



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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Mr. Allen Stevens

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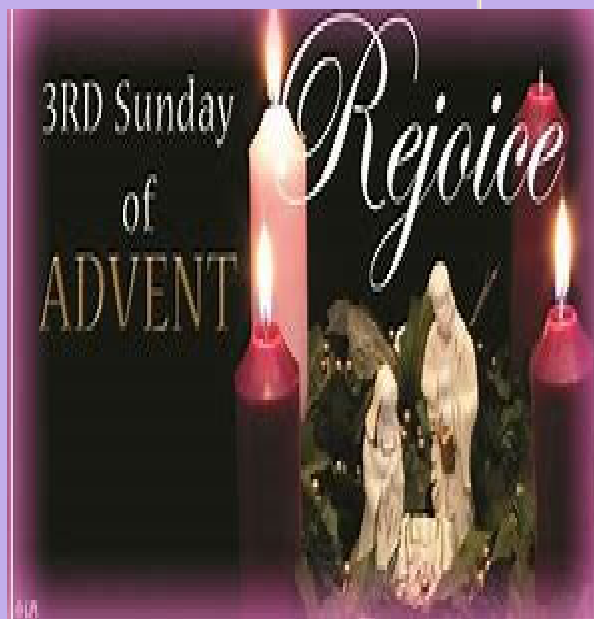
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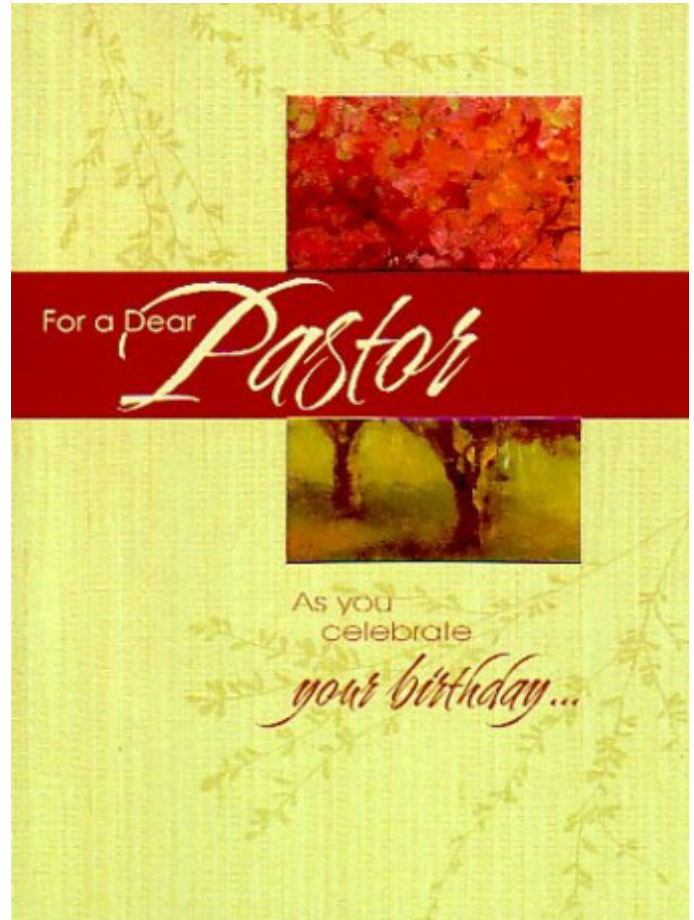
MISSION STATEMENT

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

Good news! Let us rejoice in anticipation! This theme is evident in today's readings. In the First Reading, we hear that on that final day when God's justice is fully manifest, he will take away Jerusalem's shame and give her cause for great rejoicing. "Daughter Zion" is a personification of the ideal city of Jerusalem where God, the king of Israel, can dwell as its savior and lover. Today's Responsorial Psalm closely parallels this notion of the exultant "Daughter Jerusalem," even though the phrase is not used. Likewise, in the Second Reading, Paul exhorts his readers to rejoice in the nearness of the Lord and not to be anxious, but always to act with kindness (Greek *epieikés*), meaning "mildness, forbearance, fairness, moderation"). Then, when they make their requests known to God, they will experience the fullness of God's peace. Today's Gospel describes a scene in which John the Baptist preaches repentance in anticipation of the coming messiah. When John tells the crowds that they must live righteously, they are so enamored of his words that they think he is the long-awaited messiah. He lays that idea to rest, saying, "one mightier than I is coming ...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." The Greek *baptizo* means "to dip or submerge, as in a ritual". With that, John continues to preach the "good news" to the people. One may wonder how the crowds could consider a baptism "with the holy Spirit and fire" to be good news?

- ◆ What does the First Reading tell us about the nature of God and God's relationship toward the chosen ones?
- ◆ As you reflect on the Second Reading, consider how acting with kindness and offering gratitude to God in prayer has brought you a sense of God's grace.
- ◆ What does it mean to you to be baptized "with the holy Spirit and fire"?



As you serve God wholeheartedly,
may you always find joy serving him.

***The Parishioners of the St. Peter Claver Church
and School would like to wish our Pastor,
Fr. Asare a Happy & Blessed Birthday,
Wednesday, November 19, 2018***

STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

Our Stewardship for Sunday, December 16, 2018 was **\$9,514.25**; **\$18,827.00** is NEEDED to balance the budget weekly. Shortfall for December 16, 2018 is **\$9,312.75** **2nd Collection: Retirement Fund: \$237.66.**

Thanks for your generosity.



Scripture Readings for:
December 17-23, 2018

Monday-12/17/18 **Genesis 49:2, 8-10**
 Matthew 1:1-17

Tuesday-12/18/18 **Jeremiah 23:5-8**
 Matthew 1:18-25
 Isaiah 7:10-14

Wednesday-12/19/18 **Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a**
 Luke 1:5-25

Thursday-12/20/18 **Isaiah 7:10-14**
 Luke 1:26-38

Friday-12/21/18 **Song of Songs 2:8-14 or**
 Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Saturday-12/22/18 **1 Samuel 1:24-28**
 Luke 1:46-56

Sunday -12/23/18 **Micah 5:1-4a**
 Hebrews 10:5-10



The "Voices of Peter Claver" Choir
proudly presents their
"Annual Christmas Concert"
Sunday, December 16, 2018
5:00 p.m.

Other Featured Performers
Youth & Young Adult Choir
The SPC Liturgical Dancers &
Drummers
Special Guest—Soloists

December 22, 2018

December 23, 2018

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS



4:00 p.m. **Derek Delahoussaye**, Stella Reese, Adrain Francis,
Veronica Stevenson, Ingrid Delahoussaye, Vanessa
Smith

7:30 a.m. **Monique Hardy**, Nona Webb, Yolanda Green, Keith
Darby, Elvira Talton

10:00 a.m. **Sandy Duet**, Arthurine Lear, Rosalyn Johnson, Vanessa
Smith, Kionne Lear

Balcony: **Damien Perrin**, Severina Despenza, Denise Nicholls

Lectors

4:00 p.m. Karriem Bennett * Cleo Silas
7:30 p.m. Jordan Colin * Kendra Tircuit
10:00 a.m. Marc Barnes, Sr. * Gina Dupart

The Principles of KWANZAA



Come celebrate the Spirit of **UJAMAA**
Join St. Peter Claver Church and the National As-
sociation of Black Social Workers in song, dance,
spoken word and fellowship as we celebrate
KWANZAA, Thursday, December 27, 2018 at
6:00 p.m. in the School Hall. In the Spirit of
Kwanzaa pot luck dishes are welcomed. What is
Kwanzaa? It is a holiday to celebrate African
American Culture.



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in memory for:

Almon Kitchell

Requested by: Mrs. Cynthia Kitchell & family



YES, once again, we are need of help to
clean the Church for Christmas. Please
come out on Saturday, December 21, 2018
at 9:00 a.m. We appreciate your support.

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, Ina Claire 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, Noel Baudy, Lydia Edwards, Ted Nutting, Le'Shawn Porter, Alicide Carter.

***St. Peter Claver Catholic Church
The Globetrotters***

11 days Cultural, Educational & Historical Journey to Ghana, the Motherland



July 10-20, 2019

St. Peter Claver is planning its 2nd Ghana Experience to the Motherland from July 10-20, 2019 and you are invited to join us. If you have never visited Ghana, this is your year! If you have never traveled with us before, this one is certain to exceed your expectations. The trip is full of educational, inspirational, emotional and enlightening experiences. If interested, please call the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059 or send an email to:

spcglobetrotters@gmail.com

**Hosted by St. Peter Claver Catholic Church
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REQUIREMENTS FOR GHANA TRAVEL

Passport, Visa, Immunizations

PAYMENT SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

Due Upon Booking
Initial Payment \$500.00

Second Payment \$500.00
October 31, 2018

Third Payment \$1,000.00
November 30, 2018

Balance/Final
January 31, 2019

FATIMA ROSARY

**Monday, December 17, 2018
4:30 p.m.. 2100 Ursulines
Ave., Apt. 1103**



Hosted By: Ms. Lucille McWilliams



**Corpus Christi/
Epiphany**

ADVENT Prayer Service and Reconciliation on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. All is invited.



St. Peter Claver Adopt a Family/ Giving Tree

The "Giving Tree" has been placed in the Sanctuary. "Make Room and Prepare for the coming of the Lord" in our homes, in our hearts and recognizing His presence in us and in others. Our Advent hope is to be able to help families in our communities prepare and share in the joy of Christ's coming. If you can help make Christmas special for our families in need, please see the "Angel Tree" in the Church or contact the Parish Office at (504) 822-8059.

SPC Advent Gift Giving, 2018

The Fourth Week in Advent, we will donate one OR several of the following items to the Crescent House: **baby diapers, pullups, bibs, blankets, lotion powder, and bottles.** We are asking that you be a blessing to someone and bring these items to Mass on Sunday, December 23, 2018. Thanks for your generosity.



Children's Christmas Eve Mass

December 24, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.



A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Children's Christmas Eve Mass

Guest of Honor: Jesus Christ

Date: December 24, 2018

The Eve of His Great Birth

Time: 6:00 p.m., St. Peter Claver Church

What to Bring: Your Heart and Bells to join in ringing with Christmas Joy that Christ our Savior is Among Us! Celebration given by God's Children.

Weekly Ministry Schedule

December, 2018



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| 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. | Youth/Young Adult Choir-Rehearsal-Church |
| Wed. | 8:30 a.m. | School Mass-Church |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Faith Formation-Ujima Center |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Ministry-Sankofa |
| Thurs. | 7:30 a.m. | Mass-Rectory |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Food Pantry-Missada Center |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Adult Choir Rehearsal-Church |
| Fri. | 7:30 a.m. | Mass-Rectory |
| 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 |

Eucharistic Ministers.... Workshop!!



There is another Mandatory workshop for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on **Saturday, January 5, 2019 in**

the School Hall. To be delegated by the Archbishop for a new five-year term. Each minister must participate in this workshop. Deacon Lawrence Houston will lead the re-delegation workshop on that date. Attendance at this re-delegation workshop is mandatory if you want to continue serving communion. For more information or to find out if your name is on the re-delegation list call the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059.

ATTENTION: The Parish Office will be closed from Friday, December 21, 2018 through Tuesday, January 1, 2019. The office will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Have a Safe and Enjoyable Holiday with Family and Friends!



Mass Intention

December 16-22, 2018

Sunday, December 16, 2018

- 7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
 Mr. Kenneth Carter
 Mr. Almon Kitchell
 Mr. Lawrence Boutté
 Mr. Robert Smith
 Mr. Jules Bakewell, III
 Ms. Adurey Bakewell
 Jules & Pauline Bakewell, Jr.
 Ms. Florence Bradley
- 10:00 a.m. Ms. Jennifer George
 Mr. Dwight Bluford, Jr.
 Ms. Manette Moore
 Ms. Lois Blanks
 Ms. Christine Locue
 Ms. Jade Gibson
 Mr. Percy Walker
 Ms. Mildred Rudolph
 Ms. Ida Bartholomew
 Mr. Jude Lastrapes
 Ms. Marguerite Batiste
 Ms. Terri Lee
 Ms. Marguerite Jefferson
 Ms. Deanna Jefferson
 Ms. Marguerite Lee
 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, December 18, 2018

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

8:30 a.m. School Mass

Thursday, December 20, 2018

7:30 a.m.. Mass-Rectory

Friday, December 21, 2018

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Saturday, December 22, 2018

- 4:00 p.m. Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.
 Mr. Thomas A.G. Lee
 Ms. Mattie Milton
 Ms. Yvonne Gooch
 Mr. Michael Graham, III
Ms. Onelia Martin (Living)

OUR FAMILY PRAYER

Loving and faithful God, through the years the people of our archdiocese have appreciated the prayers and love of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in times of war, disaster, epidemic and illness.

We come to you,
 Father, with Mary our Mother, and ask you to help us in the battle of today against violence, murder and racism.

We implore you to give us your wisdom that we may build a community founded on the values of Jesus, which gives respect to the life and dignity of all people.

Bless parents that they may form their children in faith. Bless and protect our youth that they may be peacemakers of our time. Give consolation to those who have lost loved ones through violence.

Hear our prayer and give us the perseverance to be a voice for life and human dignity in our community.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.

Mother Henriette Delille, pray for us that we may be a holy family.



Ms. Haley Amber Williams
Queen Select
 of
The New Orleans Chapter of
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
Inc.

Ms. Haley Amber Williams
 reigned as *Queen Select* on
Saturday, December 15, 2018.



St. Peter Claver Catholic Church

December, 2018

Meetings & Events

Sun

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| | | | | | | <p><i>1</i> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p> |
| <p><i>2</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p> | <p><i>3</i></p> | <p><i>4</i> 5:00 pm <i>Le- gion of Mary</i> 6:00 pm <i>Family Life</i></p> | <p><i>5</i> 8:30 am <i>School Mass</i> 7:00 pm <i>McMain Concert</i></p> | <p><i>6</i> 1:00 pm <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 6:00 pm <i>Choir Reh.</i></p> | <p><i>7</i> 6:00 pm <i>Boy Scouts</i></p> | <p><i>8</i> 8:30 am Holy Obligations Mass 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p> |
| <p><i>9</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p> | <p><i>10</i> 3:00 pm <i>Senior Citizens'</i></p> | <p><i>11</i> 5:00 pm <i>Le- gion of Mary</i> 6:00 pm <i>NIA -Imani</i></p> | <p><i>12</i> 8:30 am <i>School Mass</i></p> | <p><i>13</i> 1:00 pm <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 6:00 pm <i>NOCC Mtg.</i></p> | <p><i>14</i> 4:00 pm <i>Social Concerns</i> 6:00 pm <i>Boy Scouts</i></p> | <p><i>15</i> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass 5:00 pm <i>Boy Scouts</i></p> |
| <p><i>16</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass 5:00 pm <i>Christmas Concert</i></p> | <p><i>17</i></p> | <p><i>18</i> 5:00 pm <i>Le- gion of Mary</i></p> | <p><i>19</i> 4:30 pm <i>Bereavement</i></p> | <p><i>20</i> 1:00 pm <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 6:00 pm <i>School Christmas Play</i></p> | <p><i>21</i> 6:00 pm <i>Boy Scouts</i></p> | <p><i>22</i> 9:00 am CCD 9:00 am Clean- ing the Church 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p> |
| <p><i>23</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p> | <p><i>24</i> 6:00 pm <i>Chil- dren's Christ- mas Eve Mass</i> 11:30 am <i>Mid- night Mass</i></p> | <p><i>25</i> 10:00 am <i>Christmas Day Mass</i></p> | <p><i>26</i> <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i></p> | <p><i>27</i> <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i> <i>KWANZZA</i> 6:00 pm <i>School Hall</i></p> | <p><i>28</i> <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i></p> | <p><i>29</i> 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p> |
| <p><i>30</i> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p> | <p><i>31</i> <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i></p> | | | | | |

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