

*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 in Ordinary Time

### January 28, 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  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays – 11:00 a.m.

RCIA – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays – 7 p.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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***

“One may be rejected by all and considered good for nothing!! But God never rejects us no matter how dirty we are or bad our past has been!! What’s deleted by human beings, God rewrites!! What’s buried in the deepest grounds by humans, God excavates!! What’s discarded because of human expiration timeline, God renews and what’s considered too poisonous by human beings, God dilutes!! Life with God is always meaningful, because there is always hope for a better tomorrow!! ‘Know God, know peace! No God, no peace!’”

## **Upcoming Events/Meetings**

**January 29** - Exercise/Line Dancing with Young Adults

**February 1** – Health & Wellness Exercise

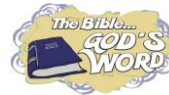
**February 4** - Elementary Religious Ed Class/Blessed Virgin Mary Meeting/RCIA

**February 5** - Exercise/Line Dancing with Young Adults

**February 8** - Health & Wellness Exercise

**February 10** – Red Dress Weekend

## **Weekly Readings**



**Sunday:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20/ Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9/ 1 Corinthians 7:32-35/ Mark 1:21-28

**Monday:** 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Psalm 3:2-7/ Mark 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30–19:3/ Psalm 86:1-6/ Mark 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17/ Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7/ Mark 6:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12/ 1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/ Mark 6:7-13

**Friday:** Malachi 3:1-4 /Psalm 24:7-10/ Hebrews 2:14-18/ Luke 2:22-40

**Saturday:** 1 Kings 3:4-13/ Psalm 119:9-14/ Mark 6:30-34

**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

Ellen Dutton  
Mary Malachi  
Romaine Price

### **January 20 & 21**

Total Attendance - 76

Total Collections – \$899

Year-to-date Collections – \$10,693

## How to get the most out of Mass, cont'd. . . .

**Meet new folks.** A room full of strangers can become a room full of friends by participating in church activities. Say hi to others nearby in the seats, greet your pastor after Mass, or offer the musical director praise for a particular piece. These are easy methods to make the first move.

**Serve at Mass.** You can gain a completely different understanding of the Mass by serving as a lector, singer or musician, extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, or usher.

**Get to know the Bible.** Not just the Mass readings, but God's entire abundant word. We can better grasp what we hear at Mass and apply it to our own situations more deliberately when we investigate the historical and cultural background of the readings we hear and consider their implications in our own lives.

**Listen. Really listen.** Don't worry about absorbing everything. Just listen for the word or phrase God wants to speak into your heart today. When you find your attention wandering, gently bring yourself back.

**Imagine Jesus is present,** because He is. If we imagined Jesus Himself to be seated in a pew, or standing at the altar, or delivering the readings, how would our attitude at Mass change? How much more attentively would we listen? How much more ardently and passionately would we declare our faith? How much more merriment and praise would we sing?

**Pray.** Although the Mass is the cornerstone and apex of the Catholic life, it was never intended to be the source of all of our spiritual needs. Even if you just say a brief "Thanks be to God" as you leave, pray. Before the start of Mass, ask God to open your tongue to joyfully praise and declare your love for Him, your ears to hear God's word, your eyes to see God in the parishioners around you, and your heart to receive God's message.

**Leave Mass with a purpose.** In the quiet time after Communion, think about how God has spoken to you this day. What is God calling you to do? How will you be more like Christ this week- By forgiving someone? Asking forgiveness? By reaching out to help someone? By being more patient with your children? By confronting a friend or loved one at risk? By helping someone whom is ill? By smiling and thus lightening the day of someone who you pass on the street? Try not to leave until you've committed to at least one small, concrete way to live the Mass.

**Work for justice.** The Church has emphasized the link between Eucharist and justice for the past century. For instance, Pope John Paul II implored Catholic communities to dedicate themselves to reducing poverty and the associated evils in a letter he wrote in honor of the Year of the Eucharist in 2003.

# OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

**Mother Mary Lange Celebration** – Please join Archbishop William Lori and the Oblate Sisters of Providence on January 30, for a celebration of Mother Mary Lange to Venerable and Catholic Schools Week. The celebration will take place at the historic St. Frances Academy (Community Center) 501 E. Chase Street, at 9 a.m.

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**Please join The Health & Wellness Ministry** on their continued journey to wellness- Spiritually, Mentally and Physically. Monthly, members will share a word to focus on for four weeks. Word One is “**DETERMINATION.**” By making a decision to become healthier through making wiser decisions in relationship building, making better food choices, and spending time with God through prayer, reading and reflecting on Scripture; a person can do things they never dreamed was possible.

*“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”* Philippians 4:13

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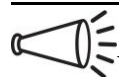
**St. Benedict Catholic Gift Shop:** Located at 2612 Wilkens Avenue, Baltimore (in the church); open Saturdays, 10 am to 2 pm. They offer a large selection of Catholic religious items (rosaries, medals, icons, books, etc.). For additional information, contact the St. Benedict office (410-947-4988, M-F, 10 am to 2 pm). All proceeds support the St. Benedict Neighborhood Center’s Food Pantry, serving Southwest Baltimore City.

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**Perpetual Adoration at the Baltimore Basilica** - The Baltimore Basilica has 20 open Holy Hours a week that need an adorer. Can you be with Our Lord for one hour? He longs to spend time with you! You can sign up for weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly Holy Hours. To sign up contact Ana Farias at [ana.farias@baltimorebasilica.org](mailto:ana.farias@baltimorebasilica.org).

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**A Night at the Baltimore Blast** – You are invited to the Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic Schools Night at the Baltimore Blast on Friday, February 2. The school bands from Immaculate Conception, St. Louis School, and St. Ursula School will perform the National Anthem, and the choir from Resurrection-St. Paul School will sing before the game. Tickets are \$23, purchase at: <https://baltimoreblast.com/archdiocese>.



You have three (3) ways to submit bulletin items/church announcements: email to [saintpeterpius@gmail.com](mailto: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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