

# 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., 9:00 a.m., 11:30 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.



*Feast of St. Peter Claver  
Patron Saint*

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Rev. J. Asare-Dankwah  
**Pastor**

## DEACONS:

Lawrence Houston  
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  
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Mrs. Edith B. Reed  
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## St. Peter Claver School

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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.*



**Our Patron,  
Saint Peter Claver**

Peter Claver (26 June 1580-8 Septembers 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 sempre 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...**

Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them. LORD bless our labor and the work of our hands; Owe no debt to anyone except the debt that binds each of us to love one another. PRAY and it will be granted to you. LOVE is the fulfillment of the of the LAW. You are just, O Lord! Amen!!



**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 Cross/confession will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 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 13.



Our Stewardship for Sunday, September 3, 2017 was **\$17,204.70** **\$18,827.00** is NEEDED to balance the budget weekly. Shortfall for September 3, 2017 is **\$1,622.30.** **Second Collection: Hurricane Harvey Relief: \$2,665.18.**

*Thanks for your generosity.*



# Mass Intention

September , 2017

## Sunday, September 10, 2017

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver  
Ms. Emily O'Brien  
Mr. James Smith, III  
In Thanksgiving—Ms. Geri Gant

10:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of the  
Knights and Ladies of St. Peter  
Claver  
Ms. Gwendolyn Green  
Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum  
Mr. Percy Walker  
Edward & Edna Walker  
Mr. Herbert Spurlock, Jr.  
Bartholomew, Jr. & Ramona Bruno  
Mr. John Sims  
Mr. Rudy Winford  
Living & deceased members of the  
Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Prevost,  
Saulney and Wilson families

## Tuesday, September 12, 2017

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

## Wednesday, September 13, 2017

8:30 a.m. School Mass-Church  
5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation –Church

## Thursday, September 14, 2017

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

## Friday, September 15, 2017

8:30 a.m. Mass-St. Ann's Chapel

## Saturday, September 16, 2017

4:00 p.m. Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.

## Scripture Insights

Today's readings remind us of our shared responsibility in humanity's journey to holiness. In the First Reading, God appoints Ezekiel to be a sentry or lookout for Israel. This is the second time that he is called to be prophet. The first time is described in chapter 3 (16-21), but this time the Babylonian army is at the gates, about to destroy Jerusalem, and the devastation will be massive. Ezekiel is told that his destiny depends on the energy he puts into convincing people to change their wicked ways, whether or not they repent. Of course, conversion is only possible if our hearts are open to hear God's voice. This is what we pray for in the Responsorial Psalm. The phrases "hardened hearts" is an allusion to the Israelites' grumbling against God during their Exodus journey. In the Second Reading, Paul argues that observing God's Commandments is shared responsibility. After providing an overview of the Commandments, to which Israel is committed through the Sinai covenant, he summarizes them in a single command-love one another in word and deed. In the Gospel reading, Jesus provides us with step-by-step directions for calling people to return to the community of faith. Far from delivering a quick and harsh judgment, the ones who have been wronged are directed to use every means possible to bring back the wayward. Shunning or excommunication is the last resort and is intended to make the offender feel the consequences of his offense and want to seek forgiveness.

- ◆ What does today's Gospel tell us about the proper disposition of the person who brings charges against the sinner and of those who aid in the call to conversion?
- ◆ With its emphasis on entering God's presence in praise and joy, Psalm 95 is usually classified as an enthronement psalm. Write your own modern-day enthronement psalm in the spirit of Psalm 95. For what do you want to praise God?
- ◆ After reflecting on today's Scripture readings, what new insights have you gained about our responsibility for one another?



### St. Peter Claver Food Pantry...

**Parishioners: Please don't forget the St. Peter Claver Food Pantry! While many are grocery shopping, members of our community are in need of food; add a few cans for them. Remember to bring nonperishable items and canned goods to church on Sunday. We thank you for your support!!**



**ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH**

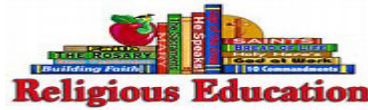
**NEW ORLEANS, LA**

**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, Joan Diaz, 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, Herman Philip, Jr., Audrey Evans, Vint Barney, Lydia Broyard, Yvette Brown, Shirley Pratt, Grace Jones, Lorraine Bowman, Zelinda Lawrence, Troylyn Lawrence, 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, Sr. Janet Pruitt, Jerry Queen, Verlyn Malloory, Marva Batiste, Bronson Lee, John Parker, Maureen Nutting, Cynthia Bluford, Barbara Montague, Victoria Leslie, Lorraine Bart.

**St. Peter Claver Parish Religious Education Faith Formation**



Saturday, August 26, 2017, The Parish Religious Education families gather for Faith Formation. The focus was our parish's Patron Saint, St. Peter Claver. The participants learned facts about Peter Claver and the compassionate and courageous acts of kindness and love for the thousands of African men and women who were brought to the Americas bound and shackled to be slaves. He was a Jesus priest who saw the people on the ships as children of God and treated them as his brother and sister in Christ. He gave them food, water and clothing; and cared for their wounds. He taught them about Jesus and encouraged people to be kind to the slaves and treat them with respect. Participants learned that our parish church began in 1029 as a missionary church of the Josephite Fathers to minister to the black people in the community who had been segregated because of their race and had to sit in the back of the Church and were the last to receive the Holy Eucharist. St. Peter Claver Church became a place of deep faith in God and a place of pride. Parents and grandparents shared their experiences as members of the parish. These were stories of joy and love of a community of people built with labor, sustained by faith and growing in love. We are called to imitate St. Peter Claver and treat everyone with compassion and love. May St. Peter Claver Parish continue to be a light of hope for the community and filled with Christ's love.

**ATTENTION:**

**Interested in Traveling to Ghana?**

**Hosted by**

**St. Peter Claver Catholic Church**

**Fr. J-Asare-Dankwah, Pastor**

**Inquiries/Registration**

**St. Peter Claver Parish Office**

**1910 Ursulines Ave., 504-822-8059**

**SPCGlobetrotters@gmail.com**

**Travel Dates: July 17-31, 2018**

**Cost: \$3,799.00 per person**

**Reservations Limited**



Come be a part of the Parish Religious Education for students in grades K-8th meet on Saturday from 9:00 am-10:30 am in the School Building



**September 16, 2017**

**September 17, 2017**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**



4:00 p.m. **Leonetta Terrell**, Cynthia Smothers, Reginald Vicks, Claudette Vicks, Christian Odum, Verita Thomas

7:30 a.m. **Roslyn Veals**, Yolanda Green, Becky Bell, William Broyard, Joycelyn Rendro

9:00 a.m. **Arthurine Lear**, Ida Butler, Linda Boyle, Kionne Lear, Cleo Silas

**Balcony:** **Angela Rovaris**, Dwight Bluford, Darnell Brooks

11:30 a.m. **Angie Nash**, Arthur Johnson, Cynthia Robinson, Eleanor Chapital, Damian Perrin

**Balcony:** **Niquelle Lackings**, Darnell Gordon, Severina DeSpenza

**LECTORS**

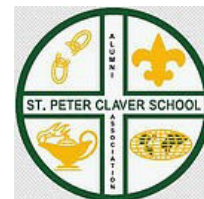
4:00 p.m. Aisha Edwards \* Lorraine Edwards  
7:30 p.m. Arian Randolph \* Jenna Hill  
9:00 a.m. Haley Williams \* Jayla Williams  
11:30 a.m. Saria Soublet \* Kayla Houston



**Weekly Ministry Schedule**  
**September 11-17, 2017**

Mon.	3:00 p.m.	Senior Citizens Mtg.-Ujima
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study-Ujima Center
Tues.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Church
	10:00 a.m.	Food Pantry –Misaada Center
	5:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary-Ujima Ctr.
	7:00 p.m.	NIA-Imani-Ujima Center
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	School Mass-Church
	6:00 p.m.	High School Formation
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry—Sankofa Bldg.
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	10:00 a.m.	Food Pantry-Misaada Center
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Mass-St Ann’s Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts-Ujima Center
Sat.	9:00 a.m.	CCD Classes-School Bldg.
	10:45 a.m.	Liturgical Dance Practice
	4:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass-Church
	6:00 p.m.	SPC Alumni Meeting-Hall
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass—Church
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass-Church
	11:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass-Church

**St. Peter Claver School Alumni Association General Meeting**



**ALUMNI ROUNDUP**

**Graduates & students of St. Peter Claver School, we are looking for you!**

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

Saturday, September 16, 2017, 6:00 p.m.  
St. Peter Claver School Cafeteria,  
1020 N. Prieur Street



**Information:** [spclaveralumni@gmail.com](mailto:spclaveralumni@gmail.com) and [www.spclaveralumni.org](http://www.spclaveralumni.org)

**HURRICANE HARVEY “DONATIONS”**

Matthew 25:35-36, 40..For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,..naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me..Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Please remember your brothers and sisters effected by Hurricane Harvey in their time of need. Bring donations: (Baby pampers, baby formula, etc. toiletries (all types), non-perishable food items, etc. The items will be accepted at Church next weekend for our brothers and sisters effected by this disaster.

Thank you and may God continue to bless you and your family and our church families.



**Scripture Readings for:**  
**September 11-17, 2017**

**Monday-9/11/17**      *Colossians 1:24-2:3*  
*Luke 6:6-11*

**Tuesday-9/12/17**      *Colossians 2:6-15*  
*Luke 6:12-19*

**Wednesday-9/13/17**      *Colossians 3:1-11*  
*Luke 6:20-26*

**Thursday -9/14/17**      *Numbers 21:4b-9*  
*Philippians 2:6-11*  
*John 3:13-17*

**Friday-9/15/17**      *1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14*  
*John 19:25-27 or*  
*Luke 2:33-35*

**Saturday-9/16/17**      *1 Timothy 1:15-17*  
*Luke 6:43-49*

**Sunday -9/17/17**      *Sirach 27:30-28:7*  
*Romans 14:7-9*  
*Matthew 18:21-35*



**FATIMA ROSARY**

**Monday, September 11, 2017**  
**5:30 p.m. St. Ann Apartments**  
**in the Chapel**

*Rosary*

**Hosted By: Ms. Sylvia Bloom**



**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

**Will burn in memory for:**

**Ms. Helen Leon**

**Requested by: Ms. Vanessa Leon, daughter**



**Visit St. Ann's Shrine**

(2100 Block of  
Ursulines Avenue)

**Open**

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

**ST. PETER CLAVER HEALTH CORNER**



**How to Boost Your 'Good' (HDL) Cholesterol**

HDL cholesterol is the kind of cholesterol you want more of. It's called the "good" cholesterol because it helps protect you from getting heart disease. HDL cholesterol brings cholesterol to your liver, which sends it out of your body. So you want as much HDL as possible. You can get a blood test to check your cholesterol level. Having an HDL level of at least 60 may help protect you from getting heart disease. Of course, other things — like not smoking, being active and staying at a healthy weight — also matter for your heart's health. Many of those things also affect your HDL level. **5 Ways to Raise Your HDL Cholesterol: Get Active.** Physical activity can boost your HDL level. Get at least 30 minutes a day of moderate activity, most days of the week. **Lose extra weight.** If you're overweight, losing extra pounds can help raise your HDL levels, as well as cut your LDL ("bad") cholesterol levels. **Choose better fats in your diet.** The healthier choices are monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats. You'll find these in plants, nuts. And fish like salmon or tuna. And, like everything you eat, keep your portion sizes small. **Fats pack a lot of calories in small amounts. Alcohol in moderation.** Drinking moderate amounts of alcohol is lined to higher HDL levels. If you don't drink now, check with your doctor before you start, since alcohol has some risks not related to cholesterol. **Stop smoking.** Kicking the cigarette habit raise your HDL level.

**If you need more information about managing your cholesterol or help scheduling an appointment with a healthcare provider call the Health & Wellness Ministry located in the Misaada Center.**

**Office Hours:** Tues. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
**Phone:** (504) 822-8059

**References:** PubMed; AHA



**ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**September, 2017**  
**Church Calendar**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 8:30 am Mass- St. Ann Chapel 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>2</b> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
<b>3</b> 7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Mass 11:30 am Mass	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 5:00 pm Legion of Mary 5:00 pm LOM 6:00 pm Family Life	<b>6</b> 8:30 am School Mass 6:00 pm Faith Formation 6:30 pm Youth Ministry	<b>7</b> 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 4:00 pm Social Concerns 6:00 pm. Boys Scout 7:00 pm Choir- Robe Dedic- ation	<b>9 Feast of Peter Claver</b> 8:00 am Morn- ing of Reflection 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
<b>10</b> 7:30 am Mass <b>10:00 am Mass</b>	<b>11</b> 3:00 pm Senior Citizens 6:00 pm Bible Study	<b>12</b> 5:00 pm Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Cub Scouts-Hall 7:00 pm NIA- Imani	<b>13</b> 8:30 am School Mass 5:00 pm Confes- sion 6:00 pm Faith Formation	<b>14</b> 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm. Legion of Mary Mass 6:00 pm SPC Alumni Mtg.
<b>17</b> 7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Mass 11:30 am Mass	<b>18</b> 6:00 pm Bible Study	<b>19</b> 5:00 pm Legion of Mary	<b>20</b> 8:30 am School Mass 4:30 pm Be- reavement Min. 6:00 pm Faith Formation	<b>21</b> 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>23</b> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
<b>24</b> 7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Mass 11:30 am Mass	<b>25</b> 3:00 pm Senior Citizens 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Pastro- ral Council	<b>26</b> 5:00 pm Legion of Mary	<b>27</b> 8:30 am School Mass	<b>28</b> 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass

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