

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



Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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!

For delighting us with your presence. We hope you will come again!

*“The Lord is near to all who call out to him,
to all who call out to him sincerely.”*

Psalm 145:18

PASTOR'S CORNER

“When one has nothing and appreciates nothing, he/she is bound to be with nothing, and remain with nothing in life except life itself!! Appreciation/gratitude for everything is import!!”

Upcoming Events/Meetings

December 14 – Health Wellness Exercise

December 16 – Pastoral Council Meeting/Health & Wellness Meeting

December 17 – Elementary PREP

December 21 – Health & Wellness Exercise

December 28 – Health & Wellness Exercise

Weekly Readings



Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11/ Psalm 85:9-14/ 2 Peter 3:8-14/ Mark 1:1-8

Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10/ Psalm 9ab-14/ Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / Judith 13:18BCDE, 19/Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31/ Psalm 1-4, 8, 10/ Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday: Isaiah 41:13-20/ Psalm 145:1, 9-13ab/ Matthew 11:11-15

Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19/ Psalm 1:1-4, 6/ Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11/ Psalm 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19/ Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-IN OF OUR PARISH

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

November 25 & 26

Total Attendance – 112

Total Collections - \$3,480

Year to date Collections – \$237,323.71

December 2 & 3

Total Attendance – 114

Total Collections - \$14,504

Year to date Collections - \$251,827.71

Advent Week 2 - the Candle of Peace



We light a second purple candle, called the Bethlehem Candle, on the second Sunday of Advent. This candle symbolizes the trip to Bethlehem taken by Mary and Joseph. In the second week of Advent, we are encouraged to consider how God has promised to bring about world peace through Christ and how we, like Mary and Joseph, can embody that peace in our day-to-day actions by lending a helping hand to those in need.

When Jesus arrived, he brought about peace in the most unexpected way. The Jews desired an uprising, especially the fanatics. They desired a violent restoration of peace in place of the harsh Roman authority, which their Savior would bring about. But Jesus was thinking of something different.

Foremost, he provides us with inner peace. We have an opportunity to be saved and to have the Holy Spirit live in us because of what he accomplished on the cross. We experience inner peace as a result. Our assurance of salvation brings us peace, but we also have peace of mind knowing that God will restore this broken world and make a second appearance.

We also live in harmony with one another. We set aside our differences because we are family, especially with other believers. Our goal is the same: to share the good news of Christ's peace with others.

God's peace enables us to see people through the eyes of heaven and to assist in bringing God's kingdom, which is both here and yet to come, to the world. Biblical peace, or peace from God, enables us to have calm, peaceful faith in God despite the frightening, dark world around us and to put our trust in his promises.



In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. *Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the rectory so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.*

OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

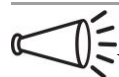
SS. Philip and James Eucharistic Advent Preaching on the Mondays of Advent at 7 p.m. As a means to delve more deeply into the mystery of the Eucharist, Advent, and the upcoming Christmas season, please join them for this beautiful series. The church is located at 2801 N. Charles Street.

Seek the City to Come – Visioning Workshop for the Black Catholic Focus Group on Thursday, December 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Matthew, 5401 Loch Raven Boulevard. Register for this event at <https://bit.ly/stc-bcfg>

Lessons and Carols - Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles Street, hosts a time-honored tradition, with readings from scripture and sacred music to prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ on December 17 at 5 p.m.

Young Adult Evening Prayer with the School Sisters of Notre Dame via Zoom, December 19 at 8 p.m. There will be time for faith sharing with young adults and sisters from all across the U.S. and Canada. Register at ssnd.org/events/12-19-23

Evening Prayer Vigil for Lives Lost to Homicide - A coalition of public, private and faith-based partners will hold a one-hour evening prayer vigil on Wednesday, Dec. 27 to remember the lives lost to homicide this year and plead for an end to violence. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Monastery Parish at 3801 Old Frederick Road for the 10 – 15 minute walk to My Brother's Keeper. Hot chocolate and fellowship will be offered afterward at the Catholic Charities resource center.



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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