

A Place to Share God's Word, Faith, Family Life & Fellowship
St. Peter Claver St. Pius V Catholic Church – “One in the Spirit”



First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

Mondays 8:00 a.m.
Tuesdays 8:00 a.m.
Thursdays 8:00 a.m.
Fridays 8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS

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Religious Education

Elementary & First Communion
Sundays: Immediately following Mass

High School & Confirmation
2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays – 11:00 a.m.

RCIA – 1st & 3rd Wednesdays – 7 p.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays – 11 a.m.

Baptism & Marriage Preparation

By Appointment



Thank You!

For delighting us with your presence. We hope you will come again!

“The Lord is near to all who call out to him, to all who call out to him sincerely.”

Psalm 145:18

PASTOR'S CORNER

“YOU MAY KEEP ALL THE COMMANDMENTS AND STILL BE CLOSER TO THE DEVIL THAN GOD!!!!!!!”

Keeping the Ten Commandments is good!! But that in itself does not unite one to God, or take one to heaven!! What unites us to God is transformative faith that is rooted in charity!! That means seeing and loving God through His creatures, especially the less privileged; and benevolently willing the good of others even if we can't directly be the instrumental cause of the good!! Yes, the charitable disposition towards God and God's creatures unites us to God because God's very nature is LOVE and to LOVE!!”

Upcoming Events/Meetings

December 7 - Health & Wellness Exercise

December 10 – Holiday Happenings

December 14 – Health Wellness Exercise

December 16 – Pastoral Council Meeting/Health & Wellness Meeting

December 17 – Elementary PREP

December 21 – Health & Wellness Exercise

Weekly Readings



Sunday: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/ Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9/ Mark 13:33-37

Monday: Isaiah 2:1-5/ Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-9/ Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10/ Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-10a/ Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6/ Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/ Matthew 7:21, 24-27/Luke 17:11-19

Friday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20/ Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/ Luke 1:26-38

Saturday: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26/ Psalm 147:1-6/ Matthew 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-IN OF OUR PARISH

Alfreda Butler

Catherine Case

Bridget Chase

Ellen Dutton

Sylvia Ford

Debbie Holly

Melvinda Jones

Mary Malachi

Warren Nixon

Shirley Payne

Cecelia Price

Romaine Price

Anthony Scales

Norma Shaw

Bessie Wilson



We prepare ourselves spiritually during Advent in anticipation of the coming, or birth, of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Let's create a sense of anticipation in our hearts and homes this first Sunday of Advent as we get ready to celebrate the arrival of Jesus as a gift to all of humanity.

The first candle of Advent is lit to represent hope, specifically the hope of the Israelites for the arrival of the promised Messiah. We can also hold out hope that the prophecies concerning Jesus' second coming to earth will come to pass in this day and age, when evil reigns and everything appears lost.

On this first Sunday of Advent, we are reading the gospel of Mark as part of our Sunday readings. Out of the four Gospels, Mark is the shortest and the oldest. Despite being short—just 16 chapters—it had a significant impact on the others. Our Lord is speaking to you in the depths of your being as we approach the Advent season. "Wake up," he is gently whispering. "Pay attention." "Observe." He will whisper to you instead of yelling, so you will need to focus entirely on Him. Are you able to see Him? Can You Hear Him? Pay attention to Him? Recognize Him? Are you familiar with His voice? Or do the numerous voices surrounding you distract you from the vast, profound, and life-altering truths He is trying to convey to you?

It's easy to think of Advent as the "same old, same old." We have previously sung these hymns and heard the stories. Perhaps this is the reason the first gospel of this new season asks us to awaken. To do it, we'll need assistance. The Psalm response for today can be used to formulate our prayer for the start of Advent: "Lord, help us to turn to you so that we may see your face and be saved."



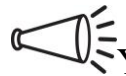
As we begin Advent we are called to “Be watchful! Be alert” as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. *Your gift to St. Vincent de Paul in needed food and toys for The Angel Tree will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.*

OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

SS. Philip and James Eucharistic Advent Preaching on the Mondays of Advent at 7 p.m. As a means to delve more deeply into the mystery of the Eucharist, Advent, and the upcoming Christmas season, please join them for this beautiful series. The church is located at 2801 N. Charles Street.

Individual Unbound Ministry Prayer - Many of us are fighting invisible battles with anxieties, negative thoughts, sins, unhealthy relationships, destructive habits, resentments and bitter wounds that never seem to heal. Unbound Ministry Prayer releases the power of Jesus into wounded lives. On Saturday December 9, 2023 there will be trained teams available to provide individual prayer using the Unbound Model of prayer in Ellicott City, MD. Unbound Prayer is based on 5 scriptural keys that help you unlock those areas of your life where you want to receive greater freedom, healing & spiritual growth. If you would like to schedule an appointment or want more information, please contact Dan or Peggy Gahagan by Monday December 4, at UnboundMinistryMaryland@gmail.com. They ask that you read at least the first 7 chapters of the book Unbound, by Neal Lozano prior to your appointment to receive Unbound prayer (available at www.Amazon.com OR www.heartofthefather.com).

The Knott Scholarship Funds have been providing merit based, full-tuition scholarships for academically talented Catholic elementary and secondary school students for 41 years. Awarded in the 4th grade for grades 5 through 8, or 8th grade for grades 9 through 12, scholarships are awarded to Catholic students in the Archdiocese of Baltimore who wish to attend a Catholic school. Applications are available beginning in January and are due in March for awards for the following year. For more information, please visit knottscholar.org.



You have three (3) ways to submit bulletin items/church announcements: email to saintpeterpius@gmail.com; contact form on the church's website; or text to (443)527-5478. All announcements must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

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