

St. Peter Claver Church

ESTABLISHED in 1920

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

NEW PARISHIONERS:

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY!



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Director of Music

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Mrs. Marinda Lee-Houston
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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

Today's readings continue to explore the call to discipleship in its two dimensions-the call from certain situations in life and the call to others. Isaiah describes a reversal of fortunes for the Israelites. The "darkness" metaphor might be interpreted as their oppression by other nations, as a perception that a God had abandoned them, or as a more general sense of despair. But a great light has shone upon them and they have been rescued, called out of that darkness by God. Their joy is compared to the rejoicing at a good harvest; the rod and yoke of oppression have been lifted. Each verse of the psalm has a different function. The first is a hymn praising the Lord, the second is a petition addressed to God, and the third is an expression of hope. It is the hope in the Lord that connects all three. As in the First Reading, here the Lord is "my light," the one who can dispel darkness and fear. Paul addresses some divisions among the brothers and sisters in Corinth. As he so often does, Paul preaches about unity, both within the community and with the Lord. He wants the people to heal whatever disagreements and rivalries exist among them; they belong to Christ Jesus and are called to live in peace. In the Gospel, we find two different calls. John the Baptist is arrested, his ministry near completion, and the news of that event seems to call Jesus to begin his ministry in northern Galilee. That is the area referred to in the Isaiah reading as the place where people had walked in darkness, and now Jesus will be the new light from them. In the second half of the reading, Jesus calls the first disciples and we witness their dramatic response. They leave their familiar lives for the unknown, and we are pressed to ponder that discipleship always involves trust in the Lord.

- ◇ How would you respond if called at this moment?
- ◇ What would be your first objections to following the Lord?
- ◇ What is your daily response to the call of discipleship?

***BLACK HISTORY MASS
&
MARKET PLACE***

Black History Mass, Sunday,
February 12, 2017

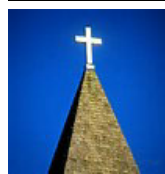
Join us after Mass for the Market Place in
the School Hall

VENDORS: African Artifacts, African
Wears, Jewelry, Handbags, Art, Candles,
Flowers, etc.

FOOD: Gumbo, Fish & Potato Salad, Red
Beans, Chicken, Jambalaya Pasta, Home-
made Hot Tamales, Cake, Pralines,
Brownies and much more.

**NOTE: Vendor Tables for the Market
Place, cost: \$25.00. Please contact the
Parish Office at 822-8059 for more
Information.**

PRAYER FOR THOUGHT... The Lord is



my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? This I ask of the Lord, this I seek. To dwell in the House of the Lord all the days of my life, that I may gaze upon the beauty of the Lord. This is my body given for the life of the world. GOD dwells in His house; to the upright I will show the saving power of God! Amen



Our Stewardship for Sunday, January 15, 2017 was **\$11,454.68**; **\$18,827.00** is NEEDED to balance the budget weekly. Shortfall for January 15, 2017 is **\$7,372.32**; **Second Collection: Building Fund: \$434.43.**

Thanks for your generosity.



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Racial Harmony-Discussion Series

“What is God calling YOU to do?”

Join your fellow Catholics to discuss what you can do as individuals and parishes to work against violence, murder and racism in your community. The discussions are based on Archbishop Hughes’, “Made in the Image and Likeness of God; a Pastoral Letter on Racial Harmony”. The goal of the discussions is to move Catholics as individuals and members of their parishes to embrace diversity and to take action toward ending the sin of racism in our church and community.

Where: St. Peter Claver School Hall; 6:30 p.m.

When: January 25th, February 1st, February 8th and February 15th.

Discussion Series Registration Forms are in the rear of the Church.



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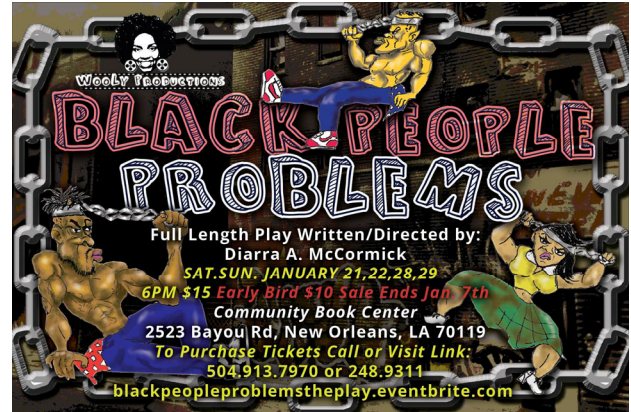
Permanent Diaconate Program

ATTENTION: All single or married men and spouses interested in learning about the Permanent Diaconate of the Archdiocese, there is an inquiry and informational session at Corpus-Christi Epiphany Center on January 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

All single or married men and spouses interested in the Permanent Diaconate of the Archdiocese from an African-American perspective, please join the Council of African-American Deacons on Sunday, February 5, 2017 for worship at the 11:30 a.m. Mass (St. Peter Claver Church) followed by an informational session in the School Hall.

ATTENTION!!

Our own Diarra McCormick who is a parishioner at St. Peter Claver Church will be producing her first play production this month.



The play is called “Black People Problems” It is an educational comedy that explores the notion that despite the abolishment of slavery years ago, slavery still exists in the minds of black people today. The Production dates are January 21st, 22nd, 28th and 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The play will be held at the Community Book Center, 2532 Bayou Road, New Orleans, LA 70119. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.](http://www.blackpeopleproblemstheplay.eventbrite.com)

blackpeopleproblemstheplay.eventbrite.com for \$15.00. Please support Diarra McCormick on her first play.

STAR PROJECT 2017



St. Peter Claver Catholic Church
Health & Wellness Ministry
Presents—Star Project, 2017

A Scripture based holistic approach to better Health.

If you can make a two (2) hour a week commitment for 13 weeks to better manage your high Blood Pressure, diabetes, Heart Disease and control your weight. The Health & Wellness Ministry is looking for you!!! You can still join us on this Wednesday, January 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the Ujima Center.

Please call the Parish Office for more Information, 822-8059.

St. Peter Claver Homebound and Sick Parishioners

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

Ryan Robinson, Jr., Edith Henry, Alice Allen, Gwendolyn Rocque, Verna Mae Martin, Joycelyn Johnson, Stanley & Beatrice Grant, Myra Harrell, Pearl Dupart, Joan Diaz, Marion LeBlanc, Aaron LaCabe, Bernice Stein, Joyce Evans, Javette and Michael Garner, John & Claire Bidol, Demetria Bernard, Gladys Shief, Brenda Robbins, Jerald LaPierre, Robert "RJ" LaPierre, Mary Andry, Doris Finister, Marie Walker, Shirley Walker, Chris Price, Shirley Walton, Antoinette Johnston, Cindy Armstrong, Ralph Walker, Shemal McKnight, Lucy Dent, Albert & Miriam Boucree, Stephanie Smith, 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, Beverly Victorian, InaClaire Buckley, Kevin Boyd, Louise Jenkins, Genevieve Barnes, Toki Joseph, Joseph Williams, Shayna Vigne, Gerard Robinson, Sr., Emelda Petit Johnnie Petit, Paul Steib, Scarlett Crawford & Vivian Plessy.

R.C.I.A.

Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church or know someone who is?

- A) Unbaptized adults who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic;
- B) Baptized Christians from other denominations who would like to learn more about the Catholic Church;
- C) Baptized Catholic adults who would like to prepare for First Communion & Confirmation.

For more information concerning the RCIA program please contact the Parish Office, 504-822-8059.

MASS INTENTIONS

January 22-29, 2017



Sunday, January 22, 2017

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
Mr. James Smith, II

9:00 a.m. Ms. Zenobia Smith
Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum

11:30 a.m. Ms. Velma Henry
Mr. Kevin Moore
Living & deceased members of the
Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Prevost,
Saulney and Wilson families

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

8:30 a.m. School Mass-Church

Thursday, January 26, 2017

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Friday, January 27, 2017

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

Saturday, January 28, 2017

4:00 p.m. Mr. Morel Dupart
Mr. Donald Harris, Jr.



ANNOUNCEMENT...

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie. If you are celebrating your Golden Wedding Anniversary you are ask to call the Parish Office (504) 822-8059 and submit your name. All registrations must be in by



Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Kenneth and Lois Washington celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary last year, Sunday, June 5, 2016 with Archbishop Gregory Aymond.

January 28, 2017

January 29, 2017

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS



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

7:30 a.m. **Joycelyn Renfro**, Roslyn Veals, Chandra Green, William Broyard, Yolanda Green

9:00 a.m. **Michelle Kendrick**, Ida Butler, Mark Foster, Roslyn Johnson, Marguerite Johnson

Balcony: **Arthurine Lear**, Kionne Lear, Nedra Kelly

11:30 a.m. **Cynthia Robinson**, Denise Nicholl, Angie Nash, Thomas Nash, Darnell Gordon

Balcony: **Tina Ellsworth**, Emelda Watts, Severina DeSpenza

LECTORS



4:00 p.m. Lorraine Edwards * Aisha Edwards

7:30 p.m. Tonya Bernard

9:00 a.m. Cleo Silas * Lisha Wheeler

11:30 a.m. Michelle Townzel * Eleanor Chapital

Weekly Ministry Schedule

January 23-29, 2017

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| Mon. | 3:00 p.m. | Senior Citizens-Ujima Center |
| | 6:00p.m. | Bible Study-Ujima Center |
| Tues. | 7:30 a.m. | Mass-Rectory |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Food Pantry-Misaada Ctr. |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Legion of Mary-Ujima Ctr. |
| | 7:00 p.m. | RCIA Sessions-Ujima Ctr. |
| Wed. | 8:30 a.m. | School Mass-Church |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Liturgy Meeting-Parish Ofc. |
| | 6:00 p.m. | High School Religious Education-Ujima Center |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Star Project-Ujima Center |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Racial Harmony Sessions-School Hall |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Ministry—Sankofa |
| Thurs. | 7:30 a.m. | Mass-Rectory |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Food Pantry-Misaada Ctr. |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Adult Choir Rehearsal |
| Fri. | 6:00 p.m. | SPC Boy Scouts-Ujima Ctr. |
| Sat. | 9:00 a.m. | CCD Classes-School Bldg. |
| | 12:00 noon | Legal Clinic-Ujima Center |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Vigil Mass-Church |
| 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 Health Corner

January is National Eye Care Month...**GLAUCOMA.....**

Glaucoma refers to a group of eye conditions that lead to damage of the optic nerve. This nerve is due to increased pressure in the eye, also known as intraocular pressure (IOP). Glaucoma is the second most common cause of blindness in the United States. Glaucoma is an eye disease that can steal sight without warning signs or symptoms. Everyone is at risk but especially individuals who are age 40 and older are African-American, Asian or Hispanic heritage, have a family history of glaucoma or a personal history of steroid use. If your are nearsighted, have a high blood pressure, diabetes or an eye injury you should be concerned about your eyesight. Glaucoma is not curable but is treatable if diagnosed early.

Protect Your Sight by having a complete eye exam. The American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends a comprehensive eye exam for all adults starting at age 40, and every three or five years after that if you don't have any glaucoma risk factors. After age 60, you should be screened every year. If you are African-American or have other risk factors for glaucoma, your doctor likely will recommend periodic eye exams starting between ages 20 and 39 and every one to two years after age 40.

REFERENCES: PubMed Health and Mayo Clinic.

Health & Wellness Ministry Office we can be reached by phone: (504) 822-8059; Hours: Tues. & Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.





Scripture Readings for:
January 23-29, 2017

Monday-1/23/17 *Hebrews 9:15, 24-28*
 Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday-1/24/17 *Hebrews 10:1-10*
 Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday-1/25/17 *Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22*
 Mark 16:15-18

Thursday -1/26/17 *2 Timothy 1:1-8 or*
 Titus 1:1-5
 Mark 4:21-25

Friday-1/27/17 *Hebrews 10:32-39*
 Mark 4:26-34

Saturday-1/28/17 *Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19*
 Mark 4:35-41

Sunday -1/29/2017 *Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13*
 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 Matthew 5:1-12a

FATIMA ROSARY

Monday, January 23, 2017
5:30 p.m. St. Ann Apartments
in the Chapel

Hosted by: Ms. Pearl Dupart



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in memory for:

Donald Harris, Jr.

Requested By: The Harris Family



Visit St. Ann's Shrine

(2100 Block of
Ursulines Avenue)

Open

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



Consult with an Attorney for FREE!!

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

WHEN: Saturday, January 28, 2017
12:00 noon—2:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Peter Claver Ujima Center
1019 N. Prieur Street

Social Ministry..Food Pantry



Our supplies are very low. We are in great need of the following items: **canned green peas, yams, corn bread mix and can cream.** We count on your generosity to our brothers and sisters in need. *We "thank you" so much for all the food items that we have received as we continue to feed our brothers and sisters in the community.*

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 2016 contribution statement. Statements will be available no later than February 10th.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT #: _____



ENV. #: _____



A BIBLE STUDY quote, "No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their vindication is from Me," declares the LORD. (*Isaiah 54:17*)

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church

JANUARY, 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| 1 New Year's Day 7:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass 11:30 a.m. Mass | 2  | 3 | 4 8:30 a.m. School Mass 6:00 High School Religious Ed. | 5 | 6 | 7 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass |
| 8 7:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Knights of PC 11:30 a.m. Mass 1:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary | 9 3:00 p.m. Senior Citizens 6:00 p.m. Bible Study | 10 5:00 p.m. Legion of Mary 7:00 p.m. Nia-Imani 7:00 p.m. RCIA Sessions | 11 8:30 a.m. School Mass 6:00 High School Religious Ed. 6:00 p.m. Star Project 7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry | 12 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal | 13 4:00 p.m. Social Concerns 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts | 14 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass |
| 15 7:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass 11:30 a.m. Mass | 16 MLK Day Office & School Closed  | 17 5:00 p.m. Legion of Mary 7:00 p.m. RCIA Sessions | 18 8:30 a.m. School Mass 6:00 High School Religious Ed 6:30 p.m. Marriage Min. 7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry | 19 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal | 20 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts | 21 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes 1st Penance Parent Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass |
| 22 7:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass 11:30 a.m. Mass | 23 3:00 p.m. Senior Citizens 6:00 p.m. Bible Study | 24 5:00 p.m. Legion of Mary 7:00 p.m. RCIA Sessions | 25 8:30 a.m. School Mass 6:00 High School Religious Ed 7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry | 26 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal | 27 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts | 28 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes 12:00 Noon Legal Clinic 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass |
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