

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



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 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!*

*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***

“Sometimes, the most important message comes out louder not by words of mouth but the attitude/expression on someone’s face!! So, be attentive/sensitive to existential realities, to gauge where you are in people’s lives!! If someone wants you around him/her, he/she wants you; if not, operate on the margins of normal social boundaries and quit living in a manufactured utopia: expecting all the attention or feeling entitled!!”

## **Upcoming Events/Meetings**

**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

**April 1** – Confirmation Retreat

**April 2** – Elementary RE Class/RCIA/Sodality Meeting

**April 6** – Health & Wellness Exercise Class

**April 8** – Harper’s Helpers

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## **Weekly Readings**



**Sunday:** 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Ephesians 5:8-14/John 9:1-41

**Monday:** 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/ Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22/  
Matthews 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Tuesday:** Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12/Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/John 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 49:8-15/ Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/John 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Exodus 32:7-14/ Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/ John 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22/ Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/ John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10/ Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Hebrews 10:4-10/ Luke 1:26-38



In today’s Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe. *Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.*

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### **March 11 & 12**

Total Attendance – 115

Total Collections - \$6,503.45

Year to date - \$61,882.37

## *Fourth Week of Lent . . . .*

We start the second half of Lent this week. More and more, we have a profound desire to follow and resemble Jesus. We want to be more liberated and joyful as we celebrate the impending mystery of our salvation. Our intentions were good when we started, but we're not sure whether what we're doing is what we want to be doing. Will our Lent ever be "rescued"? Can a voyage that should take six weeks be finished in the remaining two to three weeks as we wait for our hearts to open? Naturally, "yes" is the response. When we are prepared, God acts quickly.

If we want something real during Lent, the first step to starting again has already been taken. We require a sincere desire, a sincere sense of expectancy that God has something for us to hear, to learn, to change, and we want to be prepared to listen. This desire may coexist with fear, reluctance, and undesirable habits that have previously been roadblocks. God only needs a small opening to start releasing us and revealing his changing love.

We can begin defining more precise goals once we can state that we want to do something with the precious days of Lent that are still left. It is apparent to some of us. But the majority of the time, we can't really identify what is impeding us from becoming a true disciple of Jesus without some thought and an open evaluation of our conscience.

We are more likely to stick to our plans if we have them. The following elements of the plan could be included:

- **What will I give up each day?** This is something we need to fast from and abstain from on a daily basis. For the majority of us, this means that whenever we are tempted to act in a way that is not in line with our values, we will quickly recognize it and resist the urge. It is essentially self-discipline training with the goal of giving God's grace an opportunity to work in us.
  
- **How can I show generosity today?** Almsgiving has always been a big part of Lent. For the majority of us, it entails being more generous to the poor. For some of us, it will be the first time we have given money to the poor. For some of us, it could mean simplifying our eating habits or entertainment and donating the money saved each week to the poor. Again, it all comes down to putting aside our selfishness so that God might set us free to be more at ease with the graces of appreciation and generosity.

In these coming days, let's restart Lent. More than we could ever want or anticipate, God is giving to us.

## OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

**Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries.** Sight is easy to take for granted. For the Pharisees in today's Gospel, the possibility that they might be missing something, despite having sight, authority, and education bothers them: "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" (John 9:40)

When we walk through a house, we automatically look for the light switch if it's dark. It's difficult to do anything in the dark. "We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day," Jesus said in John 9:4. "Night is coming when no one can work."

The works of God cry out to be accomplished, including the ministries supported by our Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries. We must not delay. Christ is here. He is the daylight only by which we can work. We need him, and we need you. We ask him to guide our efforts throughout the Appeal. Please support our Annual Appeal. We ask him to enlighten your discernment of how to do so. He will not let you walk in darkness when doing the works of God. He will be your light. God bless you abundantly for your gifts and prayers for our Appeal!

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**Monthly Healing Mass** – A monthly healing mass is being held at St Mark Catonsville, 30 Melvin Ave, Catonsville, on March 24. The Mass begins at 7 pm with adoration, praise and worship, and confessions beginning at 6:30 pm. Please call 410-744-6560 for more information.

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**SuperKids Camp** is Parks & People's FREE six week academic summer camp for Baltimore City rising 1st-5th graders. Monday - Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ; June 26th-August 4th, closed July 3rd & 4th. Breakfast, lunch, and transportation are included! To register visit: [parksandpeople.org/programs/superkids-camp](http://parksandpeople.org/programs/superkids-camp)



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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