

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



## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27, 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

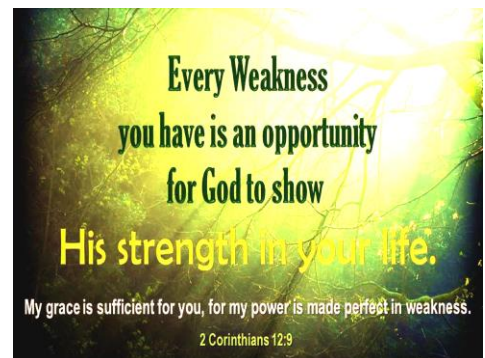
Elementary & First Communion  
Sundays: Immediately following Mass

High School & Confirmation  
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, and we hope you have a wonderful week full of many blessings.*

*“No one can have God for his Father, who has not the Church for his mother.”*  
Cyprian of Carthage

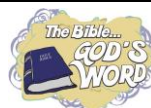
## ***PASTOR'S CORNER***

“The best legacy to leave behind when we die is not what leave FOR people, but rather what we leave IN them and WITH them!! What we leave for people may be squandered or destroyed in a short period of time. But what we leave in them and with them will endure as long as they live!! Faith in God, compassion, honesty, generosity, patriotism, civility, hard-work, etc. are among the values we instill and leave in and with people that cannot be destroyed or squandered so long as they live!!”

## **Upcoming Events/Meetings**

**August 31** – Health & Wellness Exercise Class  
**September 2** – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting  
**September 3** – Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Meeting  
**September 7** – Health & Wellness Exercise Class  
**September 9** – Harper’s Helpers/Extraordinary Ministers Meeting  
**September 10** – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting  
**September 13** – Liturgy Meeting (Conference Call)  
**September 14** – Health & Wellness Exercise Class  
**September 16** – Pastoral Council Meeting

## **Weekly Readings**



**Sunday:** Isaiah 22:19-23/ Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8/ Romans 11:33-36/Matthew 16:13-20  
**Monday:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10/Psalm 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b/ Matthew 23:13-22  
**Tuesday:** 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8/Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6/ Mark 6:17-29  
**Wednesday:** 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13/ Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Matthew 23:27-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13/ Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14,17/ Mathew 24:42-51  
**Friday:** 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8/ Psalm 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/ Matthew 25:1-13  
**Saturday** 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11/ Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9/ Matthew 25:14-30

## **PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-IN OF OUR PARISH**

Alfreda Butler	Catherine Case	Ellen Dutton	Sylvia Ford
Debbie Holly	Melvinda Jones	Mary Malachi	Warren Nixon
Shirley Payne	Cecelia Price	Romaine Price	Norma Shaw
Catherine Thomas	Bessie Wilson		

### **August 19 & 20**

Total Attendance – 107  
Total Collections – \$4,751.50  
Year to date Collections- \$174,852.21

## Why do some priests wear violet at funerals, while others wear white or black?

The priest can choose between three different vestment colors when officiating a Catholic funeral. The Roman Missal's General Instruction makes this very plain. For funeral services and other Offices and Masses for the Dead in American dioceses, in addition to the color violet, white or black may also be used. Each color has a unique significance connected to the sacred death ceremony.

**Violet** - Most frequently connected to Advent and Lent is the color violet. Its symbolic symbolism of repentance and sadness is the reason it is worn at funerals. The color violet serves as a reminder to believers that a funeral is a time when they are expected to pray and perform penance for the soul of the deceased.

**White** - It is typically worn on joyful events in the Church's liturgical year and conveys a more upbeat nature at funerals. It honors the departed person's Christian baptism during his or her lifetime and brings back the hope of eternal life. White is also linked to Easter, when Jesus overcame death and unlocked the doors to heavenly splendor. White is the customary color of mourning in Asian cultures, hence Asian-American Catholics may ask for white vestments for this purpose.

**Black** - Prior to Vatican II's reforms, black was more frequently seen; it is still a suitable option for funerals and is worn by some priests. Black has been used to represent grief and death since the time of ancient Rome. It is a color that represents death's grief and the gloom of the night. Additionally, the color draws attention to the reality that the deceased person needs prayers and may not be in the beatific vision of heaven but rather in the purifying realm of purgatory.



Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us. *Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Speak with one of the Vincentians (members).*

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**Rodeo** –September 23: Contact Lawrence Pauling at (410) 241-4117, William Ragin at (443)804-4873, or Robert Middleton for tickets. Ticket prices are \$55 for adults and \$35 for children. Bus will leave the church at 10:30 a.m.

# OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

**St. Peter Claver**, Baltimore's second oldest African-American Roman Catholic Church will be 135 years old on September 9. Please invite all your family, friends and associates to join us in celebrating our church at Mass on September 9 and 10. A reception will be held in Fr. Henry Harper Hall on Sunday, September 10 following the 9:30 a.m. outdoor Mass.

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**Healing Mass** - The quarterly Healing Mass will be offered by Fr. Francis Ouma at the Catholic Community of St Francis Xavier, 13717 Cuba Road, Hunt Valley, at 2 p.m. on September 10. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is administered during Mass, and prayer teams from the City of God Prayer Group are available for individual prayer, for yourself, or in proxy for another. Information: 443-386-9512 or parish office 410-785-0356.

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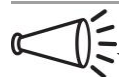
**\*\*AUDIO\*\* Is the Catholic Church in Baltimore City at a Tipping Point? –** As the Seek the City initiative enters its envisioning phase, the Catholic Review Radio caught up with City Vicar, Bishop Bruce Lewandowski and Geri Royale Byrd. To hear the latest visit: <https://bit.ly/3P7eoWW>.

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**Health & Wellness 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** – October 21 from noon to 3:30 p.m., tickets - \$35. Parishioners, do you have a talent you'd like to share at this event? If so, please use the sign-up form in the back of the church.

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**Jazz with The Oblates.** The event, featuring the Spice Band, will take place on Saturday, October 21 from 1-3:30 pm, 701 Gun Rd., Baltimore 21227. Cost-\$35. Please see, text, or call Rochelle Woodland-410-903-4300 if you wish to make a donation or purchase tickets.



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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