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



# Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10, 2024

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

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

### **DAILY MASSES**

Mondays8:00 a.m.Tuesdays8:00 a.m.Thursdays8:00 a.m.Fridays8:00 a.m.HOLY DAYSTBA

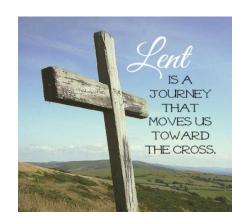
### Religious Education

Elementary & First Communion Sundays: Immediately following Mass

High School & Confirmation  $2^{nd}$ ,  $4^{th}$ , &  $5^{th}$  Sundays -11:00 a.m.

 $\begin{array}{c} RCIA-1^{st} \ \& \ 3^{rd} \ Wednesdays-7 \ p.m. \\ 1^{st} \ \& \ 3^{rd} \ Sundays-11 \ a.m. \end{array}$ 

**Baptism & Marriage Preparation**By Appointment



Thank You!

For visiting our church. You are always welcome here!

"Let mutual love continue, and do not forget to offer hospitality to strangers, for by doing this some have entertained angels without knowing it."

Hebrews 13:1-2

### PASTOR'S CORNER

"The biggest preparation on earth is not about how you are gonna celebrate your success, but about how you are gonna deal with the biggest catastrophes/tragedies of your life!! To be human is to be vulnerable to catastrophes/tragedies!! No one escapes tragedies!! They may come in various and different forms, but they are surely inevitable!!"

## **Upcoming Events/Meetings**

March 11 - Health & Wellness Exercise Class

March 14 - Health & Wellness Exercise Class

March 16 - Pastoral Council Meeting/Health & Wellness Meeting

March 17 – Elementary RE Class/RCIA

March 20 – Emergency Food Distribution

March 21 – Health & Wellness Exercise Class

March 24 – Elementary & High School RE Classes/SIP Meeting/Bingo

## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-6/ Ephesians 5:8-14/ John 9:1-41

**Monday:** Isaiah 65:17-21/Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/ John 4:43-54 **Tuesday:** Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12/ Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/ John 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 49:8-15/ Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/ John 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Exodus 32:7-14/ Psalm 106:19-23/ John 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22/Psalm 34:17-21, 23/ John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 **Saturday:** Jeremiah 11:18-20/ Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10-12/ John 7:40-53

**PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-IN OF OUR PARISH** - As a community of believers bound together by the Spirit of Christ, one of the most priceless and possibly least obvious gifts we can give to one another is the gift of our prayers. Would you kindly offer up a prayer for everyone on the list?

Alfreda Butler Catherine Case Bridget Chase Ellen Dutton
Sylvia Ford Debbie Holly Melvinda Jones Thomas Lewis
Mary Malachi Warren Nixon Shirley Payne Cecelia Price
Romaine Price Anthony Scales Norma Shaw

### March 2 & 3

Total Attendance - 153 Total Collections - \$7,328

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## **RCIA - Welcome to the Catholic Church...**

All who would like to convert to Catholicism are welcome to join the Church. Individuals that undergo the RCIA process might be classified into one of these groups: (1) A person wishing to convert from another faith to Catholicism; (2) A person desiring to convert from another Christian denomination whose baptism was performed elsewhere; or (3) A Catholic who was baptized but never received the sacraments of confirmation and first holy communion.

The process of completing the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults takes several months. There are a number of steps involved:

**Pre-Catechumenate -** Known as the Period of Inquiry, this is the first stage of the process. Candidates and Catechumens agree that the Holy Spirit is bringing them into the Church at the invitation of Christ. Now is the moment to search and contemplate.

**Rite of Initiation -** New members are welcomed into the worshipping community during the Rite of Initiation, the first Rite in the RCIA process. At this moment, the people are referred to as catechumens, which is a Greek word that means "one receiving instruction."

**Catechumenate -** The Catechumenate, which is the longest phase of the process, is a period of education and formation in Catholic theology and traditions. This is a time for studying church doctrine, practices, and traditions, as well as for telling stories and reading scripture.

**Rite of Election-** On the first Sunday of Lent, this action is taken. A formal declaration that they are called by God to receive sacraments is made by the catechumens when they sign the Book of the Elect in front of their diocese's bishop and the broader community. Elect is the new name for them.

**Sacraments of Initiation -** When the elect receive the sacraments on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil Mass, they are considered completely initiated into the Church. There's no greater occasion to commemorate completing one's initiation into the Church than the Lord's Resurrection.

**Mystagogy** - For those who have just been initiated, the 50-day period known as mystagogia between Easter and Pentecost is a significant time to continue thinking back on the sacraments they have recently received as well as the promises they have made to the Lord and their community.

A person's journey with the church doesn't stop when they join. A person's journey of faith never ends.

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### **OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION**

**From Slave to Priest** –You are invited to join the Archdiocese of Baltimore as it brings "Tolton: From Slave to Priest" performance to Baltimore. The inspiring story of America's First Black priest and one of the "Saintly Six" Father Augustus Tolton story comes to life in this powerful multi-media live production, filled with music, drama and inspiring performances. It brings a message of hope and healing for the wounds that plague our culture. It is being held on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. at New All Saints Church. Tickets will be \$25 with a free will offering. More ticket information to follow. For more on the performance, please visit. http://www.toltondrama.com.

**Seek the City** - For the last 18 months, thousands of parishioners have walked on the prayerful journey to Seek the City to Come as our city parishes and some parishes surrounding the city reimagine, realign and revitalize the Church in Baltimore City. The Church now embarks on the final steps of this process that, at times, has been hopeful and sobering. In this new phase, participating parishes and their leadership teams will come together to develop draft models to show proposed worship and ministry services and sites in Baltimore City and some of the surrounding suburbs. These models will then be shared with parishioners, Archbishop William Lori and leadership councils.

You are invited to turn to prayer reflection on a Lenten pilgrimage that will prepare us for the final stages of discernment and decisions in the Seek the City process. The next stop is at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles Street beginning at 7 p.m.

**Moved?** New phone numbers or email address? Help keep the parish records up-to-date by providing this information on the "Change of Address" form found on the church's website.

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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