

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



Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 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!

All of God's children are welcome to come and glorify Jesus here at our parish. Thank you for attending, and we hope to see you again soon!

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

Luke 6:38

PASTOR'S CORNER

“Suffering/pain is part and parcel of human existence!! Every human being swims in this ocean called pain/suffering (physical, emotional, psychological) at some point in life!! So, the question is not whether or not some people suffer or experience pain; for we know everyone does!! The question is, is the suffering with dignity or without dignity?? The answer is what makes a difference, calibrates/recalibrates, and brings meaning/purpose to life!!”

Upcoming Events/Meetings

- March 15** – Emergency Food Distribution/RCIA
- March 16** – Health & Wellness Exercise Class
- March 17** – Lenten Fish Fry
- March 18** – Pastoral Council Meeting/Health & Wellness Meeting
- March 19** – Elementary RE Class/RCIA/Ladies Auxiliary #219 Meeting
- March 22** – Emergency Food Distribution
- March 23** – Health & Wellness Exercise Class
- March 24** – Lenten Fish Fry
- March 26** – Elementary RE Class/High School RE Class/SIP Meeting
- March 30** – Health & Wellness Exercise Class
- March 31** – Lenten Fish Fry

Weekly Readings



- Sunday:** Exodus 17:3-7/ Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Romans 5:1-2, 5-8/John 4:5-42
- Monday:** 2 Kings 5:1-15ab/Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/ Luke 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Daniel 3:25, 34-43/Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/ Matthew 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9/ Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/ Matthew 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jeremiah 7:23-28/ Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/ Luke 11:14-23
- Friday:** Hosea 14:2-10/ Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17/Mark 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Hosea 6:1-6/ Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/ Luke 18:9-14



In today's Gospel, Jesus says: “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work.” *Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others to St. Vincent de Paul.*

March 4 & 5

Total Attendance – 99
Total Collections - \$8,163
Year to date - \$55,378.92

Third Week of Lent



We frequently notice that our resolve is starting to weaken during this third week of Lent. *What harm would it do to have one small drink or one bit of chocolate? If I don't view any other TV tonight, I might watch the news. Even though I promised not to snoop, this information is simply too delicious to hold off until Easter. . . .*

The Israelites, too, went through periods when their commitment declined, even as God was guiding them through the desert toward the Promised Land. How quickly we forget all that God has done for us! We'll encounter numerous opportunities during these 40 days to abandon the Lenten practices we established in order to grow closer to God. The grace that results from giving our life to Christ, however, will be a huge reward if we simply persevere.

A time to accept and be open is during Lent. During this season of Lent, God is ready to give us a wonderful gift: a connection with Him. However, there are moments when we let our fear and guilt consume us, and we only think about ourselves and our sin. So we run away. We can all recall instances in our lives where we have hidden something from God's love and others out of guilt.

Really, Lent isn't about us! During Lent, we have the opportunity to examine our lives in great detail and consider any potential changes. How do we become better people? It becomes about us and becomes a self-absorbed practice if we only concentrate on our own sin. When we are feeling guilty, we are examining ourselves. What if, however, we shifted our attention from ourselves to God's love? Then, it dawns on us that, despite the fact that we are offenders, God still adores us greatly. When that happens, we change into individuals who are continually drawn to our God and to that love.



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.

Dispensation Granted! Do you enjoy corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day? Eat all you want on Friday, March 17; however, you are encouraged to do an additional act of prayer, service to the poor or almsgiving.

OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries. In today's Gospel story, the woman at the well meets Jesus. Jesus moves her so much that she goes into the village, no longer abashed by her bad reputation, and tells everyone that she found the Messiah. Dramatic, to be sure. Others in the town immediately began to believe in Jesus because of her. The Samaritan woman's stark transformation gave her words credibility. Soon after, the townspeople deepened their faith in Jesus by directly encountering him.

Jesus used the Samaritan woman's words to introduce a whole village to him. Our parish can spread faith in the same way through the Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries. This Lent, we ask you to prayerfully consider how you can help meet the mission of our Church and be a light for others through your heartfelt support. Together, we can demonstrate to our local neighborhood how wonderful He truly is. Through our actions, they will believe our word that He is alive. Jesus, lead us!

FREE Property Management Training Program, Paul's Place, 1118 Ward Street. 21230 - May 15-July 24 - Students (18+) will receive training in apartment leasing, participate in a paid internship, and have access to ongoing mentorship and coaching by professionals in the field. Must have a high school diploma/GED and able to pass background check and drug screening. Applications must be received by March 15. For questions, please call Danielle at 667-210-2216. To learn more and apply, visit <https://bit.ly/3m4ROIJ>

Sisters Academy of Baltimore is inviting all 4th-grade girls and their families to join us at our Open House on Sunday, March 19, 2023, from 2pm to 4pm. Meet students, participate in classroom demonstrations, experience a band performance, ask questions to our panel, and tour the school. See how Sisters Academy of Baltimore can Educate, Empower, and Transform your daughter into a leader within your family, community, and society. Visit their website to sign up: sistersacademy.org/open-house.

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