

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



**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
September 11, 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
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**Religious Education**

Elementary & First Communion  
Sundays: Immediately following Mass

High School & Confirmation  
1st, 3rd, 5th Fridays: 7:00 pm

**Baptism & Marriage Preparation**  
By Appointment

**Mass Intention**

9/11/22 - 9:30 a.m. Mass  
Mercy, Protection, and Purification of  
Family Tree; Req. by Claire Niti  
  
9/17/22 – Sharon Williams (birthday)  
Req. by Crystal Morris

*Thank You!*

We're glad you joined us today!  
We trust that your visit here was  
spiritually enriching and that you  
were warmly received.

“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice  
hospitality.”  
Romans 12:13

## **PASTOR'S CORNER**

"I have come increasingly to realize that there is not a clear-cut path to a utopian Life!! So, we just gotta seek genuine happiness, goodness, rightness, and fulfillment; not perfection!! Don't be deceived by a simulated, fictitious, and plastic/artificial perfection that some folks may be falsely projecting!! Perfection is of God; and we shall only be perfect when we see God face-to-face!!"

## **Upcoming Events / Meetings**

- September 11** – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting  
**September 21** – Emergency Food Distribution  
**September 24** – Bill Pickett Rodeo  
**September 25** – Youth & Family Mass  
**September 28** – Emergency Food Distribution  
**September 30** – High School RE classes begin  
**October 9** – Seafood Feast



### **Weekly Readings**

- Sunday:** Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14/Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/ 1Timothy 1:12-17/Luke 15:1-32  
**Monday:** 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33/ Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/ Luke 7:1-10  
**Tuesday:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a/ Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/ Luke 7:11-17  
**Wednesday:** Numbers 21:4b-9/ Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/ Phillipians 2:6-11/ John 3:13-17  
**Thursday:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11/ Psalm 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/ John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35  
**Friday:** 1 Corinthians 15:12-20/ Psalm 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b,15/ Luke 8:1-3  
**Saturday:** 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49/Psalm 56:10c-12, 13-14/ Luke 8:4-15



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the shepherd rejoices when he finds one lost sheep. The story tells us that nothing and no one is insignificant to God who is compassionate and loving to all. *Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help!*

### **September 3 & 4**

Attendance - 90  
Total Collections - \$6,436

## **Use of incense . . .**

What comes to mind when you hear the word "pray"? The Lord's Prayer? Grace before meals? Most likely, it has to do with language or speaking. But language is not always a factor in prayer. Imagine, for instance, the incense that is burned throughout Mass, most commonly during the entrance procession, the gospel reading, the offertory, or the elevation of the Eucharist following the consecration. The offering is surrounded by a cloud of smoke that rises into heaven. The front of the church begins to smell of frankincense, but it soon drifts back to the back row. This is a different kind of prayer that aids in reorienting our understanding of faith. Like smoke from incense, our prayers ascend to heaven.

Incense has been used since the time of the Bible, when it played a significant role in the worship of the Israelites in the Temple. The book of Revelation describes angels praying to God using incense (Rev. 8:3–5). But the early Christian practices did not involve the burning of incense. It was frequently utilized in paganism in order to glorify the emperor as a deity. Christian ceremonies did not include its use as a result. Incense wasn't used in regular Christian worship again until the fourth or fifth century.

Why Christians and Jews began utilizing incense as a component of their religious rituals is a subject of many theories. Whatever incense's symbolic significance, it is understandable that it has grown to play such a significant role in Catholic liturgy. We pray in front of the crucifix, make the sign of the cross with holy water, and sing hymns. We also smell the incense. Catholics hold that the five senses point to the existence of God in the world that we perceive. God is in the world; he is not apart from it. Incense is a perfect example of this; it reminds a congregation that the entire world is sacred. Both seen and smelled, incense connects our senses to our lives as people of faith.



**Get your Seafood Feast tickets!** Don't wait or you'll miss out! Besides crabs and jumbo shrimp, you will also get fish, codfish cake, crab soup, potato salad, macaroni salad, string beans, and corn on the cob! Seafood Feast is October 9 and tickets are \$75. Contact Veronica at (443) 472-5893.

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The **Liturgical Ministries Retreat** will be on Saturday, October 22, 2022 in the Hall from 11:00am – 3:00pm. Rosary and Mass will conclude the day. All persons serving in the liturgical ministries are encouraged to attend.

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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 items/announcements must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

## OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

The second local World Youth Day pilgrimage for all young adults in the Archdiocese of Baltimore (ages 18-39) is scheduled for September 17 at 9:00 a.m. The event will be hosted by St. Mark's parish in Catonsville and includes mass, adoration, confession, lunch, and an opportunity to meet other young adults. Register at <https://bit.ly/3CpgQlE>

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**The National Black Catholic Congress** invites you to participate in Our Mother of Africa Chapel Pilgrimage (25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – Saturday, September 17.

Schedule of events:

11:00 am -- Basilica Overview Tour (Upper Church). Attendees will have time for a self-guided tour of the Basilica following the Overview Tour  
1:00 pm -- Our Mother of Africa Chapel program (Upper Church)  
1:30 pm -- Recitation of the Rosary (Upper Church)  
2:00 pm -- Eucharistic Liturgy (Upper Church), featuring NBCC President, Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr. as the main celebrant and homilist

RSVP if you plan to attend the Pilgrimage - <https://bit.ly/OMAChapel2022>

To ensure enough lunches are available, an accurate count is needed, so your cooperation in registering is greatly appreciated.

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**Unbound Ministry** - Many of us are fighting invisible battles with anxieties, negative thoughts, sins, unhealthy relationships, destructive habits, resentments and bitter wounds that never seem to heal. You can reach out and experience God's merciful love, healing and freedom! Unbound Ministry Prayer releases the power of Jesus into wounded lives. On Saturday October 1st, 2022 there will be trained teams available to provide individual prayer using the Unbound Model of prayer in Ellicott City, MD. Unbound Prayer is based on 5 scriptural keys that help you unlock those areas of your life where you want to receive greater freedom, healing & spiritual growth. If you would like to schedule an appointment or want more information, please contact Dan or Peggy Gahagan by Monday September 26th, 2022 at [unboundministrymaryland@gmail.com](mailto:unboundministrymaryland@gmail.com). We ask that you read at least the first 7 chapters of the book Unbound, by Neal Lozano prior to your appointment to receive Unbound prayer (available at [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com) OR [www.heartofthefather.com](http://www.heartofthefather.com)).

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