

*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 Advent

December 18, 2022

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

### Baptism & Marriage Preparation

By Appointment

### Mass Intention

12/24 - Healing Mercies for Alonna Nolan; Requested by Pat Nolan

*Thank You*

We're glad you joined us today! It is our sincere hope that the fellowship and love you experience today will continue to be a part of your lives over the days and years to come.

*"Like good stewards of the varied graces of God, use whatever gift each one of you has received to serve one another."*

1 Peter 4:10

## ***PASTOR'S CORNER***

“A man can be materially poor yet sustained in the order of creation and world affairs, if he/she has compassion/empathy/feelings!! But a man whose poverty is lack of compassion stands the risk of losing both his/her personhood and becoming a beast/monster!! No matter how poor you are materially, always deposit some compassion in the bank of your heart!! Human beings have compassion; beasts and monsters don't!!”

## **Upcoming Events / Meetings**

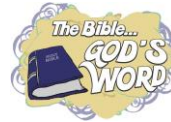
**December 18** - PREP – Elementary (immediately after Mass)

**December 22** – Health & Wellness Exercise/Line Dancing – 5:30 p.m.

**December 24** – Christmas Eve Mass – 6:30 p.m.

**December 25** – Christmas Day Mass – 9:30 a.m.

## **Weekly Readings**



**Sunday:** Isaiah 7:10-14/ Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Romans 1:1-7/ Matthew 1:18-24

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

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

**Wednesday:** Song of Songs 2:8-14/ Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/ Luke 1:39-45

**Thursday:** 1 Samuel 1:24-28/ 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Luke 1:46-56

**Friday:** Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24/ Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/ Luke 1:57-66

**Saturday:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/ Luke 1:67-79



In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God. *Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that “God is with us.”*

**December 10 & 11**  
Total Attendance - 126  
Total Collections - \$5,600

## Fourth Sunday of Advent. . . .



The fourth Sunday of Advent marks the conclusion of our Advent season. Now that the patient (or impatient) planning and waiting are through, everything we did (or didn't do) is history. Together, we enter the Christmas season brimming up with the unfailing love of God, a love that was freely given to each and every one of us unworthy humans. Like all excellent gifts, this one was given to us so that we may give it to others.

*How will we share the incredible gift of God's love for humanity this Christmas?*

- Look for opportunities to perform random acts of kindness for those around you.
- Think about conversation starters you can use with strangers.
- Turn off your phone in elevators, lines, and other places where people wait.
- Say hello to your cashier or waitress by name and acknowledge him or her as a person.
- Tell someone who lights up the room that they exude Christ.
- Thank anyone you see helping another person.
- Make an effort to be friendly and nice, modeling the Father's love.
- Put someone else's needs ahead of your own without letting anyone know.

When we do any of these things, we are personally bringing the Father's love to people and living out the commandment He gave us - love one another! The more we practice sharing our love, the easier it will be to give. We won't have to force ourselves to reach out to our brothers and sisters; it will just happen. When we recognize the significance of God's love in our lives and see it as the ultimate gift we can receive, the value of that love only increases when we share it with others.

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**MOVED???** Do you have a new address, name change, new phone numbers, etc.? Be sure to update them in order not to miss any important communications from the parish. Use the Change of Address form on the web site or call the office.

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**Tired of writing check? Forgot your envelope?** Use the link on the church's website and please remember to include your envelope # for proper credit. You will need your bank or credit card account information. Be sure to print a copy for your records. Thank you for your continued support!

## OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

**A Christmas Musical Comedy - WRAPPED IN LOVE** at St. Bernadine Church is a musical comedy for the entire family written and produced by Tony Small, director of Music Ministry, and starring members of St. Bernadine's own church family. It combines true stories from several African American churches whose parishioners respond to intergenerational and gentrification changes in their neighborhoods and lives – compounded by the inevitabilities of “change.” The story culminates with a holiday concert for the entire community. Join them this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in the church.

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**Cathedral Choir Lessons and Carols** - A time-honored tradition, the Cathedral Choir will again present *A Festival of Lessons & Carols* today at 5 pm. Selected Scripture passages and sacred music will announce the dawn of our salvation. This year, the concert will also feature the Charm City Ringers Handbell Choir and Nikita Borisevich on violin. Free admission. Bring your family and friends! Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles St. Baltimore, MD 21210

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**44th Annual Social Ministry Convocation** – It is happening February 25, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Mercy High School. The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Marlon Tilghman, the pastor at Ames United Methodist Church, Bel Air. He is a social justice advocate and leader with BRIDGE Maryland. The opening ceremony, keynote address, and awards ceremony will all be live-streamed with in-person workshops: new topics in English and Spanish! Contact [cchd@cchdbaltimore.org](mailto:cchd@cchdbaltimore.org) for more information.

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**Response to Maryland Attorney General's Report** – Please see the Archdiocese's homepage for all information and response to recent news and the Archbishop's messages pertaining to the MD Attorney General report. <https://www.archbalt.org>.

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