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



## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 22, 2024

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil Sunday 4:00 p.m. 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

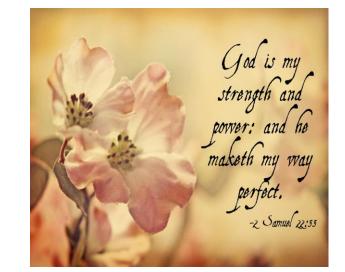
TBA

<u>Religious Education</u> 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.

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

**Baptism & Marriage Preparation** By Appointment



Thank You!

For visiting our church. You are always welcome here!

"Love cannot result in any harm to the neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfillment of the Law.." Romans 13:10

# PASTOR'S CORNER

"DON'T STOP HOPING!!!!!!!!!! The longest distance/Journey on earth is from potentiality to actuality; and the best means of transportation to travel the journey is HOPE!! Hope has brought me this far, and hope will take me to my next destination!! If you got hope, you got everything; but if you lack hope, your dreams are dead!! Never stop hoping; hope against hope!!"



September 25 – Emergency Food Distribution

- September 29 High School Religious Education Class/SIP Meeting
- October 3 Health & Wellness Exercise Class
- October 6 Elementary School RE Class/OCIA/Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Meeting
- October 7 Health & Wellness Exercise Class
- October 10 Health & Wellness Exercise Class



## Weekly Readings

Sunday: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20/ Psalm 54:3-6, 8/ James 3:16—4:3/ Mark 9:30-37 Monday: Proverbs 3:27-34/ Psalm 15:2-3abc -4ab, 5/ Luke 8:16-18 Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13/ Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/ Luke 8:19-21 Wednesday: Proverbs 30:5-9/ Psalm 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/ Luke 9:1-6 Thursday: Eccliastes 1:2-11/ Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc/ Luke 9:7-9 Friday: Eccliastes 3:1-11/ Psalm 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4/ Luke 9:18-22 Saturday: Eccliastes 11:9—12:8/ Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/ Luke 9:43b-45

**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?

Ethel Boston Ellen Dutton Thomas Lewis Cecelia Price Alfreda Butler Sylvia Ford Mary Malachi Romaine Price

Catherine Case Debbie Holly Warren Nixon Norma Shaw Bridget Chase Melvinda Jones Shirley Payne



# What is the Moral Law?

The moral law is the collective human knowledge of what is right and wrong. It is present in every person from every period and place. The foundation of every person's God-given conscience is this law. Furthermore, Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition contain a great deal of the moral law that God has revealed. We can therefore better understand the moral law by studying our Catholic faith.

We all have free will, which is a gift from God. This implies that we have the freedom to decide what is right or wrong. Our own acts are what we are accountable for. Three components make up every moral act: the objective act, which is what we do; the subjective aim or goal, which is why we do the act; and the specific context or circumstances, which are where, when, how, with whom, the consequences, etc., in which we conduct the act.

An objectively good goal, or what we are doing, is necessary for an individual act to be morally right. Certain actions are always bad because they violate a fundamental or basic human good that should never be compromised, regardless of the motivation or purpose behind the act. Examples of actions that are always wrong include rape, torture, and the direct killing of the defenseless. When something is done for a cause other than what is right or appropriate, it is said to be innately wicked. This means that the act itself is bad.

God uses moral law to keep us and guide us away from evil and toward heaven. Our choices shape who we end up being. Selecting what is right transforms the chooser, enabling him or her to continue down the paths of virtue and form the habitus, or habits, that support Christian character. Human freedom, action, and choice are covered in the Catholic Catechism: *The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just. The choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to "the slavery of sin".* (Cf. Rom 6:17) (CCC#1733)

> **September 14 & 15** Total Attendance – 102 Total Collection – \$2,412 Year-to-date Collections – \$176,802.42

# **OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION**

**Merger** - St. Bernardine's has a blog on their website to facilitate a conversation about the merger. Go to their website, *stbernardinechurch.org*, and click on "The Golden Saints Blog"; or click the link on our church's website – claverpius.org. Video instructions on how to use the blog are included. If you would like a "oneto-one" personal conversation with a member of St. Bernardine's, please request one at 410-362-8664 or stbernardine@archbalt.org.

**Young adults age 18**+ are invited to online evening prayer with the School Sisters of Notre Dame on Tuesday, September 24 at 8 p.m. There will be time for faith sharing with young adults and sisters from all across the U.S. and Canada. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/9-24-24

**Christmas Basket Sign-up:** Sundays (September 22 and 29; October 6 and 13) from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Wednesdays (September 25, October 16 and 23) from 10 a.m. to noon. Sign-ups will take place in the Hall.

**On October 5** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Institute for Evangelization with host a Basic Evangelization Training with St. Paul Street Evangelization at St. John the Evangelist Church, 112 E. 2nd Street, Frederick, MD. Attendees will receive practical tools to evangelize their family, friends, and neighbors. The cost for the day is \$15. Register at - https://bit.ly/47worMY

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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