



# St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

## Feel the Pain of those at the Periphery and Be Blessed!

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Lv.13:1-4 & Mk.1:40-46 with 1Cor.10:31-11:1 – February 11, 2024

Leprosy - to hear the message of the Word of God, to grasp the meaning of its message – more than a superficial explanation may help. Leprosy surfaced with skin sores. We could hide them. But they will spread all over. Eventually there's no hiding.

People would immediately react. It was seen as very contagious. Everyone needs to know who has this skin-disease. Everyone needs to stay away. The people with leprosy could live with their own and wait for fingers and toes to fall off and eventually they die.

Historically some people, doctors, and nurses, went past their fears. Some people loved the people with leprosy and went beyond the barriers. Like Fr. Damian of Molokai, there were some who lived with them, being compassionate and gave their lives for them.

The cure was found. Today this disease is practically extinct. They found the cause - the slow separation of the nervous system from the ends of our fingers and toes. No feeling, no blood-flow. The limbs would fall off, beginning with fingers and toes.

Spiritual leprosy works the same way. We don't feel people on the periphery of our society. The poor, the homeless, the thermally ill, the refugees - to name a few. Recently, those with Covid-19, could have been treated that way.

The attitude of isolating people on the periphery and cut them off is what I name as losing our feeling for those on the edge – the immigrants, the incarcerated, the unemployed – you could add others you know whom most don't feel their pain.

On this secular celebration of Superbowl, what a perfect day for the message of feeling the pain of the easily forgotten. The Word of Life is challenging us to think of them. The Word of Life is calling us out of our comfort zone.

It means to be able to be both and. Both to be able to enjoy life and to be ready to respond to others who suffer because of inequality and inequity not having what they need to survive, let alone thrive. It is complex and difficult – but not for those who love.

As we look to the beginning of the Lenten season, let's begin to think of what we can do in the community where we live – to be in the struggle with “those people.”

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**  
 Rosedale Reads Presents  
**A Conversation with**  
**Detroit Historian**  
**JAMON JORDAN**  
**SAT. FEB 17, 2024**  
**4-6PM**  
 Christ the King Church  
 Koelzer Hall  
 20800 Grand River  
 Detroit, MI 48219  
*Wheelchair accessible / Parking off Burt Road*



**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!**  
**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED**

Co-Sponsors  
 Christ the King Church  
 Rep. Stephanie A. Young  
 Rosedale Park Imp Assoc  
 N Rosedale Park Civic Assoc  
 Minook Park Block Assoc  
 Grandmont #1 Imp Assoc  
 Grandmont Comm Assoc  
 Grandmont Rosedale Dev Corp

TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFO  
 Email  
 stephanieyoung@house.mi.gov  
 Call  
 517.373.2576  
 Deadline: Feb. 14, 2024

Coming to SPCCC

**Women Bridging Change**

By request, the Healing Journey Curriculum will be offered again in a 12 week session

SISTERS, HOME VISITORS OF MARY, ASK YOU TO  
 TO COME FOR TEA, A FUND-RAISER



*Sunday, February 18, 2024*  
 2pm – 5pm  
 HOME VISITORS OF MARY  
 121 E. BOSTON DETROIT, MI 48202

**Guest Speaker: Bruce Allen Kopytek**  
 Detroit Historian and author of upcoming book  
 "The D & C Lines and the Fabulous Luxury Liners  
 of the Great Lakes"

We look forward to seeing you. Bring a friend. Free Will Donations to support the HVM Nigerian mission. Many great items for sale. RVSP to 313 869-2160.

### 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.

**MEETINGS / EVENTS Feb. 11th to Feb. 18th**



“Loyola changes lives,” said **Michael Black**, Loyola High School Detroit’s Interim Principal. He’s also a graduate.

Supporters say the high school has a reputation for enhancing students’ minds, bodies, and spirits. Administrators are excited Loyola High School Detroit is preparing to celebrate 14 consecutive years of 100-percent senior class college acceptance. It’s an accomplishment you don’t often hear too many high schools boasting about.

- Sunday** Feb. 4th 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
- Monday** 1:00 pm Staff Meeting  
4:00 pm Ministers of Service Meeting
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon  
14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina (Zoom)  
12:00 Noon Ash Wednesday
- Thursday** 7:00 pm Community Peace (Zoom)
- Friday** 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- Sunday** Feb. 18th 10:00 am Mass at MC  
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R Prie st in Solidum  
Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell  
Lector: Arianna Caderao  
6:00 pm Miseducation of the Catholic Podcast  
via (Zoom)

**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 \$5908.00  
If you have made your pledge,  
thank you!  
If not, we ask that you prayerfully  
consider making a pledge**

***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 Galletero, 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

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*Parish Office: 13305 Grove St., Detroit, MI 48235  
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*Church Location: Marygrove College-Sacred Heart Chapel  
8424 W. McNichols Rd. Detroit, MI 48221*

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

*Reconciliation: Before Mass by Appointment*

*Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 10 am-2 pm  
After hours please contact the Administrative Coordinator*

*Patricia Woods at (313) 342-5292*

***Reverend John Phelps, Priest in Solidum  
Chris Kendall, Engagement Coordinator / Music Director  
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