

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community



If You Find It Hard To Forgive, Paul Has Quite A Witness **September 11, 2022, Ex.32:7-14& Lk 15:1-32 with 1Tim.1:12-17 – 24th Sunday** **By Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. – Priest in Solidum**

The message of the Word of God today starts with Moses pleading to God not to destroy sinners. Luke leads into the story of the Prodigal son with two vastly different teaching – shepherd's attitude is to find the lost with as much intensity as if savings lost.

The wisdom of the people who chose the first letter to Timothy to encourage us to pass on this message asks us to learn the lesson that St. Paul shared. Paul told his story. He spoke of his wrong-doing – blaspheming, persecuting and being arrogant.

He shared how he was following what he was taught as he became a Pharisee. As he was given the truth through those who were sent to him, he changed. He called his former way of life the result of his unbelief. Remembering 911, how do we respond?

Do we share the central truth – forgive - bring out of his story that “the grace is abundant?” How did he experience the grace coming to him? How did grace set him free from his blindness? How did grace lead him to be an ambassador of God's grace?

The community of believers breathed forgiveness beginning with Ananias, whom Jesus inspired to find him and respond to Paul's desire to be baptized, to begin the journey of transformation. All of Paul's writing that followed his actions told the story.

You and I are asked to remember when we had failed. Maybe our fallen human nature expressed itself as Paul lived his “former life.” But all of us could tell our story of one or more of the seven capital sins. Looking back at the twin towers, what do we see?

We may recall how we were like the sheep who was so focused on what we were doing that we drifted away from the believing community. Maybe we couldn't find a value we had lost – doing what we didn't what to do or not doing what we wanted to do.

Possibly we were like one of the three characters in the story. Maybe we had left on purpose, not needing our family, our community. Maybe we wouldn't forgive the other person like the elder son. What Paul is teaching us – what would happen to us, if we were not forgiven unconditionally? Remembering being forgiven – gracefully forgive.



Ahmonie Pace – Browsing School Supply Gifts

St. Joseph Oktoberfest

Detroit's historic St. Joseph Shrine, located at 1828 Jay St. across Gratiot from Eastern Market, will host its annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, September 25 from 10 am to 8:30 pm. Free admission and enjoyment for the whole family. Authentic German beer and food (carryout available), live bands, steinholding contests, children's activities, arts & crafts vendors, church tours, Thomas M. Kuras Memorial Classical Music Concert in church at 6 pm preceded by 5:30 pm Solemn Vespers. Masses at 7 am, 9 am, 11 am (with choir & chamber orchestra). Guarded parking. For more information, please visit [Oktoberfest \(institute-christ-king.org\)](http://Oktoberfest(institute-christ-king.org)).

Our Mission Statement

Having reflected on the "four faces of our parish," **St. Peter Claver Catholic Community**, chosen by the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, and under the guidance of Mary, resolves that: 1) we will provide more opportunities for deepening prayer life and faith life for youth, young adults, and adults; 2) we will initiate efforts to reach out and re-connect with those individuals and families who have disconnected from the Church; 3) we will collaborate with other faith communities and organizations within our parish to offer ecumenical events/activities (e.g., neighborhood clean-ups, prayer meetings, health fairs); and, 4) we will utilize resources within our parish community to advocate for education and to promote social justice issues.

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First Friday of the Month Rosary

Join via Zoom at www.spcccdetroit.org

First Friday Rosary

October 7, 2022 7:00 pm

Led by Ministry Commission



School Supplies Drive

Many Thanks to Chris Kendall and the Mission Commission for coordinating a very successful Block Party and School Supplies Drive. Many Thanks to contributors of supplies and money!!!!

We are actively seeking singers to join the **youth** choir. You may reach out to Music Director Christopher Kendall at: cmkendall@spcccdetroit.org if interested.

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren Bridges, Donald Carter, Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, David Galletero, Tequilla Garrett, Ara Grier, Sandra Griffin, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Dorrell Moore, Charles Nelson, Joan S. Noland, Nancy Oberhausen, Celestine Parker, Fred & Villa Ray, Alther Redd, Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, Jeanne Schuldt, Irene Scott, Gussie Seay, Augusta Starks, Christine Versele, Helen Wajda, Anna Washington, Lillie Washington, Carmel Weems, Diana Wicker, Leonard & Ona Wilson

Please Pray for Them as They Pray for Us!!

Also, Please Remember in Prayer:

Wayne Bradley, Olivia Boulden, Christopher Durant, Rochelle Evans, Andre Fox, Kiara Harris, Marley Jonah, Mary Caroline Jonah, Johnetta Mutes, Elke Rittenhouse, Elaine Ryles, Terrence Tidwell, Charles Tilghman, Jon Viado, Vickee Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, Wayne Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

MEETINGS / EVENTS Sept. 11th to Sept. 18th

Sunday Sept. 11th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R., Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Sandra Horn
Lector: Larry Rhodes

Tuesday 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
7:00 pm Mission Commission Mtg. Zoom
7:00 pm Formation Team Meeting Zoom

Wednesday 11:00 am Lectio Divina via Zoom

Thursday Day 1 of Hispanic Heritage Month

Friday 11:00 am Ministry Commission Meeting (Zoom)

Saturday 9:00 am SPCCC Leadership Team Mtg. (Z00m)
1:00 pm Mentor Coaches Mtg. (PH Grove St.)

Sunday Sept. 18th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss R., Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell
Lector: Arianna Cadera

Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College
Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove
College

For the "live" Parish Calendar, go to spcccdetroit.org

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Parish Office: 13305 Grove St., Detroit, Mi. 48235
(313) 342-5292

Church Location: Marygrove College- Sacred Heart
Chapel

8425 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit, MI 48221

Email: parishoffice@spcccdetroit.org

Mass: Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Church
(Check the bulletin for holy days and special services)

Reconciliation: Before Mass or By Appointment

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 10 am-2 pm
After hours please contact the Administrative Coordinator
Patricia Woods at 313-736-0852

Reverend John Phelps, Priest In Solidum

Chris Kendall, Engagement Coordinator/Music Director
Administrative Coordinator, Patricia Woods

Team Captains:

Evangelization, Ed Shea

Formation, Mary Radford

Administration, Jeff Flounory

Commission Chairs:

Mission Commission, Tanda Flounory

Ministry Commission, Sandra Horn