

ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH

Vision Statement: *“Saint Peter Claver Church will engage, energize and empower the people of God to grow and evolve spirituality.”*

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!

We ask that you please call the office to register in the parish.



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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 highlight the mystery of kindness. Most of us think we know what kindness is so why call it a mystery? We tend to think of a mystery as something hidden or unknowable. But, in the biblical sense, a mystery is something that is hidden until God chooses to reveal it. In the First Reading, the sage, or wise person, praises God for his response to the sinner. Although God could respond with wrath, the sage says, God judges with clemency and treats the sinner with mercy. Why? To teach God's people that those who wish to be righteous must be kind. The Greek word is *philanthropos*, meaning "humane or tenderhearted." When applied to God, it means "people-loving." If we want to be just, the sage says, we must act in kindness as God has done. This is no ordinary kindness. It is a kindness deeply rooted in the life of God. Paul echoes a similar theme in the Second Reading. God is a people lover who recognizes humanity's struggle to pray and responds with compassion, sending the Spirit to intercede for us. In today's Gospel, Matthew provides several parables that talk about the mystery of divine kindness. As is typical of parables, these are fictional stories with a surprising twist. The hearers of the first parable probably thought, "That master is not very smart about farming," because he told his servants to wait until harvest to separate weeds from the good grain. But the interpretation of the parable (verses 36-42) makes it clear that God does not behave as humans do. Rather, God is people-loving and will act in patience and restraint even to the end of time.

- ◆ In the Wisdom passage and Psalm, what does God want from humanity?
- ◆ Following Paul's invitation, how would you like the Holy Spirit to pray on your behalf?
- ◆ What do the three parables of today's Gospel tell you about the mystery of God's kindness toward humanity?

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.

Way Of Sharing
God's Blessings"



Our Stewardship for Sunday, July 16, 2017 was **\$12,766.38** **\$18,827.00** is NEEDED to balance the budget weekly. Shortfall for July 16, 2017 is **\$6,060.62.**

Thanks for your generosity.

L.O.M. (SPC Local Organizing Ministry)

St. Peter Claver Church Micah Local Organizing Ministry would like to give a special “Thanks” to our parishioners, residents and community members of Treme who attended the community meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. Thanks to one of our community partners and Micah member, St. James Methodist Church for hosting the meeting.

*Reflection By: Angelle Henderson
University of Notre Dame, Class of 2020*

I was surprised that the SPC LOM got their City Council member, the Chief Operating Officer and Communications Project Manager of a huge development company to attend their community meeting; but this was more than that. So much work had been put into ensuring that this meeting would take place that I didn't realize that it had come so quickly. I sat and listened as we got the answers we'd been yearning to hear. Artspace agreed to assist in future water management plans; they plan to have seventy-three unites and forty-six parking spaces. There will be multiple spaces that are open to the community; and Artspace promised to notify residents of any street closures and power outages. More importantly, the 2100 block of St. Philip Street will be open once the project is complete. The items that seemed so minuscule to me at the beginning of this planning process, now, feel like music to my ears. The agreement to work together as one community, Artspace and Treme, was the pinnacle of this process and gives hope for the future. In the coming weeks, we should have a signed “Good Neighbor Agreement” which will continue to hold Artspace accountable-as well as ourselves. We must work together and not let our faith waver because God's will is always done. We know that Artspace isn't going anywhere, but now they know neither are we.

PRAYER FOR THOUGHT. The Reign of God is like the mustard seed which is the smallest of all seeds, yet grows to be the largest of plants. Lord, you are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. The Lord is gracious and merciful! Amen!



Consult with an Attorney for FREE!!

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

WHEN: Saturday, July 29, 2017
12:00 noon—2:00 p.m.

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



RCIA

*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.

Parish Religious Education:

Our Parish Religious Education Program is here to help cultivate the soil so that our parish may bear fruit as Disciples of Christ. Please plan to enroll your child in a formal Catholic Faith Formation/Religious Education Program this fall.

Save the date

Parish Religious Education for K-8th grade: First Class, August 19th; 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.; High School Formation: 9th-12th, First Session, August 16th; 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**Registration for Elementary and High School:
August 5-18, 2017.**

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, 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, 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 Mallory, Marva Batiste, Bronson Lee, John Parker, Maureen Nutting, Cynthia Bluford, Barbara Montague, Victoria Leslie.

What is "Church"? The essence of "church" is your Christian family-those people who follow Christ and commit themselves to HIM and to each other. When the apostle Paul wrote about the church, he wasn't talking about a building, an activity or an institution. For Paul, the expression of "church" meant a personal relationship among Christians. He most often compared the "church" to a human body. In a body, all parts and details are important and they function in harmony.



MASS INTENTIONS

July 23-29, 2017



Sunday, July 23, 2017

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

9:00 a.m. Michelle, Caden & Cylie McCullum
Mr. Percy Walker
Ms. Mary Dabon
Mr. John John
Ms. Savannah Butler
Mr. Herbert Richardson

11:30 a.m. Ms. Darlene Mitchell
Ms. Gwendolyn Wiltz
Mr. Rudy Winford
Living & deceased members of the
Crusto, Fleury, Graham, Prevost,
Saulney and Wilson families

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Thursday, July 27, 2017

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Friday, July 28, 2017

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

Saturday, July 29, 2017

4:00 p.m. Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.
Ms. Mattie Milton



From the Desk of Deacon Lawrence Houston, Principal:

We have openings for students in PreK3. Compare the cost of daycare to St. Peter Claver School. We are a better bargain! Come check us out! God's Blessings!

July 29, 2017

July 30, 2017

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS



- 4:00 p.m. **Verita Thomas**, Seritha Spadoni, Reginald Vicks, Claudette Vicks, Leonetta Terrell, Cynthia Smothers
- 7:30 a.m. **Jocelyn Renfro**, Roslyn Veals, Chandra Green, William Broyard
- 9:00 a.m. **Michelle Kendrick**, Ida Butler, Mark Foster, Rosalyn Johnson, Marguerite Johnson
- Balcony:** **Arthurine Lear**, Kionne Lear, Nedra Kelly
- 11:30 a.m. **Cynthia Robinson**, Denise Nicholls, Angie Nash, Thomas Nash, Darnell Gordon

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

LECTORS

- 4:00 p.m. Aisha Edwards * Lester Arnaud
7:30 p.m. Tonya Bernard * Warren Bell
9:00 a.m. Cleo Silas * Lisha Wheeler
11:30 a.m. Michelle Townzel * Eleanor Chapital



Weekly Ministry Schedule

July 17-23, 2017

Mon.	3:00 p.m.	Senior Citizens Mtg-Ujima
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study-Ujima Center
Tues.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	9:00 a.m.	Novena-St. Ann Shrine
	10:00 a.m.	Food Pantry –Misaada Center
	5:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary-Ujima Ctr.
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Feast of St. Ann Mass-St. Ann Shrine
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Ministry—Sankofa Bldg.
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Mass-Rectory
	9:00 a.m.	Novena-St. Ann Shrine
	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.	10:45 a.m.	Liturgical Dance Practice-School Hall
	12:00 noon	Legal Clinic-Ujima Ctr.
	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

BIBLE STUDY...“The Bible is not any story-it is your story. Discover how to read it.”

You will learn:

- ⇒ The 68 major events of the Old Testament that lead to the coming of Jesus Christ and the establishment of the Church.
- ⇒ The major people and places of the Bible and, more importantly, how they fit together-and how they relate to Jesus Christ.
- ⇒ A practical plan for reading the Bible story sequentially. In just 10 to 20 minutes per day, you can learn the entire story overview in just three months.

The Celebration of the Feast of St. Ann..



The Triduum of St. Ann will be celebrated at our St. Ann Shrine, 2100 Ursulines Avenue beginning Tuesday, July 25th (9:00 a.m. Novena to St. Ann) Wednesday, July 26th (Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by a reception) and Thursday, July 27th (9:00 a.m. Novena to St. Ann).

Please join us.

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. Our Food Pantry is in need of canned items, such as: milk, peas, green beans, corn, vegetables. We are asking that each parishioner bring two can items on the first Sunday of the month. Thank you for your support!!



St. Peter Claver School will be hosting a Safe Environment Training on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the School Hall. All new parents and parishioners in ministry are encouraged to attend the Safe Environment Training. *A signup sheet will be forthcoming.*



Scripture Readings for:
July 24-30, 2017

Monday-7/24/17 *Exodus 14:5-18*
 Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday-7/25/17 *2 Corinthians 4:7-15*
 Matthew 20:20-28

Wednesday-7/26/17 *Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15*
 Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday -7/27/17 *Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b*
 Matthew 13:10-17

Friday-7/28/17 *Exodus 20:1-17*
 Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday-7/29/17 *Exodus 24:3-8*
 John 11:19-27 or
 Luke 10:38-42

Sunday -7/30/17 *1 Kings 3:5, 7-12*
 Romans 8:28-30
 Matthew 13:44-52 or
 13:44-46



FATIMA ROSARY

Monday, July 24, 2017
5:30 p.m. St. Ann Apartments
in the Chapel

Rosary

Hosted By: Ms. Betty Lundy



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in memory for:

Christopher Woodfork

Requested by: The Woodfork Family



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 Church
Health & Wellness Ministry

Caring For Someone with Alzheimer's Disease

"I will never leave you nor forsake you" Joshua 1:5

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia (A brain disorder that seriously affects a person's ability to carry our daily activities). It usually begins after age 60 but can also occur as early as age 50. The risk goes up as you get older. Your risk is also higher if a family member has had the disease. This disease begins slowly first involving the parts of the brain that control thought, memory and language. People with Alzheimer's disease may have trouble remembering things that happened recently or names of people they know. Over time symptoms get worse and they may not recognize family members or have trouble speaking, reading or writing. Daily routines like brushing their teeth or coming their hair is forgotten. Later on, they may become anxious or aggressive, or wander away from home. Eventually, they need total care which will become not only extremely stressful but also over-whelming for the family member who must care for them. Presently there is no treatment that can stop the disease. However, some drugs may help keep symptoms from getting worse for a limited time. Those who care for people with this devastating disease must remember to also care for themselves. **CAREGIVER TIPS:** Ask for and accept help. Talk to the doctor. Find out what treatments might help control symptoms or address behavior problems. Find a support group (others who have "been there" may be able to help and will understand). If there are times of day that the person is less confused or more cooperative, take advantage of that in daily routines. Consider using adult day care or respite services. These offer a break with the peace of mind that the patient is being take care of. Begin to plan for the future; health insurance; keep a spiritual connection; **Alzheimer's disease is such a complex disorder-there are periods of clarity -you may be surprised how much they remember about God when you keep them spiritually connected.**

References: NIH: National Institute on Aging
PubMed; Mayo Clinic.

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
2 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 am Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass 11:30 am Mass	3 NO Bible Study	4 	5 5:30 pm Liturgy Mtg. 6:30 pm 6:30 pm Youth Ministry	6 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	7 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	8 4:00 pm Vigil Mass 6:30 pm Wedding-Church
9 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 am Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass 11:30 am Mass	10 3:00 pm Senior Citizens 6:00 pm Bible Study	11 6:30 pm LOM Community Mtg. 7:00 pm Nia-Imani	12 6:30 pm Youth Ministry	13 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Central Committee Meeting	14 4:00 pm Social Concerns 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	15 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
16 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 am Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass 11:30 am Mass Youth Picnic	17 6:00 pm Bible Study; <i>Information Session on The Bible Timeline</i>	18	19 6:30 pm Marriage Min. 6:30 pm Youth Ministry	20 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Bereavement Ministry	21 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	22 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
23 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 am Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass 11:30 am Mass	24 3:00 pm Senior Citizens 6:00 pm Bible Study	25 Feast of St. Ann 6:00 pm Pastoral Council	26 Feast of St. Ann 6:30 pm Youth Ministry	27 Feast of St. Ann 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	28 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	29 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
30 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 am Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass 11:30 am Mass	31 6:00 pm Bible Study					

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