

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



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 24, 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

Religious Education

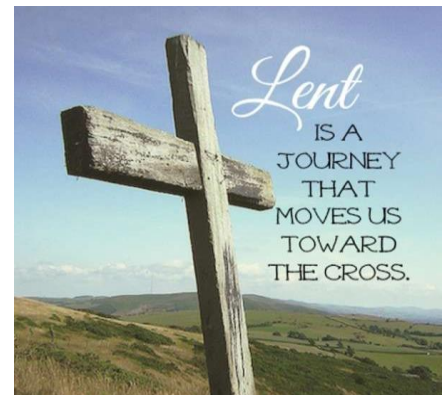
Elementary & First Communion
Sundays: Immediately following Mass

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 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

“The life of Jesus on earth was marked by borrowing!! He borrowed from womb to tomb; from birth to death!! Today, yet again, in His triumphant entry, Jesus asked His disciples to borrow a donkey for him to ride on to Jerusalem!! Are you also willing to allow Him to borrow your time, your resources, your treasure, etc. to accomplish His mission which is still ongoing here on earth?”

Upcoming Events/Meetings

March 25 – Health & Wellness Exercise Class

March 27 – Emergency Food Distribution

March 28 – Health & Wellness Exercise Class

March 29 – Living Stations of the Cross

April 1 – Health & Wellness Exercise Class

April 4 – Health & Wellness Exercise Class

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

Weekly Readings



Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-7/ Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/ Philippians 2:6-11/ Mark 14:1—15:47

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7/Psalm 27:1-3, 13-14/ John 12:1-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6/ Psalm 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17/John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9a/ Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/ Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14/ Psalm 105:4-9 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26/
John 13:1-15

Friday: Isaiah 52:13—53:12/Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/ Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
John 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Genesis 1:1—2:2/Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35/ Exodus 14:15—15:1/
Exodus 15:1-6, 17-18/ Isaiah 55:1-11/ Isaiah 12:2-6/ Romans 6:3-11/
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ Mark 16:1-7

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
Anthony Scales

Bridget Chase
Melvinda Jones
Shirley Payne
Norma Shaw

Ellen Dutton
Thomas Lewis
Cecelia Price

Holy Week

This week's main focus is on Jesus Christ's Passion, Resurrection, and the events that preceded them. Palm Sunday, commemorating Jesus' victorious entry into Jerusalem, is when it all starts. The procession of palms remains, as it did in the beginning, the focal point of the liturgy proper today. Following a ceremony-filled entry inside the church, where the palms are blessed, they are carried in procession to the Mass area.

The Easter Triduum (three days before Easter) is particularly significant to Catholics. The Last Supper that the Lord celebrated with His apostles the night He was betrayed and taken into custody is reenacted on Holy Thursday. A priest will wash twelve people's feet during Mass, following Jesus' example. Priests around the world will also reaffirm their sacred vows this evening. This is because Jesus established the ministerial priesthood in addition to the Mass (Eucharist) at the Last Supper.

We venerate the Cross on Good Friday, the day that marks the crucifixion and death of our Lord. To honor and reverence Christ's sacrifice for our sake, we approach the Cross and give it a kiss. Today is not the day that the Eucharist is consecrated; instead, we shall receive Communion from the previous evening, which has been saved in the tabernacle.

It is a vigil on Holy Saturday. We wait for Our Savior to rise with expectation. On this day, He descended into the underworld with the intention of bringing those who had passed away before to His arrival back up into heaven. Because of Adam's first sin, the gates to heaven were closed and nobody could enter until this point. All that was altered by Jesus. Heaven was once again opened when Jesus paid the price for our sins on the Cross and won for us our eternal salvation. This evening will also be the first time that those who have been preparing for months will be admitted into the Catholic Church through baptism and confirmation.

People who fully commit to experiencing the Paschal Cycle—which consists of Lenten fasting, the Triduum, and the Fifty Days of Easter—find that it has the power to transform their lives. This is particularly true of the Triduum, which is a deep dive into the central mystery of what it means to be a Christian and comes at the center of the Easter season. We endure suffering with Christ in these days so that we could also rise with Him at His glorious Resurrection. Our schedules should be free of pointless events during Holy Week. We should keep Jesus and all He accomplished for us front and center.

March 16 & 17

Total Attendance - 114

Total Collections - \$6,133

Year-to-date Collections - \$56,161.16

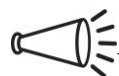
OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

Free Medical Equipment – A bedside commode (sanitized), 2 adjustable bed rails, 4 oxygen nasal tubes, 2 walkers, 1 quad walking cane, shower chair (sanitized) and ReliOn Premier blood glucose test strips. If interested, please call Stephanie Gates 443-838-7422. Please leave a message or text and identify yourself that you are a parishioner.

Chrism Mass - The Archdiocese of Baltimore's 2024 Chrism Mass will be held Monday, March 25, 7:30 p.m., at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles St. The Mass will be open for anyone to attend; however, it is suggested an early arrival since seats are only being reserved for the clergy, religious community members and their immediate families. The Mass will be livestreamed and recorded for the cathedral's YouTube page – <https://www.youtube.com/@cathedralofmary>

Young Adult Evening Prayer - Young adults age 18+ are invited to online evening prayer with the School Sisters of Notre Dame on Tuesday, March 26 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/3-26-24

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, you need a 2023 tax return.



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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