

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



## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### March 17, 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**

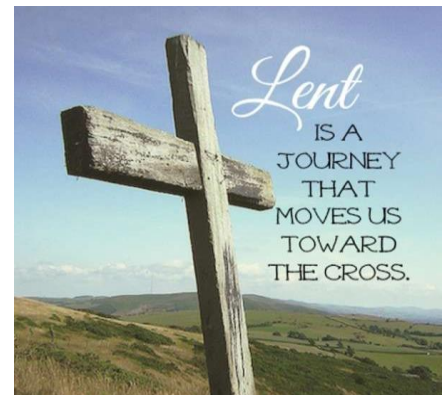
Elementary & First Communion  
Sundays: Immediately following Mass

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. 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***

“Every successful person has a story to tell; and every story of success has chapters about the ups and downs the struggles and hopes of the journey to the top!! To want to be successful without a story is like wanting a car without an engine!! A story of genuine success is hardly one that is smooth from the start to the finish!! Instead, it’s a story of one working hard and encountering challenges, but not letting the difficulties sway his/her belief that he/she can still succeed and get to the top!! That’s what success is all about!!”

## **Upcoming Events/Meetings**

**March 20** – Emergency Food Distribution

**March 21** – Health & Wellness Exercise Class

**March 22** – Stations of the Cross

**March 24** – Elementary & High School RE Classes/SIP Meeting/Bingo

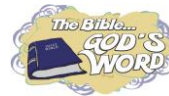
**March 25** – Health & Wellness Exercise Class

**March 27** – Emergency Food Distribution

**March 28** – Health & Wellness Exercise Class

**March 29** – Living Stations of the Cross

## **Weekly Readings**



**Sunday:** Jeremiah 31:31-34/ Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15/ Hebrew 5:7-9/ John 12:20-33

**Monday:** Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Psalm 23:1-6/ John 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29/ Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22/  
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Wednesday:** Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ Daniel 3:52-56/ John 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Genesis 17:3-9/ Psalm 105:4-9/ John 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jeremiah 20:10-13/Psalm 18:2-7/ John 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ezekiel 37:21-28/ Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/ John 11:45-56

**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

# The Scrutinies. . . .

The Elect, or those undergoing the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), are prepared for entry into the Catholic Church through three unique ceremonies known as the Scrutinies. Nearing the end of RCIA formation, they occur during the Purification and Enlightenment stage. In the souls of the Elect, the Scrutinies are meant "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful" and "strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good." (Quotes from the Ritual Text #141 for the Adult Rite of Christian Initiation)

While the word "scrutinize" has a harsh and scary connotation, its actual definition is "to see clearly or inspect closely." Understanding sin in its proper context and how it affects us is the goal of the Scrutinies. They also speak to the transforming healing that Christ may provide for us when He extends Himself to us.

On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, the Scrutinies are linked to three distinct Gospel narratives: **the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well**, where He offers Himself as the Living Water; **the healing of the blind man**, where He gives Himself as the Light of the World; and **the raising of Lazarus from the dead**, where He reveals Himself as the Resurrection and the Life.

In every Scrutiny, we see the wonder of a transformative experience with Christ, who redeems in tender love. Consider the following while you observe the Scrutinies this Lent: *What needs to be strengthened in my heart and soul?* Decide to go to Confession, ask for God's healing grace, and diligently work on those areas of your spiritual life. We can choose to follow Christ and not stay in the dark since He has set us free.



## The Young Adult Group

St. Peter Claver and St. Pius V parishes, during the pandemic period, noticed a need for a youth type council. Shortly after, in 2023, a youth group was formed. Jabari Whyee as Chair and Rodney Kelly as Vice-Chair have started the promotion of igniting other groups through bonds with the community and parish. Together the two have teamed up to combine each parish into one spirit. The mission is to promote catholic education as well as serving the community. The group is now seeking youth members ages 18 to 35. Meetings will be held every other Sunday after 9:30 mass. Interested or have questions? Contact Jabari at (443) 804-9656 or by email [j.whye@yahoo.com](mailto:j.whye@yahoo.com) or [youngadultgroup@gmail.com](mailto:youngadultgroup@gmail.com)

**March 9 & 10**

Total Attendance - 125

Total Collections - \$4,765

Year-to-date Collections - \$50,027.26

# OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

**From Slave to Priest** –You are invited to join the Archdiocese of Baltimore as it brings “Tolton: From Slave to Priest” performance to Baltimore. The inspiring story of America's First Black priest and one of the “Sainly Six” Father Augustus Tolton story comes to life in this powerful multi-media live production, filled with music, drama and inspiring performances. It brings a message of hope and healing for the wounds that plague our culture. It is being held on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. at New All Saints Church. Tickets will be \$25 with a free will offering. More ticket information to follow. For more on the performance, please visit. <http://www.toltondrama.com>.

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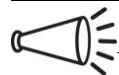
**Seek the City** - For the last 18 months, thousands of parishioners have walked on the prayerful journey to Seek the City to Come as our city parishes and some parishes surrounding the city reimagine, realign and revitalize the Church in Baltimore City. The Church now embarks on the final steps of this process that, at times, has been hopeful and sobering. In this new phase, participating parishes and their leadership teams will come together to develop draft models to show proposed worship and ministry services and sites in Baltimore City and some of the surrounding suburbs. These models will then be shared with parishioners, Archbishop William Lori and leadership councils.

You are invited to turn to prayer reflection on a Lenten pilgrimage that will prepare us for the final stages of discernment and decisions in the Seek the City process. The final stop is at St. Joseph’s Monastery, 3801 Old Frederick Road, beginning at 7 p.m.

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**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](https://ssnd.org/events/3-26-24)

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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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