



Let's Not Keep The Secret – Life Rises After Death
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.
April 18, 2021 - 3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:13-19 & Luke 24:35-48 with 1 John 2:1-5

We have a secret weapon, hidden in plain sight. Jesus is telling His followers. He has chosen them to be sent to reveal this secret to life. Peter is His first leader who knows firsthand the secret – “Repent and be converted, your sins may be wiped away!”

Throughout our country we have been hearing of the dying. Between the virus and the vices that surround us, we are remembering the Resurrected Jesus. We know Jesus forgave Peter. He’s forgiven us. Jesus wants the same for the whole world.

We are not chosen because we are perfect. We are chosen because we are sinners. Jesus loved the sinners in the Upper Room to whom He sent His disciples on the road to Emmaus. Jesus asked to eat, pretty ordinary, then said, “don’t you know?”

Don’t we know? We’re gathered in the “Room” aware of the killing and the dying. We hear the fear and the discouragement among people with whom we live and work. But what is different for us is that we who know forgiving know that life rises after death.

Don’t keep the truth to ourselves. Let others know that we hear of death. We cry. Then we stand up and go on toward L.I.F.E. – We go on to Love Including Forgiving Everyone. We are chosen to let go of our patterns of selfishness and do what Jesus did.

We are to encourage people who are talking and speaking negative. Share our vision of virtue over vice – love cast out fear. We are to look forward with the vision of the Resurrection perceiving forgiving as our way of responding to fallen human nature.

I know the negative. History seems to be the narrative of who killed who. But I also know the positive. I know we are chosen to know the secret. I know we are sent to share with others beginning with friends and neighbors.

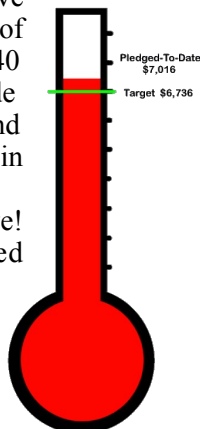
We cannot make our God not forgive us. He sent His Son for our life. We killed Him. And He raised Him up to forgive. We can’t stop God from forgiving and calling us to change our lives to do the same – to get involved in life-giving actions. This way we can show by our actions that we are for real! Live our Confirmation – tell the truth!

2020 Catholic Services Appeal
WE DID IT!!

Congratulations to all! We have now surpassed our 2020 CSA target of \$6,736 by \$280! That means that \$140 will be donated to our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry, which provides food and other services to those most in need in our parish community.

Of course, it’s not too late to give! Any additional amounts received toward the 2020 CSA Campaign will be split 50/50 with St. Vincent de Paul. Just go to our parish website to donate, or contact Ed Shea. Note that you will need to specify whether you are donating to the 2020 Campaign, or the soon to be launched 2021 Campaign.

Thank you to all who have donated to the CSA Campaign.



2021 Parish Spirit Award

Today, Fr. John will announce the recipient of this year’s Parish Spirit Award for St. Peter Claver. Thank you to all who submitted nominations. The award ceremony will be held on April 28; however, due to COVID protocols, attendance will be limited to the recipient, Fr. John, and 2 invitees to be determined by the recipient. Everyone else will be able to participate via Zoom. A link will be placed on our parish website.

Celebrating Our Confirmation!

This Pentecost (May 23), we will take an opportunity to celebrate being Confirmed Catholic Christians - chosen to be sent! Fr. John has asked each parishioner to provide her/his confirmation name and date. If you cannot recall one or both, you can obtain the information by contacting the church where you were confirmed, or the church where you were baptized. If you need assistance, please contact Ed Shea. Also, please provide your confirmation information to Ed by phone, mail, or email.

Please note that, due to ongoing COVID restrictions, the Parish Synod, planned for May 22, will be deferred to a later date.

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.



St. Paul of the Cross
Passionist Retreat Center

Mondays with
mystics

Monday,
April 19
Gregory of Palamas

Faith Offman will lead this live online experience of exploration and prayer. Using ZOOM, participants will learn about each mystic and his or her spirituality and join in a shared prayer experience.

Monthly events will take place on Mondays from 7 - 8:30 pm. Cost is \$35 per event.

 **register online at stpaulretreat.org**
Questions? Contact Cathy at cadamk@stpaulretreat.org or (313)286-2800.
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Ministers Schedule

April 25, 2021

Celebrant: Rev. Alex Steinmiller, C.P.
Minister of Service: Mary Caroline Jonah
Lector: Kathryn Crutcher

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
- Wednesday 11:00 am Lectio Divina via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Administration Team Meeting via Zoom
- Saturday 11:00 am Knights of Peter Claver via Conference Call
- 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

Sacramental Preparation

Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic Church or receiving one of the sacraments? Please contact Jennie Sinatra at the Parish Office.

Collection Results

We continue to rely on your support. Please send your weekly donation to the Parish Office. Or you may want to consider online giving. It's convenient, secure, and totally in your control!

Give Online at spcccdetroit.org

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, Ara Grier, Sandra Griffin, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Augusta Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Charles Nelson, Joan S. Noland, Nancy Oberhausen, Grady & Celestine Parker, Fred & Villa Ray, Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, Jeanne Schuldt, Irene Scott, Gussie Sey, Augusta Starks, Mary Tyler, Christine Versele, Helen Wajda, Anna Washington, Lillie Washington, Carmel Weems, Leonard & Ona Wilson

Also, Please Remember in Prayer:

Wayne Bradley, Olivia Boulden, Christopher Durant, Rochelle Evans, 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, and relatives of our parishioners

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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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 or By Appointment

Parish Office Hours: Parish Staff is currently working from home. Please contact Ed Shea if you require assistance.

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