



Who Is The Shepherd To The Lost And Sick? Is It Us?

Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.

November 22, 2020 - Feast of Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-17 & Matthew 25:31-46 with 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

What happens when I find my stock answer has a new insight given on further reflection? Am I open to pursuing the truth? Am I willing to shift my attitude toward life, especially if I find out I have more power to heal, more strength to build, more for all?

What happens if I learn everyone receiving the sacrament of Confirmation is both shepherd and sheep, from the Pope to the pre-teen? As we look to the God Who chose us, we are sheep. As we look to the people to whom we're sent, we are shepherds.

We come to Holy Communion, the Center of our Life as Catholic Christians. The priest says "Behold the Lamb of God" ... why not "behold the shepherd of God?" When Jesus chose followers they were to be fishers of people, another teaching to the sent!

I invite us, we who are confirmed, to be aware of the power and strength given us with the grace of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised God's grace to do what He has chosen us to do. We are co-workers, co-shepherds, with the Resurrected Lamb!

Who are good shepherds? Ezekiel says they can be found among the scattered. They are seeking out the lost and the strayed, the injured and the sick. But those who are sleek and strong, they will be destroyed. They think they are better than others.

Everyone chosen to be Confirmed by Christ is called to be sent as a shepherd. Everyone chosen to receive Holy Communion becomes what we eat – becomes a lamb and a shepherd. Love Jesus in Eucharist and we can't say "no" but only "yes."

Our "Harvest Fest" is a way to invite our sheep to shine! "St. Vincent de Paul" is a way to let the humanly challenged know shepherds do for the hungry and thirsty, the naked and imprisoned, what Jesus wants to do through us for them.

Our annual pattern of prayer officially ends on the feast we call Christ the King. Paul reminds us Christ is the King to conquer evil, the last evil is death. We are chosen to be His co-shepherds, co-leaders, of hope. Let's be thankful for the grace to gather and not to scatter, to lighten and not to burden, to search and not to cease!

2020 Catholic Services Appeal

The 2020 CSA Campaign is underway. ***This year's CSA target for our parish is \$6,736.*** All are invited to visit www.AOD.org for more information about the CSA, or you can make a donation at www.givecsa.org. If you require assistance in making a pledge, please contact Ed Shea.

To date, our total amount pledged is \$3,665, or 54% of our target. Remember, any amounts received over the target are returned to the parish, and will be shared 50/50 with our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.



Sunday Mass

In compliance with state COVID-related restrictions, our landlord, the Marygrove Conservancy, has suspended all events on campus, including our public Masses until December 9. Accordingly, Fr. John will be celebrating Mass virtually at regularly scheduled times at spcccdetroit.org.

4th Annual Harvest Talent Festival

Come and join us as the Leaders In Motion and Leaders On Mission present the **4th Annual Harvest Talent Festival!** This year, the event will be held virtually on YouTube. It will be available for viewing this Saturday, November 28 at 1:00 p.m.

For more information, and to access the Festival, go to our website, or contact Stephanie Flounory at s.flo629@gmail.com.

Advent 2020: Bible Study on Purpose via Zoom

During the 4 weeks of Advent, Fr. John and Jennie Sinatra will present a new Bible study, ***Seek the Gift of Jesus! Healing the Racial Divide.*** See our website for details, or contact Jennie Sinatra.

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.



Congratulations to our newly-baptized Catholics, Ah'moni Pace and Nasir Ricardo Hollis, and to newly-confirmed Ariana Pace Hollis.

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan

Please consider contributing to the annual parish collection supporting the critical work of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan. Each year Catholic Charities helps more than 20,000 people combat poverty and crisis to move toward a better life.

Since we will not be able to be together for public Mass during the next few weeks, you can send your contribution to the Parish Office or you can donate online at ccsem.org.

Happy Anniversary, St. Peter Claver!!

This year marks our 15th anniversary as the parish of St. Peter Claver Catholic Community. Let's celebrate by sharing what has been most encouraging and most challenging thus far for us as a parish. We also want to honor and recognize our Eternal Prayer Team who sustain us with their intercessory prayers in Heaven. We will be celebrating by making a collage starting on Thanksgiving Day through the 2nd Sunday of Advent. Check out the parish website for more information.

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren & Marcella Bridges, Donald & Barbara Carter, Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, Ron Galletero, Ara Grier, Sandra Griffin, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Augusta Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Charles Nelson, Joan S. Noland, Nancy Oberhausen, Grady & Celestine Parker, Fred & Villa Ray, Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, Jeanne Schuldt, Irene Scott, Gussie Seay, Augusta Starks, Mary Tyler, Christine Versele, Helen Wajda, Anna Washington, Lillie Washington, Carmel Weems, 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, Kiara Harris, Marley Jonah, Mary Caroline Jonah, Johnetta Mutes, Elke Rittenhouse, Elaine Ryles, Terrence Tidwell, Charles Tilghman, Jon Viado, Vickie Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

Ministers Schedule

November 29, 2020

Celebrant: Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.

Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell

Lector: Pearl Crutcher

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass via Zoom
	2:00 pm	Knights of Peter Claver
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
	7:00 pm	Vicariate Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Lectio Divina Prayer via Zoom
Thursday	10:00 am	Thanksgiving Day Mass via Zoom
Saturday	11:00 am	Knights of Peter Claver
	1:00 pm	Harvest Talent Festival via YouTube
Sunday	10:00 am	Mass via Zoom

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

Sacramental Preparation

Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic Church or receiving one of the sacraments? Please contact Jennie Sinatra at the Parish Office.

Collection Results

We continue to rely on your support. Please send your weekly donation to the Parish Office. Or you may want to consider online giving. It's convenient, secure, and totally in your control!

Give Online at spcccdetroit.org

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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website: www.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: Parish Staff is currently working from home. Please contact Ed Shea if you require assistance.

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