



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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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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 we are invited to reflect on what it means to be part of God's family. In the First Reading, we encounter the elderly Hannah, who had been grieving over and dealing with the shame that came with having no children. In desperation, she prayed to God for a son, whom she promised to consecrate to God for life, and indeed Hannah gave birth to a son. When it was time to take him to the temple at Shiloh, the family offered the appropriate sacrifice, and then Hannah—this oppressed woman who had no voice—spoke! Careful attention should be given to her words. In the Gospel, we learn that the Holy Family went to Jerusalem for Passover. They journeyed in a caravan, because it was the safest way to travel through the countryside. On their way home, when Mary and Joseph realize that their son was not with the caravan, they return to Jerusalem in a panic, only to find him teaching the elders in the Temple. Making the situation even more bizarre, Jesus tells them, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" In the ancient world and in some cultures today, childhood stories are regarded as predictors of the child's destiny. The Second Reading invites us to reflect on our status as God's children and what it means for us when the salvation story reaches its end. The author of the First Letter of John reminds us that we are already, in this moment, children of God, but, when all is fulfilled, we will experience the incomprehensible. We will see God face-to-face!

- Carefully reread the Gospel and look for indications that Jesus was raised to be a faithful Jew. How did his parents accomplish this task? What relevance, if any, does this story have for Christians today?
- Prayerfully reflect on the First reading and see if you can identify with Hannah. What do you imagine she was feeling as she gave up her son?
- What does it mean to you to be called a child of God? How does this realization affect the way you live day to day?



A New Year's Prayer...

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

On behalf of Fr. Asare and the Parish Office Staff. We would like to wish our parishioners and their families a "Prosperous and a Very Safe New Years, 2019"

A PRAYER FOR THE Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



God, the Father, draw us into Your arms, that we might know how cherished we are as members of Your family.

May our homes and our hearts be living expressions of Your desire to gather all people into Your family, now and forever. Amen.



There is much in the Gospels that helps us understand the concept of Christian Stewardship. Stewardship offers a way to invite all people to become more aware of Jesus Christ. His example and how through Stewardship we can become authentic Disciples of Christ. Through commitments of Talent, Treasure and Time, people will discover that they grow spiritually and their faith is deepened.



Scripture Readings for:
December 31, 2018 thru
January 6, 2019

Monday-12/31/18 *1 John 2:18-21*
 John 1:1-18

Tuesday-1/1/19 *Numbers 6:22-27*
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:16-21

Wednesday-1/2/19 *1 John 2:22-28*
 John 1:19-28

Thursday-1/3/19 *1 John 2:29-3:6*
 John 1:29-34

Friday-1/4/19 *1 John 3:7-10*
 John 1:35-42

Saturday-1/5/9 *1 John 3:11-21*
 John 1:43-51

Sunday -1/6/19 *Isaiah 60:1-6*
 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Matthews 2:1-12

January 5, 2019

January 6, 2019

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS



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

7:30 a.m. **Chandra Green**, Keith Darby, Ann Coston, Roslyn
 Veals, Yolanda Green

10:00 a.m. **Linda Boyle**, Cynthia Gilbert, Alice Grooms,
 Marguerite Johnson, Nedra Kelly

Balcony: **Arthur Johnson**, Sharlena Johnson, Antoinette
 Johnston

Lectors

4:00 p.m. Cleo Silas * Karriem Bennett
 7:30 p.m. Brendolyn McKenna * Warren Bell
 10:00 a.m. Lester Arnaud * Idell Arnaud

ATTENTION: Church Calendar

JUST A REMINDER to ALL Ministries or Organizations. The next Ministerial Council meeting, please have in writing all of your events of your ministry to be place on the Church Calendar once it has been approved by the Parish Office.

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.



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in memory for:

Mr. Michael A. Graham, II

Requested by: Ms. Deborah Graham

“Words of Wisdom”

By: John Wooden

“Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.”

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, Inaclaire 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, Lydia Edwards, Ted Nutting, Le'Shawn Porter, Alicide Carter, Eberial McCoy, Joseph Washington.

FATIMA ROSARY

Monday, December 31, 2018
4:30 p.m.. 2100 Ursulines Ave.,
Apt. 1103



Hosted By: Ms. Gail Barre

NOTE: BIBLE STUDY. We will be studying the "Liturgy of the Mass beginning Monday, January 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ujima Center. Please join us!

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

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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

Christmas Mass Schedule



Sunday, December 30, 2018
Feast of the Holy Family
7:30 a.m. Mass & 10:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, December 31, 2018
New Year's Eve Mass
4:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
10:00 a.m.

Happy New Year's—St. Peter Claver Family

Weekly Ministry Schedule

December 24-30, 2018

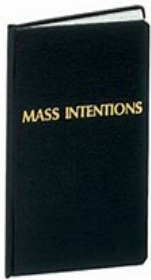


NEW YEAR'S EVE Day

Mon. 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass-Church

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tues. 10:00 a.m. Mass-Church
Wed. 7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory
Thurs. 7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory
Fri. 7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory
Sat. 9:00 a.m. **MANDATORY** Eucharistic
Ministers Workshop-School
Hall
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass-Church
Sun. 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass-Church
10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass-Church



The 2019 Mass Intention Book is open. If you would like to offer a Mass Intention for another person or for the Repose of the Soul of a deceased loved one, please submit your Mass Intention requests calling the Parish Office, 504-822-8059. the donation for Mass Intentions is \$5.00 and the donation for the Sanctuary Candle is \$10.00.

Eucharistic Ministers.... Workshop!!



There is another Mandatory workshop for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on **Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. 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.



Consult with an Attorney for FREE!!

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

WHEN: Saturday, January 26, 2019
12:00 noon—2:00 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peter Claver Ujima Center
1019 N. Prieur Street
New Orleans, LA 70116



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

Open

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



Mass Intention

December 30, 2018-January 5, 2019

Sunday, December 30, 2018

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter Claver
Mr. Kenneth Carter

10:00 a.m. Ms. Audrey Breaux
Ms. Jade Gibson
Mr. Moses Hogan
Edward and Edna Walker
Mr. Percy Walker
Ms. Angela McWilliams
Ms. Christine Locue
Mr. Alfred Page
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

Monday, December 31, 2018

4:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Mass

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Thursday, January 3, 2019

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory

Friday, January 4, 2019

7:30 a.m. Mass-Rectory
Gloria Margie Brown

Saturday, January 5, 2019

4:00 p.m. Mr. Edgar Chase, Jr.
Mr. Thomas A.G. Lee
Ms. June Lewis
Mr. Keith Riley

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!*

ST. PETER CLAVER HEALTH CORNER



Overcoming Depression: Hope For The Holidays

Stress and depression can ruin your holidays and hurt your health. Being realistic, planning ahead and seeking support can help ward off stress and depression. Don't let the holidays become something you dread. Take steps to prevent the stress and depression that can occur during the holidays. Learn what brings you down and recognize your holiday triggers (financial pressures, family conflict, alcohol, too many commitments, loss of a loved one, unrealistic expectations or personal demands), so you can combat them before they lead to a meltdown. Here are a few tips to help you void holiday stress and depress. Stick to a budget (decide how much money you can afford to spend). Plan ahead (set aside specific days for shopping, plan your menus and then make your shopping list). Be realistic (as families change and grow, traditions and rituals often change as well. If your family can't come together the way they use to, find new ways to celebrate together, such as sharing pictures, emails or videos. Set aside difference (set aside grievances until a more appropriate time for discussion. Remember there are two sides to every story and each person's feelings are real to them). **Try non-alcoholic beverages** (alcohol is a depressant and will cause depressive moods to escalate). Acknowledge your feelings (celebrating the holidays when your grieving, especially the first year or two-can trigger depression and loneliness. Even not being with loved ones can trigger the same response, realize that it's normal to feel sadness and grief. It's OK to take time to cry or express your feelings. You can't force yourself to be happy just because it's the holiday season. Take a breather (Make some time for yourself. Spending just 15 minutes alone, without distractions, may refresh you enough to handle everything you need to do). **Learn to say no** (Saying yes when you should say no can leave you feeling Resentful and overwhelmed). Reach out (If you feel lonely or isolated, seek out community, religious or other social events. They can offer support and companionship.

Seek professional help if you need it. Despite your best efforts, you may find yourself feeling persistently sad or anxious. If these feelings last for a while, talk to your doctor or a mental health professional.

References: National Institute of Mental Health; Mayo Clinic, Lifescript.com



St. Peter Claver Catholic Church

December, 2018

Meetings & Events

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						<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>New Year's Eve Mass</i> 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p><i>JAN 1, 2019</i> <i>New Year's Day Mass</i> 10:00 am</p>					

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