

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



## First Sunday of Lent

### February 18, 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**

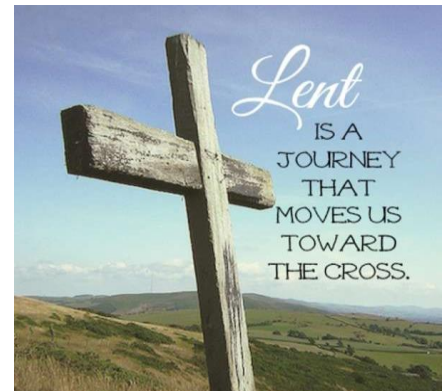
Elementary & First Communion  
Sundays: Immediately following Mass

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



**Mass Intention** – 9:30 a.m. Mass  
Lucille White; req. by Family

*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***

“The easiest way to become restless, confused, or slip into obscurity, is to try to please everyone!! No matter how good you are, and pure your intentions are, there will always be some who would never accept you!! Don't waste your time embarking on a futile mission!!”

## **Upcoming Events/Meetings**

**February 21** – Emergency Food Distribution

**February 22** – Health & Wellness Exercise

**February 25** – Elementary & High School RE Classes/SIP meeting

**February 26** – Health & Wellness Exercise

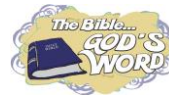
**February 28** – Emergency Food Distribution

**March 3** – Elementary RE Class/RCIA/Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Meeting

**March 4** – Health & Wellness Exercise

**March 7** – Health & Wellness Exercise

## **Weekly Readings**



**Sunday:** Genesis 9:8-15/ Psalm 25:4-9/ 1 Peter 3:18-22/ Mark 1:12-15

**Monday:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/Psalm 19:8-10, 15/ Matthew 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 55:10-11/ Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19/ Matthew 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jonah 3:1-10/ Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/ Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday:** 1 Peter 5:1-4/ Psalm 23:1-3a, 4-6/ Matthew 16:13-19

**Friday:** Ezekiel 18:21-28/Psalm 130:1-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/ Matthew 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Deuteronomy 26:16-19/ Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/ Matthew 5:43-48

**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

**February 10 & 11**  
Total Attendance - 127  
Total Collection - \$4,313  
Year-to-date Collections - \$31,702

## **Posture during Mass (cont'd). . . .**

**Why We Stand During the Mass** - Catholics stand throughout most prayers during Mass. Praying while standing has been the accepted posture since before the time of Christ. We are carrying on this centuries-old custom when we stand.

Another easy yet meaningful approach to show respect and reverence for Jesus—who is represented by the priest throughout Mass—is to stand. We remain seated and pay attention to the first two Bible readings; however, we get up to hear the Gospel reading.

Since hearing the gospel—which is the Word of God—is such a privilege, we stand. We rise in recognition of the importance of hearing directly from God. We make a tiny cross with our thumbs on our lips, foreheads, and over our hearts as the gospel is being read. This small gesture is a symbolic plea that God imprint His Word on our hearts, brains, and lips.

The priest will kiss the Gospel once he has finished reading it out of respect for God's Words before beginning his homily. We proclaim our faith by standing up to say the Apostle's Creed or the Nicene Creed following the homily.

**Why We Kneel During the Mass** - During Mass, kneeling is the most modest approach to adore God. We fully submit to and give ourselves over to our Heavenly Father when we kneel. Several times during the Mass, we are on our knees. After the priest says the Eucharistic Prayers, we kneel in recognition of Jesus' presence in the Eucharistic elements in accordance with the dogma of transubstantiation.

Throughout the remainder of the Mass, the priest will make several symbolic motions while we are on our knees. One gesture is the sign of the cross, which the priest will perform at various points during the Mass as a way to ask Christ to come and use His gifts to empower us. We stand again for the Lord's Prayer and Sign of Peace.

Every component and gesture in the Mass symbolizes something deep and beautiful, and it is full of meaning. Our souls will undoubtedly be fed and transformed by every hour we spend at Mass if we understand and internalize these various meanings.

# OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

**SS Philips & James**, 2801 N. Charles Street, will host a Revival Weekend February 23 – 25. The weekend will include times for Eucharistic adoration, Mass, extended confession hours, preaching, and a final Mass on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 5 p.m., celebrated by Archbishop William E. Lori with a Eucharistic procession and dinner in the church hall to conclude the weekend. For additional information, visit <https://bit.ly/3wq8FEF>

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**St. Ambrose**, 4502 Park Heights Avenue, is hosting a Daytime Revival February 24 from 10 a.m. to noon.

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**Six Black Catholics in the Road to Sainthood** – A performance on February 25 by actress/singer VaLimar Jansen at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd, Columbia. Its free admission but registration is suggested- <https://sjerc.flocknote.com/signup/149387>

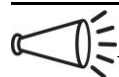
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**Seek The City to Come Lenten Pilgrimage** – All are invited to “Eucharist: Heart of the City Lenten Pilgrimage” a prayerful experience and a time for our universal Church in Baltimore to gather around the Eucharist as one body in unity, prayer, reflection and fellowship. The pilgrimage takes place on each Wednesday during Lent from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The next stop will be at St. Bernadine’s on Edmondson Avenue and the theme will be “Believing in the Eucharist” on February 28.

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**Catholic Men’s Fellowship Conference** - Attention men! The 25th Anniversary CMF Conference will be held on Saturday, March 9, at St. Philip Neri Church in Linthicum. Conference activities will include presentations, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Adoration. Ticket price (\$50) includes all programming, continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshments. For conference details, biographies of the main speakers, and registration, please visit the website Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland - <https://catholicmensfellowship.com>. The theme for this year is "Jesus Christ - Yesterday, Today and Forever" (Heb. 13:8).

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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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