

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



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 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. We hope to see you again!

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may grow rich in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13

PASTOR'S CORNER

“In this life, nothing is guaranteed, nothing is permanent, and nothing is completely satisfying!! There are unanticipated eventualities that come up!! The one who keeps you because you are his/her best option for the moment and calls you every five minutes to tell you how much he/she loves you may have a better choice and leave you without giving you notice or looking back!! The one you’ve worked so hard to empower may end up fighting against you!! The one you are fighting for, may later join his/her oppressors to battle you, etc.!! While there is no absolute remedy for this unpredictability of life, having a plan B is always helpful in dealing with unforeseeable circumstances!!”

Upcoming Events/Meetings

- January 8** – Exercise with Young Adults
January 11 – Health & Wellness Exercise
January 14 – Elementary & High School Religious Education Classes/SIP/
Meeting/ Ladies Auxiliary #219 Meeting
January 17 – Emergency Food Distribution
January 18 – Health & Wellness Exercise
January 20 – Pastoral Council Meeting/Health & Wellness Meeting

Weekly Readings



- Sunday:** Isaiah 60:1-6 / Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13. / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Matthew 2:1-12
Monday: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 /Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10 or
Isaiah 12:2-4bcd, 5-6/ Mark 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20 / 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd / Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 / Psalm 40:2, 5, 7-8a, 8b-10 / Mark 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11 / Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 / Mark 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a /Psalm 89:16-19 / Mark 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 / Psalm 21:2-7 / Mark 2:13-17

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
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

A stroll through Christmas, cont'd. . .

Feast of the Holy Family - Jesus' familial ties are essential to many of the scant details we do know about his early years. As the dutiful son of Mary and Joseph, we know that as a young man he developed in the ways of faith. Every year, the Church lifts up the Holy Family of Nazareth as an example for all families and human relationships. During a 1964 visit to the town of the Holy Family, Blessed Pope Paul VI stated, "Nazareth is the school in which we begin to understand the life of Jesus." It's known as the Gospel School. With the exception of years when Christmas falls on a Sunday, the feast of the Holy Family is observed on the Sunday following Christmas. After that, it's observed Dec. 30.

Solemnity of Mary - On January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is celebrated, marking the completion of the Christmas octave. Although it is a holy day of obligation, Catholics in the US are exempt from this obligation if the feast falls on a Saturday or Monday.

Solemnity of the Epiphany - The solemnity of the Lord's Epiphany is traditionally observed on January 6, the Twelfth Day of Christmas. But in the US, the feast is moved to a Sunday between January 2 and 8. This feast honors the way that Christ's identity is made clear by the presents that the Three Kings gave him in remembrance of his manifestation to the Magi, who stand for how Christ came to save all of humanity, not just the Jews. The frankincense and gold that they bestowed upon Christ signify his position as the universe's king and the divinity deserving of our sincere adoration. The myrrh conveys the somber truth that the infant in the manger was intended to perish.

The Lord's Baptism - Falling on the Sunday following the Epiphany, the feast of the Lord's baptism marks the end of the Christmas season. (Unless, of course, the Epiphany happens on January 7 or 8, in which case it is observed on the Monday that follows. This feast day honors the moment when Christ accepts his mission as the redeemer by receiving the baptism of repentance and conversion from St. John the Baptist. Beginning his mission of salvation as the long-awaited Messiah who will atone for our sins, he leaves the waters of the Jordan, recognized as God's own son by the voice of the Father that echoed from the parted heavens.

December 30 & 31, 2023

Total Attendance - 215

Total Collections – \$4,476

Year-to-date Collections – \$270,250.55

OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

Did you know that our Catholic community is the largest provider of social services in the region outside of the government? Our Faith in Action drives our compassion and care for our neighbors. God's love is witnessed in every act of service. Every meal served. Every prayer in His name. Every shelter provided. Every comfort extended. This is our Faith in Action. Visit archbalt.org to learn more about mission and ministry of the Archdiocese of Baltimore through the good works of 500,000 faithful.

MLK Celebration - January 14, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Come hear the words of our community members as they discern and share their hopes and visions for a just society. This is a Zoom meeting hosted by St. Ignatius Catholic Community. Register at st-ignatius.net/mlk.

11th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr./Msgr. Edward M. Miller Peace Walk – Join Archbishop Lori and Bishops Lewandowski and Madden for the peace walk on January 15, at noon at St. Bernardine's Church, 3800 Edmondson Avenue.

Seek the City to Come - The Visioning Workshop for the Black Catholic Focus Group, is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Matthew. Register for this event at <https://bit.ly/stc-bcfg> or email OBCM@archbalt.org.

Health & Wellness Ministry will begin a weight loss challenge this month. If interested, please attend the meeting in the Hall on January 20 at 2 p.m.



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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