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St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

Are You in A Hurry? Pause and Listen Up!

February 4, 2024 – Jb.7:1-7&Mk.1:29-39 with 1Cor.9:16-23 – 5th Ordinary Sunday By Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.

If you are part of the "fan" base of the Lions, I believe an insight was given to millions of people last Sunday. The word, "fan," is short for "fanatic" or "zealot." The question I pose for consideration. Was it a 100-yard sprint or a 4-quarter marathon?

Job and Jesus build on each other a way to respond to people in a hurry to get there. Job sees his life as drudgery. Sounds like someone who wants to "get there." Mark reminds us Jesus passed Himself – always healing but knew when to be rest

Jesus never complained about all He was doing. He knew how to pace Himself. The bible records the world was created in 7 days ... but we now know 7 days is poetic. We know from science a day could be millions of years. He had a plan to rescue us.

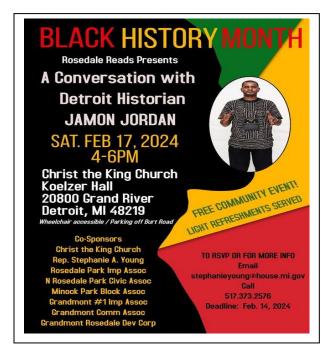
Paul was a "fan" of Yahweh. He was focused on "stopping people who were following the Way." Until he was stopped in his tracks. Blind. Could not find his way. Once He was baptized and went off to be trained, he knew how to be "all things to all."

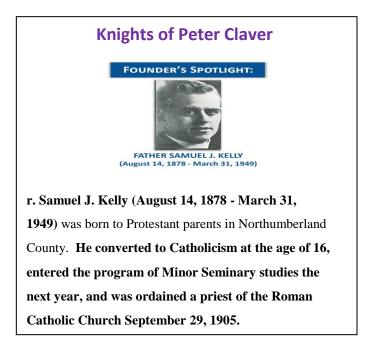
Last Sunday's newspaper had a small article stuck in the middle of everything being said about the game "It's been almost 60 years since a game of this magnitude" was played. I began to think of what has happened to Detroit since 1957.

The headline from USA Today read "Nonreligious Americans at 28%, survey shows". It focused on atheists and agnostics and said the exception were the Black people identified as atheists (2%) and (4%) agnostics.

This is the country in which we will live. Evangelization of such a pagan nation is not a race, unless you like a rat race. It's more like a marathon. First, we need to get our act together. Second, learn from the Master our position on the team. Third, practice.

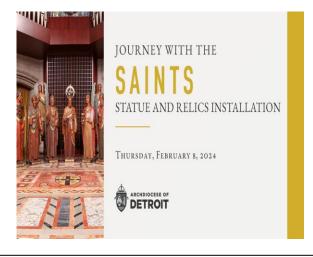
First, with the miseducation of the laity it will take some time to adjust to being a partner with the ordained. Second, we want to understand how the chosen works. Third, let's build with those who want to practice for the long run. Let's learn from the game that's over. The Confirmed are to have the zeal of Paul and the patience of Job.





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.



The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament invites all to visit and experience its long-anticipated relic installation and pilgrimage, "Journey with the Saints." The new installation features 12 life-sized statues of Christ's Apostles, complete with first-class relics of each Apostle. Join Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron and Fr. JJ Mech at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, for a special dedication service which will include choral music and prayer. Doors will open at 6:30pm.

"We are so happy to officially dedicate this Journey with the Saints pilgrimage installation. We believe miracles will occur at the Cathedral from the prayers offered on this pilgrimage and look forward to spreading the gospel through these statues and relics to the faithful in Detroit, Michigan and worldwide." - Very Rev. J.J. Mech

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Mr./Mrs. Ulysses Banks, Warren Bridges, Donald Carter Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, David Gallesero, Tequilla Garrett, Ara Grier, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Dorrell Moore, Joan S. Noland, Nancy Oberhausen, Celestine Parker, Fred & Villa Ray, Alther Redd Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, 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:

Olivia Boulden, Christopher Durant, Rochelle Evans, Andre Fox, Kiara Harris, Marley Jonah, Mary Caroline Jonah, Paul Lee, 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 Feb. 4th to Feb. 11th

Sunday Feb. 4th 10:00 am Mass at MC
The Blessing of the Throat

Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R Prie st in Solidum

Minister of Service: Alan Flounory

Lector: Gwen Cook

Tuesday 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon

14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227

Wednesday 11:00 am Lectio Divina (Zoom)

Thursday 6:30 pm Community Meal (Loyola HS Cafeteria)

Sunday Feb. 11th 10:00 am Mass at MC

Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R Prie st in Solidum

Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher

Lector: Aurelia Smith

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

CSA

Support the 2023
Catholic Service Appeal
CSA Goal is \$6,881.00
We are approximately 76% into our
Goal, with \$5808.00
If you have made your pledge,
thank you!
If not, we ask that you prayerfully
consider making a pledge

Pope to Notre Dame University: Help students dream with head, heart, hands

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Reconciliation: Before Mass by Appointment

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