

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



Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 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

“THE ONES WHO TRULY INSPIRE ME ARE NOT THEOLOGIANs, OR PHD HOLDERS, OR THE SUPPER WEALTHY

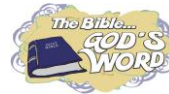
I've gotten to a stage in my life where only one category of people inspire me. The rest, I either endure or tolerate!! Those groomed and equipped with theological sophistication and spiritual Kumbaya: who know much about God and talk much about God, but are deeply mean-spirited, vindictive, dubious and nasty to fellow human beings DO NOT inspire me!! The highly educated with obnoxious sense of braggadocio DO NOT inspire me either!! The ones who inspire me are those who are kind compassionate, and charitable with a large heart of/for benevolence!! They are my heroes because they understand and appreciate our shared humanity!! Every time I see a genuine act of charity, my hope in humanity increases!! May God bless all those who allow themselves to be conduits for God's blessings to humanity!! Amen!!”

Upcoming Events/Meetings

December 21 – Health & Wellness Exercise

December 28 – Health & Wellness Exercise

Weekly Readings



Sunday: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11/ Luke 1:46-54/ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24/ John 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jeremiah 23:5-8/ Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/ Matthew 1:18-25

Tuesday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a/ Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/ Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday: Isaiah 7:10-14/ Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/ Luke 1:26-38

Thursday: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a/ Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/ Luke 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28/ 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd/ Luke 1:46-56

Saturday: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24/ Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14/ Luke 1:57-66

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-IN OF OUR PARISH

Alfreda Butler

Sylvia Ford

Warren Nixon

Anthony Scales

Catherine Case

Debbie Holly

Shirley Payne

Norma Shaw

Bridget Chase

Melvinda Jones

Cecelia Price

Bessie Wilson

Ellen Dutton

Mary Malachi

Romaine Price

Advent Week 3 - the Candle of Joy



Gaudete Sunday is the traditional name for the third Sunday in Advent. Gaudete is the Latin word for **rejoice**. This third Advent candle, often called the Shepherd Candle, symbolizes the joy that comes with Jesus' arrival and the salvation he has given us. This week's candle will be pink, not purple or violet like the ones that were used the last two weeks.

This week, more than any other in the Advent season, signifies a change in attitude. As Jesus makes everything fresh, one goes from hope, repentance, and fear of the approaching Judge to joy at the arrival of salvation and the kingdom of God.

These Advent rhythms stand in for the changes we frequently go through as Christians. On some days, the injustices in this world seem too much for us to bear; on other days, we struggle with our sin; and on still other days, we look forward to the day when God defeats death, the last great foe. We can transition from these feelings to joy on the third Sunday of Advent because God has come to save us, be with us, and he will return.



In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord. *Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes, toys and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.*

December 9 & 10
Total Attendance - 125
Total Collections - \$5,382.10
Year to date Collections – \$257,209.81

OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

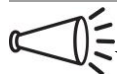
This Monday, at 7 p.m., is the final in the SS. Philip and James Eucharistic Advent Preaching series. As a means to delve more deeply into the mystery of the Eucharist, Advent, and the upcoming Christmas season, please join them for this beautiful series. The church is located at 2801 N. Charles Street.

Seek the City to Come – The next City-wide Visioning Workshop on Sunday, Jan 7, 2024, St. Matthew Parish, 5401 Loch Raven Blvd. from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The workshop activities will be centered on ministries that accompany the people we are called to serve, where prioritized ministries are impactful in our City, and where parish leaders and parishioners feel we are called to worship. Please register at <https://bit.ly/4aoxMYj>.

The Visioning Workshop for the Black Catholic Focus Group, originally scheduled for Thursday, December 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Matthew, 5401 Loch Raven Boulevard, has been moved to January 17, 2024. Register for this event at <https://bit.ly/stc-bcfg> or email OBCM@archbalt.org

Young Adult Evening Prayer with the School Sisters of Notre Dame via Zoom, December 19 at 8 p.m. There will be time for faith sharing with young adults and sisters from all across the U.S. and Canada. Register at ssnd.org/events/12-19-23

Evening Prayer Vigil for Lives Lost to Homicide - A coalition of public, private and faith-based partners will hold a one-hour evening prayer vigil on Wednesday, Dec. 27 to remember the lives lost to homicide this year and plead for an end to violence. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Monastery Parish at 3801 Old Frederick Road for the 10 – 15 minute walk to My Brother's Keeper. Hot chocolate and fellowship will be offered afterward at the Catholic Charities resource center.



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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