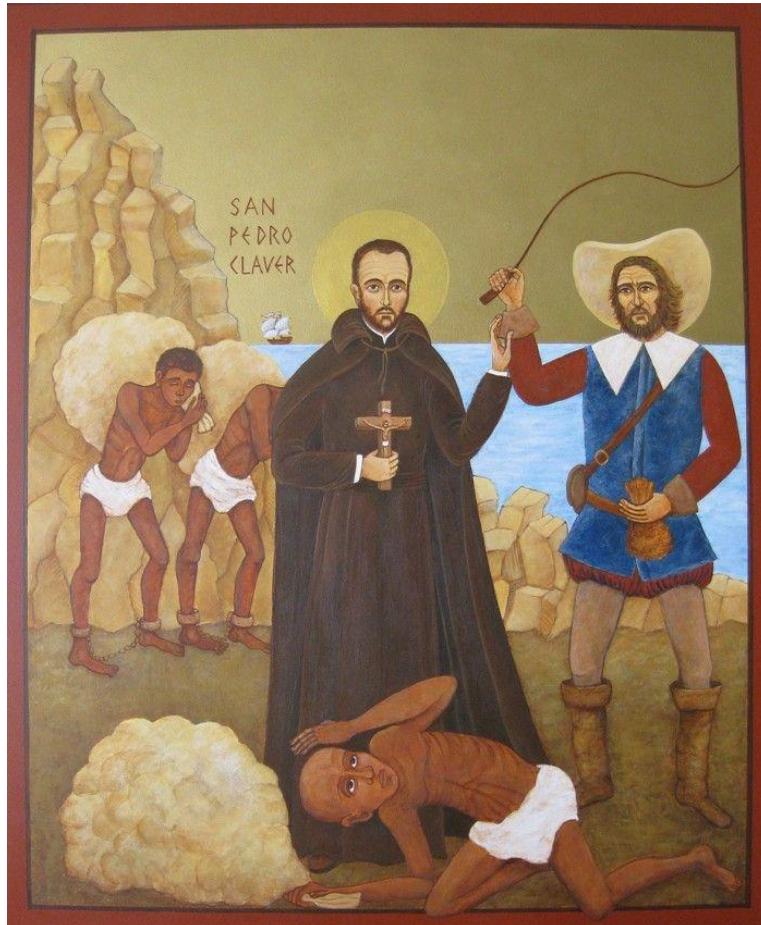


WELCOME TO
St. Cecilia Church

September 6, 2020

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



About Our Church

St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church is located in St. Mary's City, MD.

Our Pastor is Father Scott Woods

The Assistants are Deacon Tony Sweeney & Deacon Mark Kijesky

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:30am – 12:00pm

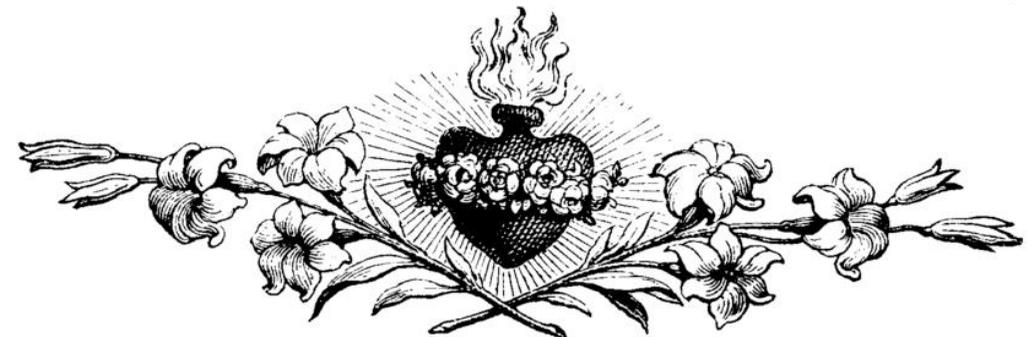
The office will be closed on Thursdays, Holy Days and Federal Holidays.

Other Contact information

St. Peter Claver: 301-872-5460

St. Michael Church: 301-872-4321

Catholic Cemeteries: 301-475-5005 or 301-932-1766



Prayer Intentions

Please remember all who have asked for our prayers: Gerald Adkinson, Virginia Alice, Bradley Anderson and Ernie, Kristin Austin, Judy and Jim Ballantine, Ivan Barnes, Joyce Bean, Dorothy Berry, Leon Briscoe, Cathy Bush, Carla and Adam, Annie Carroll, Ted Carroll, Francis Carroll, Mildred Carroll, Robert Carter, Steven Carter, Sr. Colleen Clair, Nancy Cotter, Debi Clark, Joey Cosgrove, Jack Cullison, Celia DeVoe, Erica Dingle, Ed Dishman, Norman Fenwick, Eileen Garvey, Mary Glynn, Mary Jean Goldsborough, Mary Gorman, Hannah Gravelle, Mary Jane Hall, Jeff Harris Family, Baby Hancock, James Hensley, Larry Hobbs, John Jovan, Bambi Kwiatkoski, Lynn, John Lolli, Adam Lumpkins, Helen Lococo, Shirley D. Major, George Matthew, Dennis MacQuilliam, Bill Morris, James Morris, Michelle Nelson, Cecilia Plymale, Eileen Peterson, Angie Prucha, Bill Rayle, Don Robinson, Frances Reddix, Clarence Rose, Ellen Rose, Jacob Remis, ZaNiya G. Rice, Joel Rivera, Kimberly Sariago, Tiny Taylor, John F. Thompson, Susan Windburn, William Woodland, Lisa, Donna Burriss, Elaine McNeil, Tara Sewell, Doris Rose Yates, James Young, Eva Butler, Francis Birch, Evan Beck, Michael Hammett Jr., Andrew Farrand, Joe Dziewit. We thank God for the many people He has healed, bodies, minds, *and* souls.

Mass Intentions for the Week of September 5 – 11

Saturday 4:30 PM For the intentions of our parishioners
Sunday 8:00 AM For the intentions of our parishioners
Monday 7:30 AM For the intentions of our parishioners
Tuesday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mary Hall
Wednesday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Mary Lucille Sivak
Thursday 7:30 AM For the intentions of our parishioners
Friday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Matthew Davis
Saturday 8:00 AM Mass at St. Peter Claver.

Announcements & Events

- There will be a second collection for Pontifical Good Friday on September 13th.
- The Food Pantry is open on Mondays from 9:00AM to 12 Noon.
- Archbishop Wilton Gregory will celebrate Mass at St. Peter Claver (SPC) on its patron saint's feast day, Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 12:00 noon. Seating on the inside of the church is limited due to Covid-19. If you would like an inside seat, you must send an email to SPC (st.peterclaver@verizon.net). You will receive a confirmation based on the availability of seats at the time of the request. Seats are distributed on a first come-first serve basis until all seats are distributed. The Mass will also be live-streamed. In addition, the Mass will be aired on SPC's FM Station 100.1 which is only accessible on the grounds of the church. For additional information, please email or call SPC at 301-872-5460
- Knights of Columbus Carry-Out Chicken Dinner will be on Sunday, September 13 from 11:30-5:00PM or until the chicken is gone. It will be held at the K.C. HALL in Ridge. \$12 a dinner. If you have any questions, call 301-872-4641.
- Fr. Scott has been inspired to start a Q&A video series on racism. He would like parishioners to send in questions concerning the sin of racism. If you would like to participate, please submit your questions using the form through this link. <https://forms.gle/Q8h3Xz4F5nBCsmVY9>

Mass & Confession Times

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday Morning: 8:00am

Weekday Mass: Monday – Friday 7:30am

Daily Adoration: Monday - Friday 6:00am – 7:15am

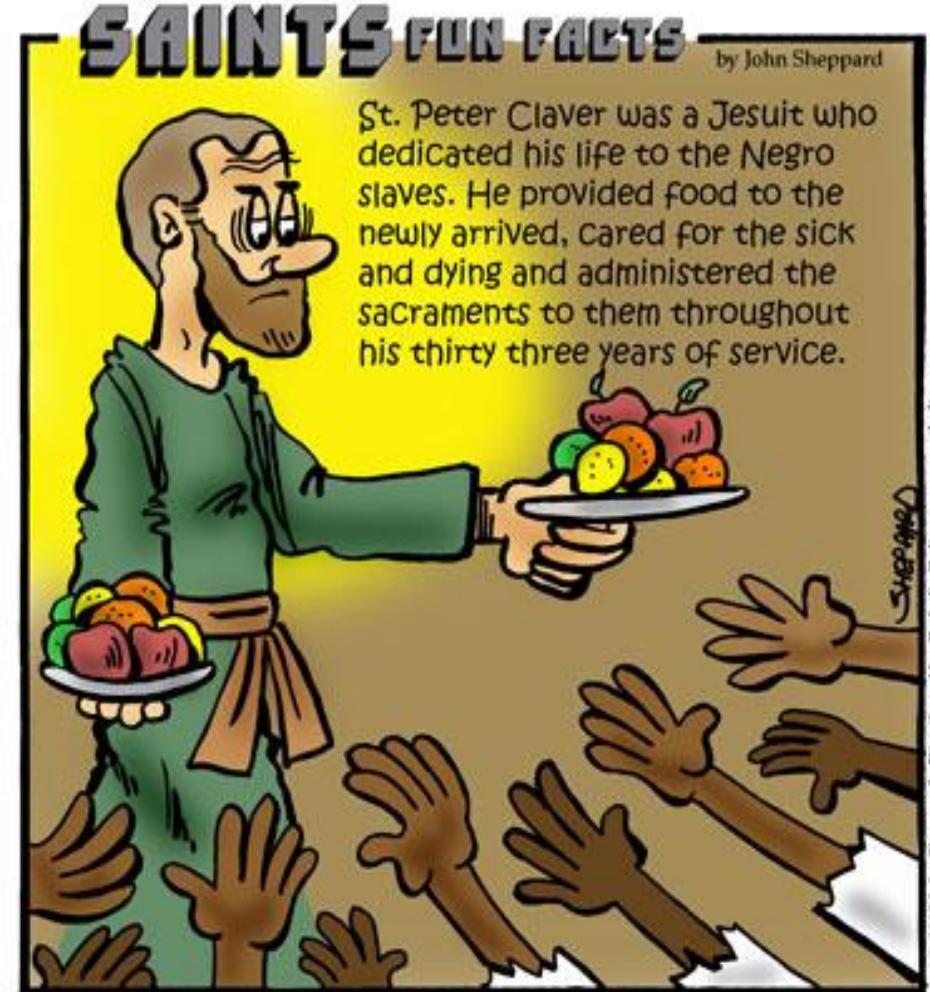
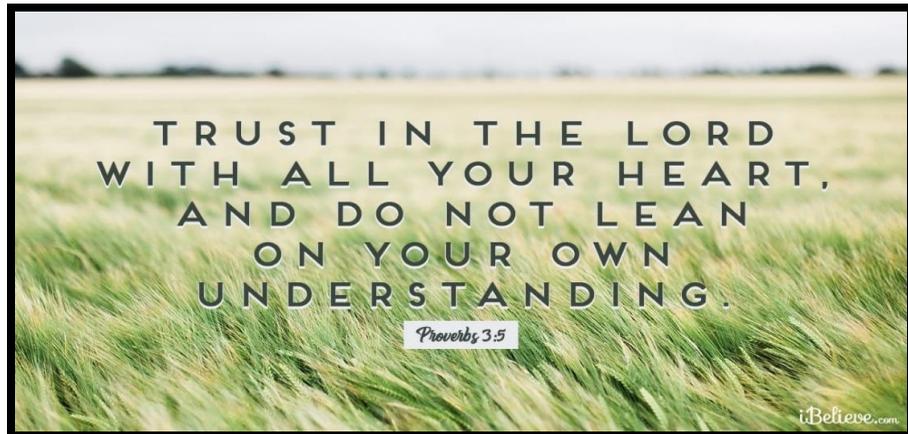
Weekly Confession: Saturdays 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Latin Mass Schedule at St. Peter Claver

Monday & Wednesday – 6:00 PM

Sunday Afternoon – 3:00 PM

Morning Offering: O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day. For all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the reunion of Christendom and for the Holy Father's intentions of the month. **August: The Maritime World** - We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



Pastor's Keyboard

I bring to you news of great joy! September 9th is the feast of St. Peter Claver. We are going to have two Masses to celebrate his feast day! You might ask the questions, why do we name churches after Saints? What is a feast day? Why and how should we celebrate it? Here is your answer to these important questions.

Long ago, in the ancient days, the church in Rome had to offer secret Masses in homes. The safest place for Christians to offer the Mass was in the Roman Catacombs. These were the subterranean cemeteries that were outside of the city of Rome. They go for many miles, and some are five, or more, floors of tombs. At times of great persecution, Christians would go there under cover of night and offer Masses over the tomb of the martyrs (those who died rather than renounce their Christian faith). In this way, they honored these Christian heroes and asked for their intercession for themselves and non-believers.

Eventually, after Christianity became legalized, they began to build churches to hold the beautiful tradition of connecting churches with those Christians who either paid the ultimate price to stay loyal to Jesus or to honor Christians who lived lives of exemplary holiness. They knew that since these saints were now in heaven, they could intercede with the Lord for the Church Militant (the church on earth). Whole areas, and sometimes cities, were named after the saints of a given parish church. Often the life of the saint would be taught to the people and held up as a model of faithfulness and love. Some churches even have the entire body of the saint, while most have an Altar Stone, which contains a fragment of the saint's body in a marble slab that is placed in the altar. The priest kisses the altar cloth over the spot of the relic at each Mass. Paying homage to Jesus and asking the saints prayers for the church.

Every saint has two birthdays. The day of their birth into the world and the day of their birth into heaven. The church, since time immemorial, has celebrated the lives of the saints on the day of their birth into Eternal Life. This day is called their Feast Day. Traditionally in many catholic countries, this would be a day when the entire town or parish would attend a solemn Mass at the parish church and then have a huge party with food and fireworks and games and maybe even a procession of the saint's relics and/or statue.

The church offers a special blessing to those who attend Mass or pray in a parish church on its patron Saints feast day. This blessing is called a Plenary Indulgence. It reduces time in purgatory and comes with much grace. To receive this blessing, you must visit the church on the feast day, and you have to be:

- 1) free of mortal sin and attachment to sin
- 2) receive holy communion (within two weeks before or after)
- 3) go to confession (within two weeks before or after)
- 4) pray for the Popes intentions
- 5) and then you can apply the graces to yourself or a deceased person who may be in purgatory

Sadly, many of these traditions have not been kept up as they once were, yet we can revive some of them. This year will be the greatest one St Peter Claver's Parish has ever had. I was informed that Archbishop Gregory asked if he could personally offer Mass at St. Peter Claver's this Wednesday! Sadly, because of COVID, the numbers will be limited, but we will offer the Mass live starting at noon. There will also be a High Latin Mass at 6:00 PM for those who would like to attend. This is going to be a truly blessed day for us all. St. Peter Claver, pray for us!!!

Your Brother and Father in Christ,
Fr. Scott