

# ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH

E-Bulletin  
Seventh Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

February 20, 2022



*"The Church on the Holy Hill Where the Joy of the Lord is our Strength!"*

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## ALL ARE WELCOME TO ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH!

Contact the Parish Office  
(301-872-5460 or [st.peterclaver@verizon.net](mailto:st.peterclaver@verizon.net))  
if you are interested in becoming a Catholic or  
if you have questions about Catholicism!

Appointments with Father Larry Swink, Pastor,  
are made through the Parish Office and are required to  
arrange for Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals,  
Communions, Confirmations, and RCIA.

### Weekly MASS Schedule:

Sundays:	10:00AM
Wednesdays:	6:00PM
First Fridays:	6:00PM
Saturdays:	8:00AM

### Weekly CONFESSION Schedule:

- Before and After each Mass

### Weekly ADORATION Schedule:

- Before Wednesday and Saturday Masses
- After First Friday Masses

Church Address: 16922 St. Peter Claver Road, P. O. Box 240,  
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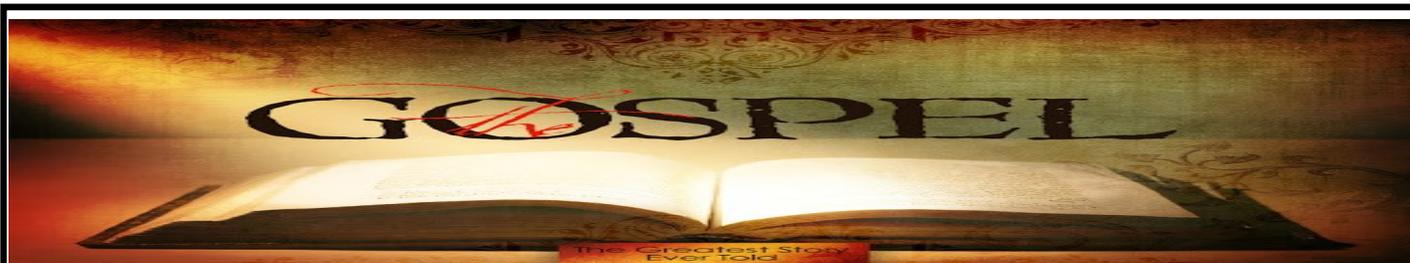
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StPeterClaverChurchCommunity/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/StPeterClaverChurchCommunity/)



## THE WORD OF THE LORD: THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6: 27-38

Jesus said to his disciples:

**"To you who hear I say, love your enemies,  
do good to those who hate you,  
bless those who curse you, pray for those who  
mistreat you.**

**To the person who strikes you on one cheek,  
offer the other one as well,  
and from the person who takes your cloak,  
do not withhold even your tunic.**

**Give to everyone who asks of you,  
and from the one who takes what is yours do not  
demand it back. Do to others as you would have  
them do to you.**

**For if you love those who love you,  
what credit is that to you?  
Even sinners love those who love them.  
And if you do good to those who do good to you,  
what credit is that to you?  
Even sinners do the same.  
If you lend money to those from whom you ex-  
pect repayment,  
what credit is that to you?  
Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the  
same amount.**

**But rather, love your enemies and do good to  
them,  
and lend expecting nothing back;  
then your reward will be great  
and you will be children of the Most High,  
for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the  
wicked.  
Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.**

**"Stop judging and you will not be judged.  
Stop condemning and you will not be condemned.  
Forgive and you will be forgiven.  
Give, and gifts will be given to you;  
a good measure, packed together, shaken down,  
and overflowing, will be poured into your lap.  
For the measure with which you measure  
will in return be measured out to you."**

## REFLECTION ON THE HOLY GOSPEL

<https://www.sacredspace.ie/scripture/luke-627-38>

### SOME THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

This text ranks as one of the most extraordinary ever written! It utterly reverses human thinking about enemies and forgiveness. It spells out the way God goes about things, holding nothing against us despite all our failings. This is how Jesus lived, this is how he died for his executioners. His attitude of heart was blessed by his Father and brought him into eternal life.

My world can be transformed if I take Jesus seriously. My task is to collaborate with him and to live on a higher level of loving than I had imagined possible. I am called to go beyond loving my neighbour as myself, beyond loving only those who love me, beyond only loving nice people. I am to love my enemies, do good to them, pray for them, wish them well! What then shall I pray for now?

### SOME THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Jesus, again you turn our thinking upside down! Love of enemies is so contrary to human nature, but that is what you demand of us. But Lord, I am what you call a 'sinner', because when others offend me I close my heart to them and punish them as best I can.

You ask me now to bring my enemies into my heart and show mercy to them. Lord, change my heart or I will never become 'a child of the Most High'. Let me spend time pondering how merciful you are to me, even when I am 'ungrateful and wicked'. That will make me pause before judging and condemning my 'enemies'.

### SOME THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

I pray for all of those who might be thought of as 'enemy' or despicable, calling to mind all hopeless cases, those who are overlooked and neglected. I pray that they may experience kindness and love and that any who describe them negatively may be given the vision that Jesus had.

# Celebrate BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**SISTER MARILYN  
HOPEWELL:  
“OUR EDUCATOR,  
ADVOCATE,  
INSPIRATION, PIONEER HE-  
RO & DIRECTOR”**



She was the 5th child born to Benedict and Lila Hopewell on September 23, 1926. She was named Agnes Ilma Hopewell and was given the name Agnes Theresa.

Agnes Theresa grew up in Ridge, MD and attended St. Peter Claver School, where she was taught by the Oblate Sisters of Providence. (The Oblates comprise the first successful Roman Catholic sisterhood in the world established by women of African descent. The founding of the sisterhood was led by Mother Mary Lange under the direction of Father James Hector Nicholas Joubert.)

Agnes Theresa was brilliant and consequently skipped several grades. She graduated from the 8th grade in 1940, she received a full scholarship to attend St. Frances Academy, which had been founded by the Oblates as a Catholic school for girls in their convent. (Today, St. Frances Academy has become the oldest continuously operating school for black Catholic children in the United States, is still educating children in Baltimore, and operates as an award winning high school with over 90% of its students attending college.)

There, her brilliance resulted in her receipt of “many” awards each year. In 1944, Agnes Theresa graduated from St. Frances Academy as the valedictorian.

While a second grade student at St. Peter Claver School, Agnes Theresa developed thoughts of becoming a nun. She only shared her desire with her pastor, Father Horace McKenna, who suggested that she keep this secret at the time because others might attempt to change her mind. The secret was maintained from second to twelfth grade. How? Father McKenna advised Agnes Theresa to pray three Hail Mary’s everyday, and she did!

Upon her graduation from high school, Agnes Theresa shared her desires with her Mother, who was not happy. Why? Because her older sister, Lucille, had already become a nun, then known as Sister Richard. When she shared the news with her father, he was pleased. He advised her mother to let Agnes Theresa go to the con-

vent because she “was different from the other children anyway!” On October 4, 1944 at the age of 17, Agnes Theresa entered the convent and began the process of becoming an Oblate Sister of Providence. From 1944 to 1947, Agnes Theresa became a novitiate.

Agnes Theresa expressed that her greatest immediate desire upon entering the convent was that she did not want to receive a masculine name (perhaps as her oldest sister had—Sister Richard). It was on the suggestion of one of her other sisters, Edna, that Agnes Theresa received the name “Marilyn.” On March 9, 1947, when she professed her faith and vows, she took on the name Sister Marilyn Agnes Hopewell.

That same year, Sister Marilyn kicked off her teaching career by teaching her first class at St. Augustine School in Washington, DC. She remembered having 62 second graders from 1947-1948. Afterward, she taught at a number of schools, having, as she described, taught at every grade level from second to twelfth grade. She taught in several geographical areas, such as Maryland, Chicago, and New York.

Sister Marilyn took a break from her teaching career at the age of 44 and studied in and toured Africa. She developed memories for a life time in Africa.

Upon her return from Africa, Sister Marilyn took a teaching assignment in Chicago at the St. Joseph High School, where she taught for 21 years. She was the only female and the only black teacher at this all boys’ school. There, her experience was memorable because the school was featured in Spike Lee’s movie, “Hoop Dreams.” It starred Isaiah Thomas, who happened to have been one of her students.

While in Chicago, Sister Marilyn was reportedly active in the founding of the national Black Catholic revival movement. She worked with Father Goode in Chicago whom she described as a saint.

In 2002, Sister Marilyn fulfilled a lifelong dream; she founded her own school, Hopewell Academy, for students from grades kindergarten to eighth grade. She ran the school for 10 years until she was 80! She also became the principal of St. Margaret of Scotland. Again she got the opportunity to travel, returning to Africa and visiting Europe, where, while in Rome, she attended Mass at the Vatican and met the Pope.

Sister Marilyn Hopewell passed this life on October 3, 2021 and was interred at St. Peter Claver Cemetery on October 14, 2021.



**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2022**

**PEACEFUL REPOSE OF THE SOULS:  
ETHELBERT & MARGUERITE LANGLEY**

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS:  
PAMELA LANGLEY**

<b>Wed., Feb. 23</b>	<u>Special Intentions</u> Bonnie Elward  <u>Peaceful Repose</u> Murphy and Evelyn Hewlett
<b>Sat., Feb. 26</b>	<u>Special Intentions</u> Theresa Mason  <u>Peaceful Repose</u> Father Horace McKenna
<b>Sun., Feb. 27</b>	<u>Special Intentions</u> Somerville Family  <u>Peaceful Repose</u> Paul Somerville
<b>Wed., Mar. 2</b>	<u>Special Intentions</u> Sheila Klotz  <u>Peaceful Repose</u> Mary F. Bryan
<b>Fri., Mar. 4</b>	<u>Special Intentions</u> Xavier & Bobby Hall  <u>Peaceful Repose</u> Raymond & Ruth Hawkins
<b>Sat., Mar. 5</b>	<u>Special Intentions</u> Mary Lou and Julian Bryan  <u>Peaceful Repose</u> Leonard and Florence Bryan
<b>Sun., Mar. 6</b>	<u>Special Intentions</u> Oblate Sisters of Providence  <u>Peaceful Repose</u> Oblate Sisters of Providence

*Offering a Mass for a specific intention is a beautiful tradition in the Catholic Church. You can request that a Mass be offered for a person who is living or deceased. It can be for the health of a loved one, in supplication for a grace needed, in thanksgiving for a blessing received, or for a special occasion. The tradition is that a stipend is given, made payable to SPC; however, a stipend is not required.*

## FATHER LARRY'S KEYBOARD

### Catcher of Souls!



This week our Lord meets Simon Peter for the first time. Simon has been out all night and caught nothing. Jesus sends him back out. Simon has the miracle catch. Jesus says that he will make him a fisher of men.

At this point in life, how many times has God used us to catch souls?

Do we realize our responsibility is to evangelize those with whom we work, with whom we live, and those who God puts in front of us? It will be very sad at the moment of death if we are before the Lord with an empty net.

This week ask the Holy Spirit, "Which person do you want to use me to catch for you?"

With his help, we will catch a soul.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Larry

## Prayer for the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus



We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

## FEBRUARY/MARCH 2022

### ministry calendar

DATE	WELCOME	LECTOR (1st Reading, Responsorial, 2nd Reading, Intercessions)	COUNTERS	SACRISTANS
Feb 20 Sun	Fran	Crystal	Stephanie & Wayne	Dinnette & Ernestine
Feb. 23 Wed		John		Brenda & Darlene
Feb. 27 Sun	Fran	Martin	Robert, Jr. & Robert III	Dinnette & Ernestine
Mar. 2 Wed		John		Brenda & Darlene
Mar. 4 Fri		Fran		Fran

\*Seth & Joshua Gant serve as altar servers on Sundays. Venance Meja fills in as altar server on Sundays. Nick Walmart fills in for altar servers and lector during the week. Fran & Pam serve as Sacristans for Saturday Masses.

#### CLEANING & LIVESTREAMING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

WEEK	CLEANING	LIVESTREAMING
WEEK 3 (Sun Feb 20 <sup>th</sup> )	Ernestine/ Brother	TRAVIS
WEEK 4 (Sun Feb 27 <sup>th</sup> )	Linda/ Beverly	TRAVIS

### UPCOMING FUNERALS @ SPC



#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

#### **GEORGE WILLIAM MILBURN**

VISITATION: 10:30-12:00 Noon

FUNERAL: 12:00 Noon

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2**

#### **MARY GOLDRING**

VISITATION: 10:00AM

FUNERAL: 11:00AM

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022**

#### **LINDA GREEN**

VISITATION: 9:30AM

FUNERAL: 11:00AM



#### **OUR PARISH LIST OF THE SICK AND THOSE WHO REQUEST PRAYER**

Dennis Allen; Iran Barnes; Wayne Barnes; Marerijha Bibbs; Ike Briscoe; Sammy Briscoe; Bertille Bryan; Eva Butler; Tammy Campbell; Brenda Carroll; Geraldine Carroll; Catherine Carter; Chris Cassagnol; Vaughn Chase; Phyllis Curtis; Michael Chase; Kirk Crafton; Margaret Doyle; Bonnie Elward; James Gant; Jessica Goldring; Mary Goldring; Ernest Hall; Janice Hewlett; Jimmie Hill; Elnora Jackson; Michael Jones; Thelma Jones; Pamela Langley; Theresa Mason; Jaleesa Matthews; Rick Moran; Sabrina Moran; Arnold Moreland; Eleanor Moland; Angie Prucha; Jordan Redman; William Smith; Orlando Smith; Charles L. Spears; Mary Spears; Albert Sutton; Julia Taylor; Robert Taylor; Vernon Thomas; Estelle Thompson; George Williams Family;

## A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Revelation 16 resumes the account of God's judgments on the wicked. It describes the bowl judgments, the third seven-part series of God's wrath described in the book of Revelation.

Prior to this were seven seal judgments, the last of which were the trumpets. The trumpet judgments totaled seven, the last of which were these bowls of the wrath of God.

The first bowl judgment brings harmful and painful sores to those who carry the mark of the beast. The second judgment turns the sea into blood and kills all the marine life. The third bowl judgment turns rivers and springs into blood. Unlike prior incidents where some portion of the sea or rivers was affected, this event appears to ruin all waters throughout the entire earth (Revelation 16:1-4).

Following the third bowl judgment, an angel declares that God is just to avenge the wicked for their murderous acts against the saints and prophets. The angel's declaration is met with full agreement from a voice from the altar (Revelation 16:5-7).

The fourth judgment scorches the wicked with fire, but instead of repenting, unbelievers curse God. This might refer to a reduction in earth's natural protection from the sun, "allowing" it to burn the people of earth. The fifth bowl judgment plunges the kingdom of the beast into darkness. The wicked respond by gnawing their tongues in anguish and by cursing God. The sixth judgment dries up the Euphrates to prepare the way for the kings of the east. Next, demons assemble the kings of the whole earth to battle against God at a location referred to as *Armageddon*, meaning the hill—or mountain—of Megiddo (Revelation 16:8-16).

The seventh bowl judgment brings about an earthquake that splits Jerusalem into three parts. Also as a result of this earthquake, cities worldwide fall, Babylon feels God's wrath, islands flee, mountains crumble, and hailstones weighing about 100 pounds bombard people. Still, the wicked refuse to repent. Instead, they curse God (Revelation 16:17-21).

At this point, earth has been fatally ruined and the tribulation is all but over. Chapters 17 and 18 will go into greater detail, some of it poetic and descriptive, to further explain the fall of the wicked. Chapter 19 will resume the moment-by-moment description of the end times, including the second coming of Jesus Christ. <https://www.bibleref.com/Revelation/16/>



### LOYOLA RETREAT FOR WOMEN

**March 11-13, 2022**

All women are invited to join other parishioners for a grace-filled weekend retreat at Loyola on the Potomac – A Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. The theme for this year's Ignatian Weekend Retreat is "*Seeing ALL Things New in Christ*".

Rooted in the traditions of the *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*, the retreat is conducted in prayerful silence and includes generous amounts of time for prayer, personal reflection, and the cultivation of a deeper relationship with God. It is open to anyone who desires to grow in their relationship with God through prayer. **The retreat begins Friday evening, March 11th and concludes with lunch on Sunday, March 13th.**

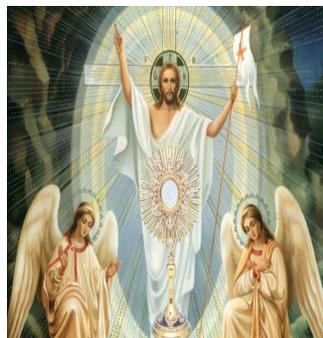
For more info or to make a reservation, contact Sheila Berlin, [shela8860@gmail.com](mailto:shela8860@gmail.com), or (240) 538-5288. A deposit of \$115 is required. The retreat fee for the weekend is \$245. (\$195 for first time retreatants and/or young adults up to age 34.) Scholarships may be available.

"Come Away and Rest Awhile"

### ENCOUNTERING CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST

#### MALVERN RETREAT FOR MEN

**March 4-6, 2022**



#### RETREAT MASTER:

Father Larry Swink

#### GUEST SPEAKERS:

FATHER DAN LEARY

&

FATHER MICHAEL DEASCANIS

**Cost: \$235.00**

**SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE**

Register at : [www.animachristiretreats.org](http://www.animachristiretreats.org)

Call Doreen Arscott for more info: 240-299-3580

# Tithes & Offering

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

**2/13/2022**

**Offertory Collection            \$4,343.76**

**Budgeted Offertory=            \$3,000.00**

**ACTUAL Exceeded BUDGET=    \$1,343.76**

**WE MET OUR FINANCIAL GOAL LAST WEEK!**

**SPC continues to remain blessed  
in your giving to support the running of  
the church and its ministries.**



The 2022 Annual Appeal is here! This year's theme is *From God's Abundance, Our Gifts of Charity* to remind us that everything we have and share with others is from our loving Father.

Through our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church, and we sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of all those within and beyond our parish boundaries.

Please consider a commitment to the 2022 Annual Appeal this weekend at home or in-person. Your gift will be credited toward our parish goal.

**ANYTHING DONATED  
ABOVE THE PARISH GOAL  
IS RETURNED TO THE PARISH.**

Learn more about the Annual Appeal at [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org).

## FOR ST. PETER CLAVER & ST. CECILIA PARISHES



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022 -  
FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022**



**Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022**

**Mass at St. Peter Claver at 6:00pm**

Mass at St Cecilia at 7:30am

**Stations of the Cross –**

**Every Friday at 6:30pm  
at St. Peter Claver & St. Cecilia's  
Simultaneously**

**Friday Mass and Confessions–**

Alternating between SPC & STC

Mass at 7:00PM:

**March 4 – St Peter Claver**

March 11 -St Cecilia

**March 18 – St Peter Claver**

March 25 – St Cecilia

**April 1 – St Peter Claver**

April 8 – St Cecilia



Confessions - 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross - 6:30pm

Mass - 7:00pm

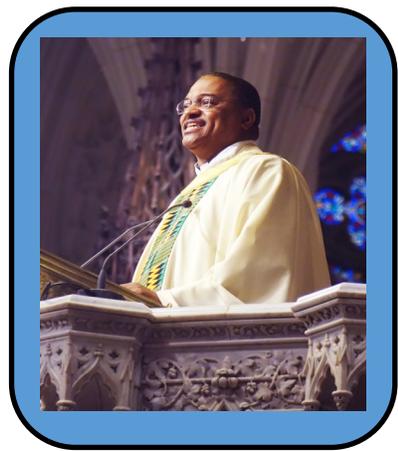
# MISSION WEDNESDAY 2022

@ St. Peter Claver Catholic Church in St. Inigoes, MD

REVIVAL, RESTORATION & RENEWAL AWAITS YOU



**FATHER  
SCOTT  
WOODS**  
**Pastor,  
Sacred Heart**  
March 16, 2022



**FATHER  
PATRICK  
SMITH**  
**Pastor,  
St. Augustine**  
March 23, 2022



**FATHER  
RAYMOND  
MOORE**  
**Pastor,  
St. Thomas  
More**  
March 30, 2022

**Come & Find  
Meaning & Healing  
This Lenten Season  
in the Word of God  
Presented by  
these 3 Men of God  
Speaking on:**

*“Joy inside my Tears:  
Finding Joy in my Brokenness!”*



**Program:  
7:00pm**

**Confession:  
Throughout the Program**

**Soup & Salad:  
6:00-6:45pm**

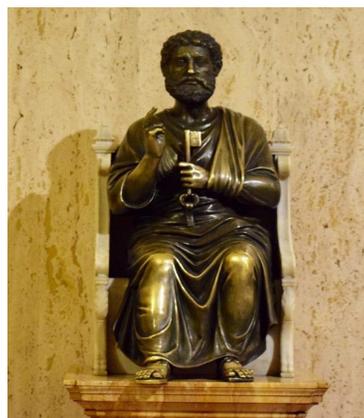
*“Come as you are!  
There is room to change inside!”*

## THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER, THE APOSTLE: FEAST DAY—FEBRUARY 22

This feast of **the Chair of St. Peter** brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter, and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the Magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, extended both to truths which are solemnly defined *ex cathedra*, and to all the acts of the ordinary Magisterium.

The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Rome has been celebrated from the early days of the Christian era on 18 January, in commemoration of the day when Saint Peter held his first service in Rome. The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Antioch, commemorating his foundation of the See of Antioch, has also been long celebrated at Rome, on 22 February. At each place a chair (cathedra) was venerated which the Apostle had used while presiding at Mass. One of the chairs is referred to about 600 by an Abbot Johannes who had been commissioned by Pope Gregory the Great to collect in oil from the lamps which burned at the graves of the Roman martyrs. —*New Catholic Dictionary*

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2022-02-22>



...The chair of Peter is not simply the chair of the local bishop, because we know that the Bishop of Rome (the pope) has his chair in the cathedral of John Lateran. The Chair of Peter is celebrating the role of the pope as the shepherd or bishop of the universal, world-wide Church. In this role, we celebrate the authority of the universal bishop. Jesus himself gave the authority to Peter to lead and guide the

Church in Jesus' place. St. Paul acknowledged this when he recognized Peter as the first among the apostles (Gal 1:18). Today, and throughout history, we believe that this authority and role is passed down from pope to pope. This authority is bigger than any one person. Regardless of what personality or peculiarities a pope brings to the office, the role will outlive him to see the next pope and beyond occupy the chair.

We celebrate the feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, rejoicing in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, thanking Jesus for the authority he shares with humans, and praying for the person God has chosen to occupy the Chair of Saint Peter today.

<https://saintcatherineacademy.org/prayer-and-meditation/the-feast-of>

## PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THE SPC SYNOD! LIFT YOUR VOICE TO BE HEARD! HOW!



Synod  
2021  
2023

For a synodal Church  
communion | participation | mission

### THIS SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 20

Survey will be distributed to Individual Parishioners for Submission on March 6 for a Summary of Results

### NEXT SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 27

Immediately after Mass, Meet as a Group and as Small Groups for Discussion & Summary of Results.

**Results of Both Sets of Data  
will be Combined and Submitted to  
the Archdiocese of Washington!**



The Mask Requirement at Mass has been lifted.  
Attendees may still wear masks if they so desire.

Let us be respectful of each other whether  
we choose to wear a mask or not!



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### **SPC CHOIRS RETURN ON SUNDAY!**

With the significant decrease in the omicron and delta variants of COVID, the choirs will be returning to Mass. Members have been given the freedom regarding mask usage.