



St. Peter Claver Catholic Community



Step Up And Step Out – Do We Want The Energy? Epiphany – Is.60:1-6 & Mt.2:1-12 with Eph.3:2-6 – January 8, 2023

By Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.

Do we want to be stewards of God's grace? St. Paul came to this conclusion when he wrote his letter to the Ephesians. He received all so as to give to the Gentiles. A few centuries later our Church declared Mary was the mother of God for our sake.

Yesterday we gathered as five Confirmed Catholics parishes for our first meeting as a Family of Parishes. I asked the Captains of our Evangelization, Formation and Administration Teams with Chairs of Mission, Ministry and Stewardship Commissions to join our Pastoral Team to show up and step up.

We will share what came from this first meeting. We will share with you the spirit of the gathering of five communities. And we will come to you with the question, do we want to step up and step out? I ask the question on this feast of the three kings.

Pope Francis wrote a letter to all of us challenging us all to respond to the three major diseases of our global society. After being our leader for a few years he called us to look at individualism, hedonism, and minimalism. It all ends with an empty life.

Starting with what's in it for me and looking for what pleases me ends with our doing what little we need to do. We have the grace to respond in the spirit of beginning with what others lack that we can give of our time and talent to meet as a community.

It's good to know that when excellence rises, mediocrity coalesces to kill it. When I come to pray, to preach, to plan and then to do what I do, I see us all as called to do what we all do best. I believe as we do our best Jesus through Mary does the rest!

The three kings have gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They traveled a long way to give what their expression of dedication. Why? Because they were chosen to see the Star and they went to see the One Who chose him.

We are confirmed Catholic Christians. What we do is what we mean by what we say. We are in a spiritual warfare. God is waiting on us, chosen as Their copartners to serve, not to be served. With Eucharistic Energy, we can do our part. Do we want to?



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**Thanks.
Fr. John**

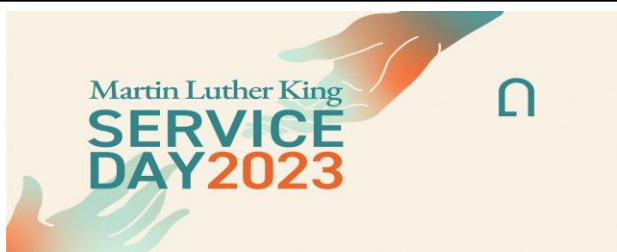
Please pray for Elmira Chase, a relative of Anna Washington, who is critically ill. She is a long time parishioner of SPCCC.

Please pray for the family of Tracy Alexander Golden who was murdered on Wednesday, December 28, 2022.

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.

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Youth ministries from across the Archdiocese of Detroit will honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by witnessing the power of God's Mercy during the Martin Luther King Service Day on Saturday, January 14th! This event, hosted by parishes and taking place on-site at various community organizations, on parish grounds, or at home, will mobilize hundreds of young people to serve in their communities! Whether your parish has participated every year or will be for the first time this year-- the world hungers for an experience of God's Mercy like never before! Are you in?

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren Bridges, Donald Carter Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, David Galletero, Tequilla Garrett, Ara Grier, Sandra Griffin, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Dorrell Moore, Charles Nelson, Joan S. Noland, Nancy Oberhausen, Celestine Parker, Fred & Villa Ray, Alther Redd Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, Jeanne Schultdt, 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:

Wayne Bradley, 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 Jan. 8th to Jan. 15th

Sunday Jan. 8th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher
Lector: Kathryn Crutcher

Tuesday 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227

Wednesday 11:00 am Lectio Divina via Zoom

Saturday 2:00 pm Ladies of Peter Claver

Sunday Jan. 15th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Sandra Horn
Lector: Jay Jones

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

Support the States Tea

Our Third Annual Virtual States Tea began in December and runs through February.
If you did not receive information in the mail, contact the parish office or the parish website at spcccdetroit.org.
You can make your contribution under the special events on the parish website online giving.

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

Church Location: Marygrove College-Sacred Heart Chalel
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

Reverend John Phelps, Priest in Solidum
Chris Kendall, Engagement Coordinator / Music Director
Patricia Woods, Administrative Coordinator

Team Captains:

Evangelization: Ed Shea

Formation, Mary Radford

Administration, Jeff Flounory

Commission Chairs:

Mission Commission, Tanda Flounory

Ministry Commission, Sandra Horn

Stewardship, Clarence Watts

Elders Counsel, Larry and Willetta Rhodes