

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



## Easter Sunday -The Resurrection of the Lord March 31, 2024

### **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 TBA**

### **Mass Intentions**

28<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (3/23/24)  
for Crystal and Wayne Morris

3/26-3/31/24 Prosper Kiemde – Req.  
by Sabine Kiemde

### **Religious Education**

Elementary & First Communion  
Sundays: Immediately following Mass

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

RCIA – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays – 7 p.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays – 11 a.m.

### **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***

“Everyday is an opportunity for you to use as you please!! You may decide to use it wrongly by unceasingly focusing on some very dark times/moments in your life, thereby, succumbing to self-pity, or rightly by taking advantage of the little leeway and becoming a conqueror!! Say NO to self-pity!! God’s grace is still at work; use it!!”

## **Upcoming Events/Meetings**

**April 1** – Health & Wellness Exercise Class

**April 4** – Health & Wellness Exercise Class

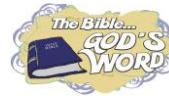
**April 7** – Elementary RE Class/RCIA/Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Meeting

**April 8** – Health & Wellness Exercise Class

**April 11** – Health & Wellness Exercise Class

**April 14** – Elementary & High School RE Classes/SIP Meeting

## **Weekly Readings**



**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ Colossians 3:1-4 or I Corinthians 5:6b-8/  
John 20:1-9

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33 /Psalm 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 / Matthew 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41 / Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 /John 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10 / Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9 / Luke 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/ Psalm 8:2ab, 5-9 / Luke 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Psalm 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a / John 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21 /Psalm 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/ Mark 16:9-15



**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  
Sylvia Ford  
Mary Malachi  
Romaine Price

Catherine Case  
Debbie Holly  
Warren Nixon  
Norma Shaw

Bridget Chase  
Melvinda Jones  
Shirley Payne

Ellen Dutton  
Thomas Lewis  
Cecelia Price

# Important Facts about Easter Every Catholic Should Know. . .

Easter isn't just one day when Catholics celebrate the resurrection of Christ. A whole season is involved! "Easter is the most important liturgical time for Catholics," states the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops), citing it as the main feast of the liturgical year. It commemorates the victory of Jesus over sin, death, and human salvation. God's redemption of humanity is the pinnacle of his love.

- **Easter isn't just a holiday. It's a whole season!** - Easter is a 50-day liturgical season! According to the Church calendar, it is the second-longest season. Easter always occurs on the first Sunday following the first full moon on or after the spring equinox. It concludes with the Pentecost celebration.
- **The Meaning of the Word "Easter"** - "Easter is derived from Old English and simply means the 'East.' The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world." (USCCB)
- **The Easter Octave** - The Easter Octave is the week that runs from Easter Sunday to Divine Mercy Sunday, often known as the second Sunday of Easter. Easter season is upon us, and this is an extension of Easter festivities. The time after Easter's octave is referred to as Eastertide.
- **Divine Mercy Sunday** - The second Sunday of Easter is designated as Divine Mercy Sunday, which is based on St. Faustina Kowalska's personal revelations endorsing a specific devotion to the Divine Mercy. The Church added Divine Mercy Sunday to its calendar recently, and it has connections to both the Bible and personal revelation. When Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina in 2000, he made the following declaration during the ceremony: "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church *will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday"*."
- **Includes the Feast of the Ascension** - The last part of the work that Jesus Christ started on Good Friday to redeem us is the Ascension of Our Lord, which took place 40 days following His resurrection on Easter Sunday. On this day, the risen Christ physically ascended into heaven in front of His apostles. Christ's physical ascension to heaven represents our own entry into heaven as glorified bodies—not just souls—after death and following the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment.

**March 23 & 24**

Total Attendance - 132

Total Collections - \$4,718.75

Year-to-date Collections - \$60,879.91

# OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

**Dating Conference** - The Baltimore Basilica and the Office of Vocations host their first Dating and Relationship Conference April 13 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at St. Mary's Seminary and University, 5400 Roland Park Avenue. For more information contact [angelus.virata@archbalt.org](mailto:angelus.virata@archbalt.org).

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**Education Funding** - If you are interested in enrolling your kids in a Catholic school (or know someone who would), check out this resource. *BOOST Scholarships*. Maryland BOOST scholarships give income-limited parents the option of sending their children to a Catholic or other non-public school. The deadline for current and potential students to apply for a fall 2025 scholarship is May 3. To apply visit [mdcatholic.org/boost](http://mdcatholic.org/boost), you need a 2023 tax return.

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**Free Retreat** at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg - The Archdiocese of Baltimore is marking the observance of the feast day of St. Dymphna and Mental Health Awareness Month with a special event. You are invited to attend a St. Dymphna Mental Wellness retreat on Wednesday, May 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. he. This retreat is for everyone, especially people who have lived experience with mental health challenges and their loved ones, and anyone looking for healing after the loss of a loved one to suicide. Limited free bus service is also available - see registration for details. Register by Wednesday, May 1 to guarantee meals and retreat packet: [bit.ly/aob-sdmwr](https://bit.ly/aob-sdmwr). Questions? Call 410-547-3158

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You have three (3) ways to submit bulletin items/church announcements: email to [saintpeterpius@gmail.com](mailto: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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