



At The End Of The Day Where Your Life Ends Is What Matters

26th Sunday – Ezek.18:25-28 & Mt.21:28-32 with Phil.2:1-5 – October 1, 2023

By Fr. John Phelps, CSsR – In Solidum

Do you hear the teaching that rolls from the Hebrew Scriptures to the Christian Scriptures? Our God is an awesome God. What is that quality in God that is true in both readings? You name it, God’s willingness to never give up on anyone. Agreed?

This is the intuition of a great coach, a good parent, a wonderful teacher. They take others where they are and walk with them. This art of accompanying someone else is what lies in what I see as our not just surviving but thriving.

Messing up is part of the journey of living. Nobody’s perfect. It’s the hope that each of us has a second chance. It will take a deliberate decision to begin the process of change. It takes encouragement. In fact, isn’t that one reason why we’re chosen?

Take St. Peter Claver Day. The Liturgy under the tent... The Jazz on the Grass (imagination is the greatest nation) to follow... It took a lot of give-and-take. If you were there, what a joy to see people working together so well. And it was fun.

St. Paul spoke of growing in community. He was so gentle and human as He stepped out in faith. He did so not for his own interest but of those others. And that’s what he calls us to want to do.

Back in 1973 I went on a 30-day retreat in the month of September after 5 years in priesthood. I wanted to look at my journey to that moment. I discovered my vocation within my vocation. It has been focus LIFE – Love Includes Forgiving Everyone.

On the feast of the Little Flower, I was sent on mission for youth and young adults who are distant and at risk of not knowing the love of Jesus for each of them. I joined with others. I felt chosen to be sent to the lost, the poor and the abandoned.

I pray you all listen to your own journey and what the lesson of God’s providential hand has brought you to be called to do for others. It’s a call to humility to let God bring all to know His love is everlasting. May the gift of our meeting be seen as enriching our own lives through the holy moments we have had together.



Jazz on the Grass



Harvest Dinner at Eastern Market

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 reconnect 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.

Reminders:

Trunk & Treat TUESDAY OCT 31ST
2pm-6pm --- DONATIONS WELCOME;
Your inclusion with cars, trucks or
vans and treats.

FOP - October 14th 1-3pm St. Charles
Lwanga (Wear our St. Peter Claver
Tee Shirt. Available for \$20 regular
sizes, X's \$25.00. For Sale after
church or during the week at Church
Office.

COMMUNITY Meal - Thursday,
October 12th 7 pm - Dance shoes
required



Architectural concept of the New SPCCC

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, Peggy Endlein, 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, 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 Oct 1st to Oct 8th

- Sunday** Oct 1st 11:00 am Mass at Grove and Schafer
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps (Priest in Solidum)
Minister of Service: Alan Flounory
Lector: Kathryn Crutcher
- Monday** 6:30 pm Leadership Mtg. Marian Room (MC)
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
7:00 pm Mission Commission Mtg.
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina (Zoom)
- Saturday** 8:00 am Administration Board Mtg.
- Sunday** Oct 8th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
“ Friends and Family Sunday”
Celebrant: Fr. Greg Jones
Minister of Service: Alan Flounory
Lector: Kathryn Crutcher

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

CSA
Support the 2023 CSA
(Catholic Services Appeal)

CSA Goal is \$6,881.00

The total amount pledges as of today date is
\$2,163.00

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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Mission Commission, Tanda Flounory

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Stewardship, Clarence Watts

Elders Counsel, Larry and Willetta Rhodes