

# 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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**Pastor**

## DEACONS:

Lawrence Houston  
Allen Stevens

## PASTORAL STAFF

Mrs. Alena Boucree  
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Ms. Margie Brown  
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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.*

**SCRIPTURE INSIGHT...**

Today's readings offer sober prompts for reflection. In the First Reading, from Jeremiah 31, God promises to renew the old, broken covenant by putting his law within the people, and the psalmist, in Psalm 51, cries out for the grace of internal renewal on a personal level. These passages are easily understood. But the Second Reading and Gospel demand pondering. Both readings focus on Jesus' agony in anticipation of the Passion. In Hebrews, the author recounts that because of Jesus' reverence, God, the only one who could save him from death, heard his "prayers and supplications...loud cries and tears." Jesus was certainly not spared from death, but he was indeed saved from death in the sense of being raised from the dead. The Gospel conveys another insight about Jesus' reflections (placed by John among the Last Supper discourses rather than in the garden at Gethsemane) "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour." Jesus was not backing off from trust in the Father. After acknowledging his inner state, Jesus was able to move through the natural human fear to see the place his coming Death would have in the victorious plan of the Father-that his Crucifixion would result in a "lifting up," bringing about an ingathering of "everyone." Finally, how can the author of Hebrews say that Jesus "learned obedience from what he suffered" and "was made perfect"? He was, after all, the eternal Son of God! These are assertions about the consequences of his humanity. Incarnate as Jesus, the Son really did learn experientially what it is for a human being to suffer. And in this experience of solidarity with humanity, he was perfected precisely as a mediator between the divine and the human.

- ◆ How has your understanding of Jesus' suffering deepened over time?
- ◆ How does Jesus' obedience to his Father lead you to think about your own feelings about obedience?
- ◆ How do these descriptions of Jesus' reflections on the coming ordeal give us a model?

**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.



Our Stewardship for Sunday, March 11, 2018 was **\$11,876.50**; **\$18,827.00** is NEEDED to balance the budget weekly. Shortfall for March 11, 2018 is **\$6,950.50**. **Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services: \$427.25.**

## LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE—2018

**THEME:** “By The Blood of Jesus-We Are Saved”

### **5th Sunday of Lent**

March 17th	4:00 p.m./Saturday-Vigil Mass
March 18th	7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.-Mass
March 19th	6:00 p.m./Monday/Bible Study
March 21st	5:00 p.m./Wednesday-Reconciliation Service-Church
March 22nd	1:00 p.m./Thursday/Adult Bible Study
March 23rd	3:00 p.m./Friday-Stations of the Cross <b>6:00 p.m. Mass/THE PASSION</b>

### **PALM SUNDAY/HOLY WEEK:**

March 24th	4:00 p.m./Saturday-Vigil Mass
March 25th	7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.-Mass
March 26th	6:00 p.m./Monday-Bible Study
March 27th	6:00 p.m. Seder Meal
March 29th	7:00 p.m./Thursday-Holy Thursday
March 30th	1:30 p.m./Good Friday-Living Stations of the Cross-Church 3:00 p.m./Good Friday Mass-Church
March 31st	8:00 p.m./Saturday-Main Easter Service
<b>April 1st</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY/7:30 a.m. &amp; 10:00 a.m.—Mass</b>

## **ATTENTION:**

### **The Structure of the Mass, Its Elements and Its Parts**

**SILENCE:** Sacred silence also, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times. Its nature, however, depends on the moment when it occurs in the different parts of the celebration. For in the Penitential Act and again after the invitation to pray, individuals recollect themselves; whereas after a reading or after the Homily, all mediate briefly on what they have heard; then after Communion, they praise God in their hearts and pray to him. Even before the celebration itself, it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner.

### **PRAYERS FOR THOUGHTS...**

Unless the grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies it remains just a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it produces much fruit. CHRIST draws all things to himself. Create for me, a clean heart, O God. Give me justice, O God! Give me justice, O God!



## **March 18-24, 2018**

### **Sunday, March 18, 2018**

7:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Peter Claver In Thanksgiving-Ms. Geri Gant Ms. Emily O'Brien Mr. Jules Bakewell, III Pauline & Jules Bakewell, Jr. Ms. Florence Bradley Ms. Audrey Bakewell
10:00 a.m.	Ms. Jade Gibson Ms. Janice Parker Mr. Percy Walker Edward & Edna Walker Michelle, Cadon & Cylie McCullum Ms. Mary Ann Dabon Mr. John John Mr. Herbert Spurlock, Sr. Mr. Dwight Bluford, Jr. Living & deceased members of the Aldrich, Evans and Tureaud families Living & deceased members of the Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Saulney, Prevost & Wilson families

### **Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
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### **Wednesday, March 21, 2018**

8:30 a.m.	School Mass-Church
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### **Thursday, March 22, 2018**

7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
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### **Friday, March 23, 2018**

8:30 a.m.	St. Ann's Chapel-St. Ann's Apts.
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### **Saturday, March 24, 2018**

4:00 p.m.	Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr. Ms. Marion LeBlanc Mr. Thomas A.G. Lee Ms. Della Parker
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## **PALMS ARE NEEDED**



Just a reminder we will be needing “palms” for Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018. If you or your neighbors can help, please bring the clean “palms” to the Parish Office front porch between, Friday, March 16th thru Friday, March 23, 2018. Once again, thank you all for your generous effort in this matter.

**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, Inaclaire 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, Barbara Montague, Victoria Leslie, Lorraine Bart, Walter Amedee, Myrtle Dorsey, Zelma Evans, Keith Donatto, Bernell Johnson, Tamiko Haynes, Warrentia Clincy.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**



Lenten Journey/Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans. We will have the

Sacrament of Reconciliation beginning on Wednesday, March 7th, March 14th and March 21st from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. in the Church.

*"The heart of Jesus is open and he invites you to know and accept his mercy". We can be assured of God's help for us to face our weakness and experience a change of heart.*

**March 24, 2018**

**March 25, 2018**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**



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

7:30 a.m. **Elvira Talton**, Nona Webb, Yolanda Green, Chandra Green, Monique Hall-Hardy

10:00 a.m. **Joycelyn Renfro**, Arthur Johnson, Emelda Watts, Cynthia Gilbert, Margie Sears

Balcony: **Eleanor Chapital**, Henri Reed, Cheryl Poland

**Lectors**

4:00 p.m. Karriem Bennett \* Kimberly Buckner

7:30 p.m. Kendra Tircuit \* Amber Brown

10:00 a.m. Eleanor Chapital \* Donna Christopher



**Consult with an Attorney for FREE!!**

**On all of your legal matters;  
Pro-Bono Project**

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 24, 2018  
12:00 noon—2:00 p.m.

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

**FATIMA ROSARY**

**Monday, March 19, 2018  
5:30 p.m. St. Ann Apartments  
in the Chapel**



**Hosted By: Ms. Shirley Smith**



**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

**Will burn in memory for:**


**Mr. Dwight Bluford, Jr.**

**Requested by: The Bluford Family**



**ANNOUNCEMENT.**

**THE PASSION OF CHRIST**



**A Journey  
to Calvary**

@ St. Peter Claver  
Catholic Church,  
March 23rd, 6pm

**Please join us for our reenactment of the  
Crucifixion of Jesus Christ seen through the  
eyes of those who were there. (Barabbas,  
Pilate, Judas, and more)**



Visit St. Ann's Shrine  
(2100 Block of  
Ursulines Avenue)  
**Open**  
**Tuesdays & Saturdays**  
**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**



**Weekly Ministry  
Schedule**

**March 19-25, 2018**



Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study-Ujima Center
	6:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council-Office
Tues.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	10:00 a.m.	Food Pantry-Missada Ctr.
	5:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary-Ujima Ctr.
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts-School Hall
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	School Mass -Church
	4:30 p.m.	Bereavement Mtg.-Ujima
	5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation- Church
	6:00 p.m.	High School Faith Formation-Ujima Ctr.
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry-Sankofa
	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	1:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study-Ujima
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Mass-St. Ann's Chapel
	3:00 p.m.	St. Peter Claver School - Stations of the Cross
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>The Passion of Christ -Church</b>
Sat.	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts-Ujima Center
	10:00 a.m.	CCD Classes/Penance Services-Church
	12:00 noon	Legal Clinic-Ujima Center
	4:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass-Church
<b><u>PALM SUNDAY</u></b>		
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass-Church
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass-Church

**Golden Wedding  
Anniversary Celebration**



The Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie. If you are celebrating your Golden Wedding Anniversary we ask you to call the Parish Office (504) 822-8059 and submit your names.

**NOTE:** This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's respective parish.



**Scripture Readings for:**  
**March 19-25, 2018**

**Monday-3/19/18**      *2 Samuel 7:4 –5a, 12-14a, 16*  
*Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22*  
*Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or*  
*Luke 2:41-51a*

**Tuesday-3/20/18**      *Numbers 21:4-9*  
*John 9:21-30*

**Wednesday-3/21/18**      *Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95*  
*John 8:31-42*

**Thursday –3/22/18**      *Genesis 17:3-9*  
*John 8:51-59*

**Friday-3/23/18**      *Jeremiah 20:10-13*  
*John 10:31-42*

**Saturday-3/24/18**      *Ezekiel 37-21-28*  
*John 11:45-56*

**Sunday –3/25/18**      *Isaiah 50-4-7*  
*Philippians 2:6-11*  
*Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**



The Archdiocese of New Orleans website offers a number of links to articles to help you to be comfortable in participating in this healing sacrament.

There are tips on how to prepare yourself for the sacrament, what to do during the sacrament. The link is <http://arch-no.org/evenings-of-confession>. Look for drop down Helpful Links and Articles on confession. There is an article from Pope Francis, “Are you intimidated by confession?...” In the article Pope Francis says, “God is always looking for a way to get the heart.” He says “The act of going to confession is like God inviting you to coffee... The Lord calls us to come on, Let’s have coffee together. Let’s talk this over, let’s discuss it. Don’t be afraid.” Encourage kids-especially older children and teens-to think not only about what they did wrong, but how they have fallen short of being the person God made them to be. Even saints, priests and religious sisters and brothers regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, recognizing that the grace of the sacrament strengthens them to follow God’s will more perfectly, and so become more truly themselves. Comparing the person we have been to the saint we would like to be opens up all sorts of possibilities for confession.

**St. Peter Claver Church Health Corner**



**Diabetic Eye Disease**

Diabetes affects about 18.2 million Americans and 5.2 million of those people don’t know they have the disease. The longer you have diabetes, the greater your risk of developing diabetic eye disease. Diabetic eye disease refers to a group of eye problems that people with diabetes may face as a complication of diabetes. These eye disease may include **Diabetic retinopathy** (damage to the blood vessels in the retina (the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye necessary for good vision); **Cataract** (clouding of the eye’s lens-Cataracts develop at an earlier age in people with diabetes) and **Glaucoma** (increase in fluid pressure inside the eye that leads to optic nerve damage and loss of vision-a person with diabetes is nearly twice as likely to get glaucoma as other adults). All of these eye conditions can cause severe vision loss or even blindness but Diabetic retinopathy is the most common diabetic eye disease as well as the leading cause of blindness in American adults. If you have diabetic retinopathy, at first you may not have pain or notice changes to your vision loss during the early stages but over time, diabetic retinopathy can get worse and cause vision loss. Diabetic retinopathy usually affects both eyes. Don’t wait for symptoms. See your eye care provider for a comprehensive dilated eye exam (this allows the eye doctor to check your eye’s blood vessels for unusual changes) at least once a year.

References: National Eye Institute; Mayo Clinic

If you need more information about diabetes or help managing your diabetes call the Health & Wellness Ministry located in the Missada Center.

**Office Hours:**

**Tues. 10:00a.m.-12:00 noon;**  
**Phone: 504-822-8059**

*St. Peter Claver Catholic Church  
Monthly Calendar*

*March, 2018*



**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**



				<p><b>1</b> 1:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>2</b> 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p><b>4</b> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><b>5</b> 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p><b>6</b> 5:00 pm LOM 6:00 pm Family Life 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p><b>7</b> 5:00 pm Reconciliation 6:00 pm HS Faith Formation 7:00 pm Youth Ministry</p>	<p><b>8</b> 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>9</b> 4:00 pm Social Concerns 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:00 am CCD/1st Communion Retreat 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p><b>11</b> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass 12:00 noon Auxiliary 12:00 non Knights of Peter Claver</p>	<p><b>12</b> 3:00 pm Senior Citizens 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p><b>13</b> 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:00 pm Nia-Imani</p>	<p><b>14</b> 5:00 pm Reconciliation 6:00 pm HS Faith Formation 7:00 pm Youth Ministry</p>	<p><b>15</b> 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>16</b> 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9:00 am CCD 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p><b>18</b> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><b>19</b> 6:00 pm Baptismal Prep. 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p><b>20</b> 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p><b>21</b> 5:00 pm Reconciliation 6:00 pm HS Faith Formation 7:00 pm Youth Ministry</p>	<p><b>22</b> 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>23</b> 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:00 pm The Passion of Christ</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9:00 am CCD 10:00 am 1st Penance 4:00 pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p><b>25 PALM SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass</p>	<p><b>26</b> 3:00 pm Senior Citizens 6:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p><b>27</b> 6:00 pm Seder Meal</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday-Mass</p>	<p><b>30</b> 3:00 pm Veneration of the Cross 6:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>31</b> 8:00 pm Holy Saturday</p>

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