



St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

Between Water and the Desert Comes the Rainbow – Hope!

1st Sunday of Lent – Gn.9:8-15 & Mk.1:12-15 with 1 Pet.3:18-22 – February 18, 2024

By Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. – Priest in Solidum

The Rainbow is the result of the sun without water makes the earth dry. As water from the sky moistens the sand, a rainbow appears. So, it happened as Noah walked from the Arc. We are children of such a covenant.

In Black History month it is good to recall the prophetic people of the covenant, people who believed – Out of death will come life. Out of sorrow will come joy. Out of the end will come the beginning. Out of despair will come hope. Are you a Griot for others?

St. Peter presents Christ to us as suffering for our sins, our compromising the covenant love-relationship between the Creator and us. He says Christ, not Jesus. With the vision of the Resurrection, Christ looks to what He will do as Jesus to lift us up.

The message from the Word of Life on the First Plateau of Lent as Mark remembers. After 40 days in the desert compared to 40 days of the flood, Jesus starts on His Journey to meet the living – Repent and believe through Baptism to come to Life.

To St. Peter Jesus is the clear answer. Is it clear to you and me? Is it clear that we are to journey to others as Jesus did? Is it clear to us that we know the meaning of the rainbow – it comes out of dust and leads to the treasure of resurrected life?

I see the first plateau as the awareness of the miracle of being chosen to know the meaning of the covenant sealed with Jesus' Blood as a sacrifice to bring to our communal table the Bread of Life. We are to share this Unconditional love feast.

Hopefully, you are on the path to Pentecost through Resurrection beginning with embracing fasting, hearing the call from Christ to follow His way through the valley of death to the glory of the Resurrection. How was the "Lent Gospel Reflections"?

I am encouraging our Lenten Discipline – to grow in our ability to reflect on the Word and to see a path for our day to put our covenant relationship to the Eucharist into action. My invitation is to strengthen your conscience to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to you and me on which of the seven gifts are needed to respond to one of the seven capital sins.

Coming to SPCCC

Women Bridging Change

By request, the Healing Journey

Curriculum will be offered again
in a 12 week session

On Ash Wednesday, *Pope Francis* said that Lent is a time to look inward at our true selves and to share our deepest desires, worries, and weaknesses with the Lord in prayer

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.



ON THE ROUTE:

Opportunities for Encounter, Evangelization, and Hospitality During A Eucharistic Procession

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 | 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 2, 2024 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY
2701 CHICAGO BLVD, DETROIT, MI 48206

The Department of Evangelization and Mission Discipleship invites you to a training focused on Eucharistic Processions. We will look at the history and best practices of Eucharistic Processions and learn how Processions can be powerful tools for evangelization, particularly to neighbors encountered during the event, people out for a walk and those who want to know more. Working with Saint Paul Street Evangelization, this training will equip you to share the Gospel message during a Eucharistic Procession and engage people with your Family of Parishes.

RSVP AT AOD.ORG/ON-THE-ROUTE

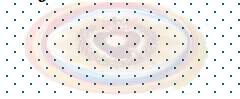


MEETINGS / EVENTS Feb. 18th to Feb. 25th

- Sunday** Feb. 18th 10:00 am Mass at MC
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell
Lector: Arianna Caderao
5:00 pm Miseducation of the Catholic
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina (Zoom)
- Friday** 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- Saturday** 11:00 am Knights of Peter Claver
- Sunday** Feb. 25th 10:00 am Mass at MC
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher
Lector: Kathryn Crutcher
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

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

CSA

Support the 2023
Catholic Service Appeal
CSA Goal is \$6,881.00

We are approximately 87% into our Goal,
with \$6008.00

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

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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

Church Location: Marygrove College-Sacred Heart Chapel
8424 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 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

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Chris Kendall, Engagement Coordinator / Music Director
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