



# 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](http://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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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

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Deacon Lawrence Houston  
Principal



*Feast of Peter Claver  
Patron Saint*

## 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.*



**Our Patron,  
Saint Peter Claver**

Peter Claver (26 June 1580-08 September 1654) was a Jesuit priest who became the patron of slaves, (Colombia, South America) and African Americans. He was granted sainthood due to his life's

work. Peter Claver arrived in Cartagena, Colombia in 1610, still a novice. Cartagena was a slave-trading hub. 10,000 slaves poured into the port yearly, crossing the Atlantic from West Africa under conditions so foul that an estimated one-third died in transit. After the slaves were herded from the ship and penned in nearby yards to be scrutinized by crowds of buyers, Claver joined them with medicine, food, bread, brandy, lemons and tobacco. With the help of interpreters and pictures which he carried with him, he gave basic instructions and assured the slaves of their human dignity and God's saving love. Claver added a vow to his ordination signature: Latin: Petrus Claver, aethiopum siempre servus ("Peter Claver, slave of the Negro forever"). His service to the slaves lasted for thirty-three years.

Peter Claver saw the slaves as fellow Christians, encouraging others to do so as well. During his forty years of ministry he catechized and baptized an estimated three hundred thousand (300,000) slaves, following up on them to ensure that as Christians they received their Christian and civil rights. Only after Claver's death was the vast scope of his ministry finally realized, which was prodigious even before the astronomical number of people he baptized is added in. He died in 1654.

He was canonized in 1888, and Pope Leo XIII declared him the patron of missionary work among people of color. **St. Peter Claver, Pray for Us.**

**PRAYER FOR THOUGHT..EPHPHATHA!**



Be opened! He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak. Open your ears to the Word of the Lord! The ears of the deaf will be opened and the tongue of those who are mute will sing. Those who love the LORD will be heirs to the Kingdom. CHRIST our LIGHT; PRAISE the LORD! Praise the lord, my soul!



**Our Patron  
Saint Peter Claver  
Feast Day  
September 9, 2017**

**"The Claver Prayer"**. God, our heavenly Father, you have given us life through the death and resurrection of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus, our saving Lord, you came into the world darkened by man's sin and gave it light through your teachings. Holy Spirit, the Breath of God within us, you guide and enlighten us and give us the strength of our convictions. Saint Peter Claver, who became an example for us, you showed us the Lord God, the Light of Christ, and the strength of the Holy Spirit. We pray now that all we say and do in your honor may be a continuation of your work here on earth. **Saint Peter Claver, pray for us.**

**Reconciliation**



**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. in the Church. This year confessions will be available in all Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Pope Francis reminds us, "God is a Father and he is always waiting for us! It is so wonderful to feel the merciful embrace of the Father in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The confessional is a place of mercy." Please consider having your family come to church together for Confession on Wednesday, September 12, 2018.

**STEWARDSHIP**  
*a way of life*

Our Stewardship for Sunday, September 2, 2018 was **\$15, 613.89** **\$18,827.00** is NEEDED to balance the budget weekly. Shortfall for September 2, 2018 is **\$3,213.11. 2nd Collection; Building Fund: \$358.34.**

**Thanks for your generosity.**



**Scripture Readings for:  
September 10-16, 2018**

<b>Monday-9/10/18</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 5:1-8 Luke 6:6-11</b>
<b>Tuesday-9/11/18</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 6:1-11 Luke 6:12-19</b>
<b>Wednesday-9/12/18</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 7:25-31 Luke 6:20-26</b>
<b>Thursday -9/13/18</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13 Luke 6:27-38</b>
<b>Friday-9/14/18</b>	<b>Numbers 21:4b-9 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17</b>
<b>Saturday-9/15/18</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 10:14-22 John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35</b>
<b>Sunday -9/16/18</b>	<b>Isaiah 50:5-9a James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35</b>

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018

**Blue Mass**



Hosted by St. Peter Claver Catholic Church



**September 15, 2018**

**September 16, 2018**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**



- 4:00 p.m. **Cynthia Smothers**, Reginald Vicks, Leonetta Terrell, Claudette Vicks, Verita Thomas, Vanessa Smith
- 7:30 a.m. **Elvira Talton**, Becky Bell, Chandra Green, William Broyard, Keith Darby
- 10:00 a.m. **Dwight Bluford**, Ida Butler, Tina Ellsworth, Keith Darby, Kayla Houston
- Balcony: Dwight Duplessis**, Jona Duplessis, Angie Nash

**Lectors**

- 4:00 p.m. Cynthia Davis \* Sandra Dave
- 7:30 p.m. Arian Randolph \* Amber Brown
- 10:00 a.m. Marc Barnes, Jr. \* Sydney Haynes

**ATTENTION:**

**All Eucharistic Ministers**, you are asked to submit your Name, email address and current phone number to this email address: [ereed@spclaverchurch.org](mailto:ereed@spclaverchurch.org). St. Peter Claver Church Redlegation of Eucharistic Ministers will be approaching us soon.



Be a part of a  
**MEMORABLE EVENING**

Immerse yourself in the best of New Orleans culture with savory hors d'oeuvres, skillfully crafted cocktails while celebrating Fifteen Years of Jazz Extravaganza in Historic Tremé.

**Down in the Tremé**  
An Evening of Music and Culture

Saturday, October 13, 2018 ~ 8:00 p.m.  
SPC Music Hall ~ New Orleans

St. Peter Claver Jazz Extravaganza  
(504) 822-8059  
[JazzExtravaganza@nolastpeterclaver.com](mailto:JazzExtravaganza@nolastpeterclaver.com)



TO BENEFIT ST. PETER CLAVER SCHOOL

**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, John Aguillard, Barbara Phillips, Lyndia Faust, Diane Blanks, Ina Claire Buckley, Kevin Boyd, 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, Zelma Evans, Keith Donatto, Bernell Johnson, Tamiko Haynes, Warrentia Clincy, Tracey Howard, Lula Belle Moss, Wilma Wilson, Wendell Baptiste, Dorothy Holden, Maxine Rixner, Jeremy Tauriac & Shonne Pierce.

**FATIMA ROSARY**

**Monday, September 10, 2018**

**5:30 p.m.. 2100 Ursulines**

**Ave., Apt. 110**



**Hosted By: Ms. Jacqueline Gibson**



**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

**Will burn in memory for:**

**Mr. Almon Kitchell**

**Requested by: The Family**

**Scripture Insights**

Isaiah presents a reassuring vision of God's healing and restorative powers. Those marginalized by suffering will receive new life: the blind, deaf, lame, and mute. Even creation will be renewed and the desert overflow with life-giving water. The Gospel shows us the fulfillment of Isaiah's vision in Jesus' ministry with the healing of the deaf and mute man. Mark's account describes Jesus performing the miracle in realistic detail. Jesus treats the man with respect by taking him aside from the crowd and showing him special concern. Looking up to heaven as he performs the healing, Jesus demonstrates his unity with the Father. Putting his fingers into the man's ears and touching his tongue with spittle, Jesus utters his command, "Be opened," and the man is healed of his disabilities. These actions of Jesus have been incorporated into the Church's baptismal ritual. Before the Baptism of adults and after the Baptism of children, the priest touches the person's mouth and ears, asking the Lord to open their ears to receive the Word of the Lord and to open the mouth to proclaim their faith. This is the Ephphatha named after the words Jesus spoke. Mark reports that the people acknowledge what Jesus has done by saying: "He has done all things well"-a reminder of God's words at the creation of the world (Genesis 1:31). James' letter offers a vignette that challenges us to emulate Jesus, who treated every person with dignity. No distinctions should be made among Jesus' followers. Rich and poor must be embraced equally without discrimination. James shows how Jesus' teaching should be carried out in the lives of the worshipping community.

- ◆ What words or images do you find in common in the First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, and Gospel?
- ◆ What do the explicit details of Jesus' miracle and the baptismal liturgy tell us about the role of bodies in our God-given personhood?
- ◆ Does the passage from the Letter of James feel to you like a challenge or an affirmation?

## ST. PETER CLAVER HEALTH CORNER



### CHILDHOOD OBESITY

Over the past three decades, childhood obesity rates in America have tripled and today, nearly one in three children in America are overweight or obese. The numbers are even higher in **African American and Hispanic** communities, where nearly 40% of the children are overweight or obese. If we don't change our children's eating habits and increase their exercise activity, one third of all children born in the year 2000 or later will suffer from **diabetes** at some point in their lives. Many others will **face chronic obesity-related health problems like heart disease, high blood pressure, cancer and breathing problems**. Children who are obese also have an increased risk of emotional problems (low self-esteem, less popular with their peers). Obesity in children and adolescents can be managed: **Start** a weight management program; **Change** eating habits (eat slowly-develop a routine); **Plan** meals and make better food selections (eat less fatty foods-avoid junk and fast foods); **Control** portions and consume less calories; **Increase** physical activity (especially walking); **Know** what your child eats at school; **Eat** meals as a family instead of while watching television or at the computer; **Do not** use food as a reward; **Make** snack time healthy (fruit and vegetable snacks). **If your child is obese see your Pediatrician or Family Physician to be sure there are no underlying Medical conditions that may be causing the Obesity.**

If you need additional information regarding childhood obesity your **Health and Wellness Ministry Nurses** stand ready to help!

**Office Hours:** Tues. 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
**Phone:** (504) 822-8059

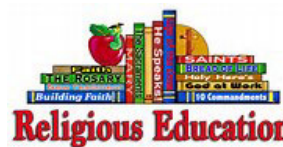
## Weekly Ministry Schedule

September 10-16, 2018



Mon.	5:30 p.m.	The Movie "The Shack"- Hall
Tues.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	10:00 a.m.	Food Pantry-Missada Ctr.
	10:00 a.m.	Health & Wellness-Missada
	5:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary-Ujima Ctr.
	6:00 p.m.	NIA-Imani-Ujima Center
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry-Sankofa
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	10:00 a.m.	Food Pantry-Missada Ctr.
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal-Church
	7:00 p.m.	RCIA Sessions-Ujima Center
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts-Ujima Center
Sat.	9:00 a.m.	CCD Classes- School Bldg.
	4:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass-Church
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass-Church
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass-Church

### Religious Education



Calling All Parents, Godparents, and Grandparents!! Religious Education/Formation Program for students in K-7 who attend public, charter or private schools has begun. Let the Church help you raise your children in our Catholic Faith. Please be sure to register. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church or contact the Parish Office, 822-8059. Now registering 11th and 12th grade youth for Confirmation Preparation to receive the Sacrament in the Spring of 2019. Registration forms are in the vestibule of the Church or contact the Parish Office, 822-8059. The first session is Sunday, October 7th following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. **Please Note "No new registration for Confirmation in the Spring, 2019 will be accepted after October 7, 2018.**

*Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

# MASS INTENTIONS

**September 9-15, 2018**

**Sunday, September 9, 2018**

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver  
In Thanksgiving—Ms. Geri Gant  
Joseph & Emily O'Brien  
Mr. Almon Kitchell  
Mr. Cleopas Talton, Jr.  
Mr. Dylan Whittington

10:00 a.m. Ms. Jade Gibson  
Mr. Percy Walker  
Mr. Paul Steib  
Bartholomew, Jr., & Ramona Bruno  
Edward & Edna Walker  
Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum  
Ms. Vivian Delaney  
Living & deceased members of the  
Aldrich, Evans, Moss and Tureaud  
families  
Living & deceased members of the  
Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Saulney,  
Prevost & Wilson families  
Living & deceased members of the  
Ladies & Knights of Peter Claver  
Fr. Robert Cooper (living)

**Tuesday, September 11, 2018**

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

**Wednesday, September 12, 2018**

8:30 a.m. School Mass-Church

**Thursday, September 13, 2018**

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

**Friday, September 14, 2018**

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

**Saturday, September 15, 2018**

4:00 p.m. Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.  
Mr. Thomas A.G. Lee  
Ms. Melba Epps  
Ms. Elenora Duplessis  
Ms. Yvonne Doucet

**ATTENTION:**

There will be a Mandatory Lector's meeting on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the School Hall. We are encouraging those who have not been able to attend the previous meeting please make an effort to attend.



Archdiocese of  
New Orleans

Office of the Archbishop

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the  
Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It is our archdiocesan tradition to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as confession, on a weekday evening near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. I am pleased to inform you that many people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans have taken advantage of this opportunity and the priests have decided to continue this practice. This year confessions will be available in all Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to invite the healing Christ into your heart with his promise of mercy. Pope Francis in talking about our weakness and sin said, "Jesus does not want to beat us and condemn us. He gave his life for us...He is always looking for a way to get to the heart...there is forgiveness." Please consider having your family come to church together for confession on Wednesday, September 12.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

*Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond*  
*Archbishop of New Orleans*

**St. Peter Claver Church  
Ministry Meetings & Events**

**SEPTEMBER , 2018**

**Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat**

						<b>1</b> 9:00 am CCD Class 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>4</b> 5:00 pm Legion of Mary 6:00 pm Family Life	<b>5</b> 8:30 am School Mass	<b>6</b> 6:00 pm Adult Choir	<b>7</b> 6:00 pm Boy Scouts <b>6:30 pm Sankofa Gospel Fest</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00 am CCD Class 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
<b>9</b> Peter Claver Day 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass <b>PICNIC</b>	<b>10</b> 3:00 pm Senior Citizens 5:30 pm Movie "The Shack"	<b>11</b> 5:00 pm Legion of Mary 6:00 pm Nia-Imani	<b>12</b> 8:30 am School Mass 5:00 pm Reconciliation 6:00 pm H.S. Religion 7	<b>13</b> 6:00 pm Adult Choir	<b>14</b> 4:30 pm Social Concerns 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	<b>15</b> 9:00 am CCD Class 9:30 am Lector's Meeting 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
<b>16</b> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass <b>Happy 5th Anniversary/ Fr. Asare</b>	<b>17</b> 6:00 pm Bible Study	<b>18</b> 5:00 pm Legion of Mary	<b>19</b> 8:30 am School Mass 4:30 pm Be-reavement Min.	<b>20</b> 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Choir	<b>21</b> 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	<b>22</b> 9:00 am CCD Class 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
<b>23</b> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass	<b>24</b> 3:00 pm Senior Citizens 6:00 pm Bible Study	<b>25</b> 5:00 pm Legion of Mary	<b>26</b> 8:30 am School Mass	<b>27</b> 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Choir	<b>28</b> 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	<b>29</b> 9:00 am CCD Class 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
<b>30</b> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass						

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