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 am.- 5:00 pm.

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

WEBSITE: www.stpeterclaverneworleans.org

FACEBOOK: www.saintpeterclaverNOLA

NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY! We ask that you please call the office to register in the parish.

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

The reading from the Book of Sirach sets the scene for all of today’s readings. Sirach offers practical wisdom on how to live according to God’s instructions. The writer reminds us that God has gifted us with the power of choose freely: “Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.”

Paul’s letter to the Corinthians shows what the call to choose life means. Embrace God’s love by living according to God’s wisdom, a plan hidden until now, a plan of love for the salvation of all humanity. Jesus Christ, the crucified “Lord of glory,” accomplished the Father’s plan through his death and Resurrection.

During the Gospel reading, Jesus continues the Sermon on the Mount as he illustrates how his message “fulfills the law and the prophets.” He selects the fifth, sixth, and eighth commandments to indicate the heart of his new way of life: “You have heard how it as said, You shall not kill . . . But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment,” Jesus demonstrates that murder stems from within the human heart. The out-of-control emotion of anger within us, if left unchecked, leads to murder. To choose life in Christ means to pay attention not only to one’s actions but, more important, to their roots within our inner being, to the emotions within us. While this is true of the fifth commandment, it also applies to all other commandments. Life in Christ implies that our whole being needs transformation, starting within our very depths.

♦ How does Jesus advise us to avoid murder, adultery, and making false statements?
♦ What is Jesus’ concern when he says, “Do not swear at all”?
♦ How do you try to live according to the challenge to choose life?

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church

Prepares to Celebrate 100 Years in Tremé

We are one of the Archdiocese of New Orleans’ oldest parishes located in the historic Tremé neighborhood. We are preparing to celebrate our Centennial in 2020 with a series of activities and events in September designed to commemorate 100 years of serving the faithful. We were established in 1920 primarily for Black Catholic worshipers on church grounds that became available when St. Ann Parish vacated the premises and moved to another location. For many decades we operated a highly successful K-8 Catholic Elementary school with teaching support from the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and a dedicated cadre of lay faculty, plus pastoral leadership provided for many years by the Josephites (Society of St. Joseph) then later by the Society of St. Edmund. These days we are an Archdiocesan parish under the leadership of Fr. John Asare-Dankwah, our pastor. We will hold a Car Raffle in 2020 for the purpose of reducing outstanding Parish Debt. In addition, special 100th Anniversary activities and events already confirmed will include:

Friday, September 11, 2020

GOSPEL CONCERT featuring the Voices of Peter Claver Choir, Guest artists at St. Peter Claver Church.

Saturday, September 12, 2020

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION MASS 4:00 p.m., St. Peter Claver Church with Archbishop Gregory Aymond;
CENTENNIAL BANQUET/GALA 7:00 p.m. at Hyatt-Regency Hotel

Sunday, September 13, 2020

FEAST DAY MASS 10:00 a.m. followed by the PARISH PICNIC (site to be determined)

Further details will be forthcoming. For more information on the Centennial, contact Marinda Lee-Houston at (504) 822-8059.
Scripture Readings for:
February 17-23, 2020

Monday-02/17/20  James 1:1-11
       Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday-02/18/20  James 1:12-18
        Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday-02/19/20  James 1:19-27
           Mark 8:22-26
Thursday-02/20/20   James 2:1-9
            Mark 8:27-33
Friday-02/21/20    James 2:14-24, 26
           Mark 8:34-9:1
Saturday-02/22/20  1 Peter 5:1-4
       Matthew 16:13-19
Sunday-02/23/20  Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
             1 Corinthians 3:16-23
       Matthew 5:38-48

Schedule
February 17-23, 2020

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 Ministry
   5:00 p.m. Legion of Mary-Ujima Center
   7:00 p.m.  Women of Nia-Imani-Center
   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-Misaada Center
   1:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study-Ujima Ctr.
   6:00 p.m.  Adult Choir Rehearsal-Church
Fri.         7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory
   6:00 p.m.  Boy Scouts-Ujima Center
Sat.         9:00 a.m. CCD Classes-School Annex
   10:30 a.m.  Liturgical Dance-Annex Bldg.
   4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass-Church
Sun.         7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass-Church
   10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass-Church

SANCTUARY LIGHT
Will burn in memory for:
Mrs. Wilma S. Wilson
(celebrating her 90th Birthday)
Requested by:  Children

Our Stewardship for Sunday, February 9, 2020,
was $15,497.76; $18,827.00 is NEEDED to balance the budget weekly. Shortfall for February 9, 2020 is $3,329.24; 2nd Collection: Archdiocesan Catholic Charities; $419.07.
Thanks for your generosity.

2025 Diaconate Formation Group
The process of discernment that leads to the calling of the next Diaconate Formation Group is now underway. The Archdiocese is seeking men who demonstrate a lively faith, qualities of a servant leader and the willingness to be formed in the human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral dimensions. The process continues with a series of “Information Nights” designed to explain the complete formation process.

Information Nights Program Dates are as follows:
February 20th—7:00 p.m.  IJP/Diaconate Center
March 4th—7:00 p.m.  ANO-Chancery Lunch Room
March 11th –7:00 p.m.  ANO-Chancery Lunch Room
March 18th-7:00 p.m. Make-up Session if needed

If you are interested, please contact Fr. Asare at the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059.

Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration...
If you are celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary, you are asked to call the Parish Office, (504) 822-8059. to submit your name for a special celebration on Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.-St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie.
**ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH**

**St. Peter Claver Homebound and Sick Parishioners**

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


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**NEW ORLEANS, LA**

**February 22, 2020**

**February 23, 2020**

4:00 p.m. **Veronica Stevenson**, Ingrid Delahoussaye, Derek Delahoussaye, Verita Thomas, Stella Reese, Cleo Silas

7:30 a.m. **Monique Hardy**, Roslyn Veals, Joycelyn Renfro, Yolanda Green, Chandra Green

10:00 a.m. **Lynette Brice**, Emelda Watts, Ida Butler, Marguerite Johnson, Mark Foster,

**Balcony:** Henri Reed, Thelma Blouin, Niquelle Lackings

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**Vocation Prayer**

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, give to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give to parents that faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God’s service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. May Your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. **AMEN.**

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**LENTEN FISH FRY**

**FISH FRY**

Sponsored by: The Knights of Peter Claver Counsel #50. **WHEN:** Friday, February 28th, March 6th, March 13th, March 20th & March 27th; **WHERE:** St. Peter Claver Parish, (side of the Rectory); 1923 St. Philip Street; **TIME:** 11 am.-6:00 pm; **COST:** $10.00.

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**Visit**

St. Ann’s Shrine
(2100 Block of Ursulines Ave.)

**OPEN**

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

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**FATIMA ROSARY**

**Monday, February 17, 2020**

@ 4:00 p.m. 2100 Ursulines Ave., Apt. 1103

**Requested by:** Ms. Tracey Taylor
MAYA ANGELOU (1928-2014)

Maya Angelou was a modern American poet and writer. Maya Angelou is one of America’s leading female contemporary poets. She also achieved much in the fields of theatre, acting, writing novels and also as a member of the Civil rights movement. Maya Angelou (original name Marguerite Johnson) was born April 4, 1928, in St. Louis, Missouri. Maya Angelou had a turbulent childhood, but she was able to retell her experiences with great poignancy and effect in her book *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings* (1969). This book is a collection of stories from her childhood, and this book made her one of the first African-American women to reach the bestsellers list. *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings* was also nominated for the National Book Award. Despite the inequities of her life as a child, Maya Angelou was able to provide a positive message of humanity and hope. Maya Angelou said that “The honorary duty of a human being is to love.” Maya Angelou married a South African freedom fighter and for a time lived in Cairo where she was the editor of the Arab Observer. However, in the 1960s she returned to America and played a role in the civil rights movement. She was asked to work on behalf of Presidents Carter (National Commission on the observance of International Women’s Year) and President Ford (American Revolutionary Bicentennial Advisory Council). As well as being a poet and writer, Maya Angelou had a productive career in TV and film. She wrote several prize-winning documentaries such as *Afro-Americans in the Arts*. The popularity of Maya Angelou has in large part been due to her ability to write about the many experiences of life with a vivid and engaging style that absorbs the reader.

In the 1960s, she was active in the civil rights movement, coming into contact with both Malcolm X and Martin Luther King. She was the Northern leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). With Malcolm X, she helped to form the new Organization of African American Unity. She was devastated after both King and Malcolm X were assassinated in the late 1960s. In the late 1960s, she published an influential autobiography, which spoke of her experiences growing up: *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (1969). It is considered an important work for giving a personal voice to African American women. She went on to write seven autobiographical works. She has also been active in film and television. Dr. Angelou wrote the Pulitzer-winning screenplay and composed the score for the 1972 film *Georgia, Georgia*. After reciting a poem ‘On the Pulse of the Morning’ at Bill Clinton’s inauguration, she became one of the best known African-American authors, and sales increased significantly. Her works have also received criticism for depicting sexually explicit scenes and violence. However, her books remain on many school syllabuses.

Dr. Angelou received over 50 honorary degrees and was for a time Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University.

Dr. Maya Angelou passed quietly in her home on May 28, 2014.

St. Peter Claver Church “D.O.V.E.S. Ministry

Our love, sympathy and prayers go to Deacon Lawrence Houston’s family and our fellow parishioners and their families.

*Ms. Wilma White, Deacon Houston’s mother; Ms. Joyce Evans, mother of Verita Thomas; Marlaina Bushnell, mother of Destiny Bushnell.*

Any parishioners experiencing the recent loss of an immediate family member, please contact the Bereavement Ministry through the Parish Office, so we can offer support and prayers.
HEART DISEASE FACTS

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States. About 610,000 Americans die from heart disease each year—that’s 1 in every 4 deaths. Coronary heart disease is the most common type of heart disease, killing more than 370,000 people annually. In the United States, someone has a heart attack every 42 seconds. Each minute, someone in the United States dies from a heart disease-related event. High blood pressure is the leading cause of heart attack and stroke in the United States. About 2 out of every 5 African American adults have high blood pressure, and less than half of them have it under control. High LDL Cholesterol, Smoking, diabetes, Overweight and Obesity, Poor Diet, Physical Inactivity and Excessive Alcohol use are also key risk factors for heart disease.

Reference: Centers for Disease Control

More Health News...

February is for “Fighters”. Champions for Prostate Cancer Awareness, Early Detection Saves Lives, as a community, let’s raise Awareness and Champion Early Detection. Yes, Prostate Cancer is a formidable opponent but thru Prostate Cancer awareness, early detection and research we are battling back, and we are making progress. Prostate cancer impacts black men more than men of other racial and ethnic backgrounds. According to the American Cancer Society, black men are 60 percent more likely to be diagnosed with the disease during their lifetime and are more than twice as likely to die from it.
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| 11:30 am Naming/Blessing | | | | | | |

| 23   | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29   |
| Baptism | 7:30 am Mass | LUNDI GRAS Office Closed | MARDI GRAS Office Closed | Ash Wednesday | 7:30 am Mass | 7:30 am Mass |
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