SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Spring Forward - Join and Imitate – Easier Said Than Done
2nd Sunday of Lent – Gen.15:5-18 & Lk.9:28-36 with Ph.3:17-4:1 – March 13, 2022

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

St. Paul is sharing with his companions what is the result of grace calling and their wanting to imitate him. There are two patterns, two ways. I hear what Paul is teaching as a fork in the road. We go one way or the other. It makes all the difference.

The more traveled road is described as being taken by the "enemies of the cross of Christ." This road centers on earthy things. What are they? Doing what we want for our sake … deciding what matters to us … being concerned about what pleases us.

The less traveled road is taken by the "citizens of heaven". They are people who let their bodies be transformed from fallen human nature into redeemed human nature. Do what God wants, discern what serves God's people, want to please God's people.

The message of transformation is rooted in Genesis and comes to full flower in Luke. Abram goes into a deep sleep only to awaken with fire purifying his sacrifice. Peter awakens to see Moses and Elijah leave and Jesus alone to draw all to Himself.

We have been chosen to take the road less traveled. Why? For the sake of those to whom we are sent. We are to live our lives in such a way that others can imitate us. Not so much in what we do as much in why we do what we do.

What do citizens of heaven do on earth? This question goes to the heart of the matter. Reflect on why Mary was chosen, why Jesus was sent, why He transformed His followers, why they were sent? Why?

It is so simple which might be why many make it complicated. He came to forgive, to change the paradigm. What He did was heal. What He said was reconcile. What He got was death. What followed His Death was Life – Life Transformed.

What we do with and for each other is to encourage wanting to heal. What we say to others is sharing the truth of forgiving as we challenge those who do not to know the road less traveled. We live this way because we are citizens of heaven who happen to be in Detroit. Easy? Not at all! Possible? Absolutely! How? Grace – our Confirmation!

Rite of Election

Congratulations goes to Taylier Lewis on receiving the Rite of Election at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, pictured here with her sponsor Gwen Cook.

Lenten/Holy Week Worship Schedule

This holy season provides us a special opportunity to grow closer to Jesus as we reflect on how He suffered and died for us, only to bring eternal hope through His glorious resurrection. Following is a summary of our worship schedule. Details on specific services will be provided when available.

- Every Friday (3/4 - 4/8) Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.
- Holy Thursday (4/14) Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday (4/15) Stations of the Cross at 12:00 noon
  Liturgy at 1:00 p.m.
- Holy Saturday (4/16) Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday (4/17) Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Lent is a time of reconciliation, as we prepare ourselves to receive the graces of Jesus' resurrection. We will have a Reconciliation Service as part of our Mass on March 27. However, keep in mind that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Sunday for about one-half hour before Mass.

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.

Date	*Minister of Service*	*Lector*
3/20	Sandra Horn	Larry Rhodes

The Celebrant will be Rev. Joe Dailey

We are actively singers to join the choir. You may reach out to Music Minister Christopher Kendall at: cmkendall@spcccdetroit.org if interested.

March 25–27: Detroit Catholic Young Adults Lenten Retreat

Life is busy. Maybe you're stressed, anxious, tired, distracted, or stuck. Or perhaps life is going well but you desire a deeper connection with God. Jesus wants to give you His peace and direction. He has graces waiting for you. Take the time this Lent to turn off the noise and to rest with Him on the Detroit Catholic Young Adults Lenten Retreat.

Save the Date

On **Sunday, April 3**, we will have a **Town Hall Meeting** after Mass to provide updates on the future of our parish, as we prepare to join our Family of Parishes on July 1. We request that all members of the parish participate in this important meeting.

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren Bridges, Donald & Barbara Carter, Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, David Gallesero, 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, Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, Jeanne Schuldt, 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*

Reconfirming Our Faith:
Understanding the Mass.

Saturday, March 19, 2022, at 1:00 pm
PRESENTERS: SPCCC Formation Team Members
In Person Parish Office: 13305 Grove Street
or Virtual via Zoom:
St. Peter Claver Catholic Community parish website

SPCCC Lenten 2022
Opportunity for Almsgiving:

Fill a *BABY BOTTLE $$$* (loose change…)
to support COTS at Peggy's Place
(16630 Wyoming St, Detroit, MI 48221)

Please return filled *BABY BOTTLE(s) $$$*
Palm Sunday
April 10, 2022

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	**10:00 am**	**Mass in Church and via Zoom**
Tuesday	**10:00 am**	**St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon**
	7:00 pm	**Vicariate Meeting**
Wednesday	**11:00 am**	**Lectio Divina via Zoom**
Thursday	**7:00 pm**	**SPCCC Pastoral Council**
Friday	**6:30 pm**	**Stations of the Cross/ Marygrove**
	12:00 pm	**SPCCC Ministry Commision**
Saturday	**11:00 am**	**Knights of Peter Claver**
Sunday	**10:00 am**	**Mass in Church and via Zoom**

Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College
Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College
For the "live" Parish Calendar, go to spcccdetroit.org

Save Those Pennies

Bring in your loose coins. Tanda Flounory will collect them for donation to the parish. Thank you to those who donate.

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community
Parish Office:13305 Grove St., Detroit, MI 48235
(313) 342-5292
Church: Marygrove College - Sacred Heart Chapel
8425 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit, MI 48221
email: parishoffice@spcccdetroit.org
website: www.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 or By Appointment
Parish Office Hours: Parish Staff is currently working from home. Please contact Ed Shea if you require assistance.

.....

Reverend John Phelps, C.Ss.R., Pastor
Edward Shea, Administrative Manager/Bulletin Editor
Cell: (248) 633-4476
Jennie Sinatra, Formation Director
Christopher Kendall, Engagement Coordinator/Music Minister
Tanda Flounory, Parish Pastoral Council Chair
LaTanya Mahdi, Finance Council Chair