm Social Concerns 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	12 NO CCD Clas- ses
13 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass Baptism	14 3:00 pm Senior Citizens 6:00 pm Bible Study	15 5:00 pm Legion of Mary	16 8:30 am School Mass 4:30 pm Bereave	17 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Reh.	18 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	19 9:00 am CCD Classes
20 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass	21 HOLIDAY Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. OFFICE CLOSED	22 5:00 pm Legion of Mary 6:00 pm Liturgy Mtg.	23 8:30 am School Mass	24 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Reh.	25 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	26 9:00 am CCD Classes 12:00 noon Legal Clinic 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
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