

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



## Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

### 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.

### Baptism & Marriage Preparation

By Appointment

### Mass Intention

12/25 – Paulette Brown;  
Requested by Debbie Smith

*Thank You*

We're glad you joined us today! It is our sincere hope that the fellowship and love you experience today will continue to be a part of your lives over the days and years to come.

*"Like good stewards of the varied graces of God, use whatever gift each one of you has received to serve one another."*

1 Peter 4:10

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

“Life is like an airplane flight: full of take-offs and landings!! Some days the weather in one airport/city may be turbulent thereby causing the take-offs to be delayed!! But the fact that someone from another airport/city whose flight is not delayed gets to his/her destination before you doesn't mean you can't get to yours!! Just take a deep breath, pray, chill, and wait!! When the weather get better, God would clear you for take-off, and pilot you to your destination!!”

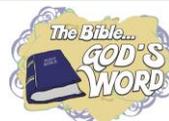
## **Upcoming Events / Meetings**

**December 31** – New Year's Eve Mass – 4 p.m.

**January 1** – New Year's Day Mass with Kwanzaa Celebration – 9:30 a.m.

**January 8** – Elementary PREP (immediately following Mass)

High School PREP/SIP Meeting – 11:00 a.m.



## **Weekly Readings**

**Sunday:** Isaiah 52:7-10/ Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/ Hebrews 1:1-6/ John 1:1-18

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17/ Matthew 10:17-22

**Tuesday:** 1 John 1:1-4/ Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/ John 20:1a, and 2-8

**Wednesday:** 1 John 1:5—2:2/ Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/ Matthew 2:13-18

**Thursday:** 1 John 2:3-11/ Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Luke 2:22-35

**Friday:** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or Colossians 3:12-21 or Colossians 3:12-17/ Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/  
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

**Saturday:** 1 John 2:18-21/Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/ John 1:1-18



Today we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, hearing the words of the angel, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy”. Today and throughout the new year, may we take care of our suffering brothers and sisters, bringing hope, not fear. *This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the spirit of Christmas to those who are suffering, by assisting approximately 180 families with food, gifts, and clothing. Have a Blessed Christmas!*

December 17 & 18  
Total Attendance - 125  
Total Collections - \$3,198



## The real meaning of Christmas. . . .

One of the best times of the year is undoubtedly Christmas. There are many warm gatherings, inviting homes, treasured traditions, and gifts to exchange. It's a happy holiday season. However, occasionally we get caught up in the festivities and forget why we are celebrating in the first place.

Mankind eagerly anticipated the arrival of Christ for countless years, hoping that their King would soon rescue them from tyranny. The Bible is full with references to the One who will atone for humankind's sins. Isaiah spoke of His coming as a baby. However, this youngster would grow up and create an unending Kingdom of righteousness. Christmas is a time when we commemorate the historical event that marked the fulfillment of prophecy. God came to live among us.

Along with his coming, Jesus gave us the gift of salvation. His death makes His birth noteworthy. Jesus led a sinless life for 33 years in order to be the ideal lamb sacrificed to pay the price for our sins. Christ paid the price and overcame death on the cross so that we could triumph over sin and judgment. Therefore, it wasn't just another birth when that wonderful infant was born and laid in the manger. It marked the start of God's mission to redeem humanity. He had no obligation to participate in this deed, but out of love, He did.

During this holiday season, take some time to honor the One who gave all in order to enjoy Christmas in its truest sense. Although a child's modest birth and his self-sacrificing death were reflections of one other, both were significant for humanity. That night, when Jesus entered the world, everything was transformed, and it is an occasion we should cherish always.

Enjoy the festivities, food, and presents, but don't forget to remind yourself, your loved ones, and everyone else around you of Christmas' ultimate significance: Christ came with a plan for our redemption.

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**MOVED???** Do you have a new address, name change, new phone numbers, etc.? Be sure to update them in order not to miss any important communications from the parish. Use the Change of Address form on the web site or call the office.

## OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

**Prayer Walk** - Most Rev. Bruce Lewandowski, C.Ss.R. invites you to join him for his next peace walk at St. Leo Roman Catholic Church (227 S Exeter St, Baltimore, MD 21202) on Tuesday, December 27, 2022. The evening will begin with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. and end by 7:30 p.m. There will be prayer at specific locations affected by violence, and for all those individuals who have been so terribly affected by violence.

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**44th Annual Social Ministry Convocation** – It is happening February 25, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Mercy High School. The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Marlon Tilghman, the pastor at Ames United Methodist Church, Bel Air. He is a social justice advocate and leader with BRIDGE Maryland. The opening ceremony, keynote address, and awards ceremony will all be live-streamed with in-person workshops: new topics in English and Spanish! Contact [cchd@cchdbaltimore.org](mailto:cchd@cchdbaltimore.org) for more information.

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**Offering Communion in Both Forms** - It is the intention of the Archdiocese to reinstitute the reception of Communion under both kinds on Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper, April 6, 2023. The basis for this guidance is the liturgical significance of Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper as celebrating the institution of the Eucharist as the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. While they anticipate celebrating the return of Communion under both kinds, they will do so only if the number of flu, RSV and COVID cases have continued to decline.

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**Response to Maryland Attorney General's Report** – Please see the Archdiocese's homepage for all information and response to recent news and the Archbishop's messages pertaining to the MD Attorney General report. <https://www.archbalt.org>.

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