

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



The Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

January 1, 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

TBA

Religious Education

Elementary & First Communion
Sundays: Immediately following Mass

High School & Confirmation
2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays – 11:00 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!*

*"Whatever you do, do it wholeheartedly, as if you were
doing it for the Lord and not for others."
Colossians 3:23*

PASTOR'S CORNER

“The greatest vocation of every Christian is to love; and the highest moral seriousness is to commit oneself for/to the betterment of human condition/humanity!! Anything short of the tow is nothing but a cacophonous-spiritual Kumbaya!!”

Upcoming Events / Meetings

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

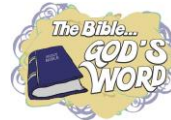
January 8 – Elementary PREP (immediately following Mass)

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

January 21 – Pastoral Council Meeting – 10:30 am.

Health & Wellness Meeting – 2 p.m.

Weekly Readings



Sunday: Numbers 6:22-27 / Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 / Galatians 4:4-7 / Luke 2:16-21

Monday: 1 John 2:22-28 / Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 / John 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 John 2:29-3:6 / Psalm 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 / John 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 John 3:7-10 / Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9 / John 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 John 3:11-21 / Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 / John 1:43-51

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13 / Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 / Mark 1:7-11

Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21 / Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5, 6a, 9b / John 2:1-11

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.

Forgot your envelopes again? Tired of writing checks? Take advantage of online giving. Use the link on the church’s website and please remember to include your envelope # for proper credit. You will need your bank or credit card account information. Be sure to print a copy for your records. Your prayerful generosity, as always, has a positive impact on our parish.

Why celebrate the New Year?...

The only holiday that receives such lavish celebrations worldwide is New Year's Eve. It is the only holiday that brings so many people together. The start of a new year represents fresh starts, new beginnings, and the possibility to start new life chapters. The biggest night of the year is observed differently in every culture. Some people go to midnight mass at the church, while others go out to wild parties and have a good time till the sun comes up on the new day. Still others stay at home and have a wonderful supper with their family and loved ones to ring in the New Year with love.

But why do we celebrate the New Year with such eagerness? Why is it that a New Year's party makes you want to dress up and celebrate? Why has this one night, to which the entire human species has credited so much significance? There are many reasons why New Year's is so significant to most people; let's look at a few of them:

1. **Having made it through the entire year:** Being a part of a New Year's party gives us the assurance that we have overcome the challenges, heartbreaks, and other obstacles of the previous year and have emerged stronger and a better person. We also look back on the positive moments. It's important to understand that every year has its share of both happy and sad moments.
2. **Getting better for the upcoming year:** Sure, it feels fantastic to have made it through the previous year and be given the opportunity to start over, but the entire purpose of that year was to give you the chance to reflect on who you are, your actions, and how they have affected your life. Once you've identified the area in which you are at fault, it's time to take action to address it and ensure that the previous year wasn't wasted.
3. **Opportunities to start fresh:** The New Year offers us a chance to start over with a blank page. This could mean a number of things, including the possibility that you're unhappy in your current position and looking for a change. Perhaps you and some family or friends had a falling out, and you want to make things right with the people you care about. Whatever it may be, the New Year offers you a chance for fresh starts.
4. **An excuse to party:** Because we are simple beings who find satisfaction in the little things, we celebrate even the most unimportant of occasions because doing so with friends and family makes us happy.

We can never be totally ready for what lies ahead of us since it is a mystery, but what we can do is enjoy ourselves with the people we care about, eat and drink, and ring in the New Year with joy. If we are with the people who matter, then we can handle whatever the coming year throws at us.

OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION

The next World Youth Day Local Pilgrimage Series for all young adults (ages 18-39) in the Archdiocese of Baltimore will be held January 21 at St. John the Evangelist, 118 E. 2nd St. Frederick, Maryland 21701. The local pilgrimage is a monthly half-day spiritual formation that will be held every third Saturday of the month. It will be an opportunity to strengthen community and faith through mass, an excellent talk, adoration, opportunities for confession and opportunities to meet other young adults from within the archdiocese. Register for this event here - <https://bit.ly/3U35UQm>

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 for more information.

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.

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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