

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 Easter

April 23, 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

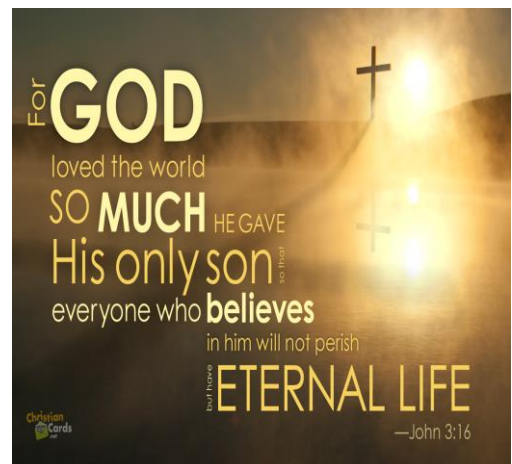
Elementary & First Communion
Sundays: Immediately following Mass

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!

*Our church door is always open
to everyone. Thank you for
attending, and we hope to see
you again soon!*

*"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in
prayer, believe that you have received it, and it
will be yours."*

Mark 11:24

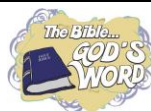
PASTOR'S CORNER

“Life is a journey, lived in the present, planned for the future, and built on the past!! Every single day of the trajectory involves moments of Calvary and Resurrection!! Therein, we experience consolations and desolations, joys and sorrows/pains, loyalty and betrayer, love and hate, etc.!! In all this, we gotta hold on to God, and never let go of what/who makes us happy!!”

Upcoming Events/Meetings

- April 26** – Emergency Food Distribution/RCIA
April 27 - Health & Wellness Exercise Class
May 4 - Health & Wellness Exercise Class
May 5– St. Vincent de Paul & Ladies of Charity Variety Dinner
May 7 – Living Rosary/Elementary RE Class/Sodality Meeting
May 11 - Health & Wellness Exercise Class
May 14 – Lectors Meeting
May 17 – Emergency Food Distribution
May 18 – Health & Wellness Exercise Class
May 20 – Pastoral Council Meeting/Health & Wellness Meeting

Weekly Readings



- Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/ 1 Peter 1:17-21/ Luke 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/ John 6:22-29
Tuesday: 1 Peter 5:5b-14/Psalm 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/ Mark 16:15-20
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/ Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/ John 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/ John 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Psalm 117:1bc, 2/ John 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/ Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ John 6:60-69



In this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others. *Please consider a special prayer this week for all who were served at the food pantry.*

April 15 & 16

Total Attendance - 124

Total Collection – \$3,629.15

Year to Date - \$85,285.02

Why Holy Water is Not for Sale

The Church has traditionally forbade the sale of spiritual goods like sacraments and blessings. The name "simony" for this kind of selling originated from a converted magician who attempted to "buy" the power of the Holy Spirit from the Apostles: *[W]hen Simon saw, that by the imposition of the hands of the apostles, the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, saying: Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I shall lay my hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said to him: Keep thy money to thyself, to perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. (Acts 8:18-20)*

God bestows spiritual gifts upon us as a gift. They don't qualify as consumer products. Selling spiritual truth is also a sacrilege of something precious. The Catechism provides clear guidance on the subject: *To Simon the magician...St. Peter responded: "Your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain God's gift with money!" Peter thus held to the words of Jesus: "You received without pay, give without pay." It is impossible to appropriate to oneself spiritual goods and behave toward them as their owner or master, for they have their source in God. One can receive them only from Him, without payment.*
—*Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2121*

Simony is a lie that claims, "This is mine, it belongs only to me," robbing from God what is truly His. It is more than just the simple selling of a gift. It disrespects a sacred thing we ought to treasure by degrading it to a common object. These are the arguments against selling sanctified items like holy water.

It's acceptable to create, produce, and sell a container that can be used to store holy water; but, this is not the same as selling holy water. Additionally, when it is sold, the container is not blessed.

First Communion – Please continue to pray for our First Communicants - Jean Marie Dasso and Dylan Washington.

Back by popular demand, The Variety Dinner, sponsored by The St. Vincent de Paul and Ladies of Charity Ministry. Shrimp, Cod Fish Cakes, Fried Chicken Wings and Fish Dinners will be sold. Put the date on your calendar, Friday, May 5 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Flyers and order forms are in the rear of the church.

OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

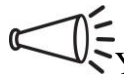
Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries. In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals himself "through the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35). He chose to become the bread of life for us. Please support our Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries so we can reveal Him on our parish altar. He showed us in the Gospel that He wishes to multiply our gifts with his immense power.

Seek the City launches Online and paper Surveys: The power of listening continues through the launch of the Seek the City online and paper survey. Your voice and participation are vital! Please visit www.seekthecity.org or scan the QR code or access a paper survey available in the back of the church. The survey will be open throughout the month of April. Feedback from responses will be shared this summer along with voices from the open prayer discussions that were held in the Fall of last year, and from all 62 parish visits in the City of Baltimore.



Harper's Helpers served about 65 lunches to the community on April 8. The next event will be in June.

SuperKids Camp is Parks & People's FREE six week academic summer camp for Baltimore City rising 1st-5th graders. Monday - Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; June 26th-August 4th, closed July 3rd & 4th. Breakfast, lunch, and transportation are included! To register visit: parksandpeople.org/programs/superkids-camp



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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