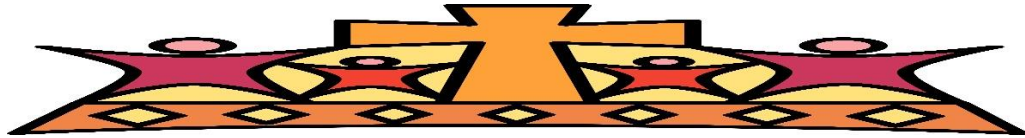


St. Peter Claver Catholic Community



Be Persistent – God Teaches Us This Way To Pray
October 16, 2022 – Ex.17:8-13 & Lk.18:1-8 with 2 Tm.3:14-4:2 – 29th Sunday

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

What do you think of what Jesus taught us to do? Be persistent. Be a pest. Keep on keeping on. Like Moses did when he was leading his people he would not give up or give in. He kept on giving. That spirit of perseverance is very clear. Agreed?

St Paul has a persistent message to those who are chosen to be free. He wants to reinforce what they had learned from him. He asks them hold on to what they believe. He speaks about developing wisdom to walk as Jesus walked. He breaks it down.

Right away Paul lets it be known that he is teaching what he himself had learned. They were not being given Paul's opinion. They were being given Revelation to guide their lives. He shared it in a way that would be convincing. He called it the Good News.

As Paul presented the Word, he was refuting what had been given as some of the teachings from both the Jewish tradition and Gentiles alike. His core message of Jesus who died then rose to set us free to receive the same life and to be sent to share.

People were following a way that was not following Jesus' Way. Like he had doing before he was converted with the question, "Why are you persecuting Me?" Take that one teaching – to forgive 7 times 70. So much changed from the eye for an eye.

Training would be a life-long process. Paul was persistent about the urgency to move toward getting it right. He wanted the people to be competent. He wanted every person who wants to follow Jesus to be equipped for every good work.

We live in a pluralistic society. We are chosen to bring to light the way Jesus sees life from conception to natural old age. We are to radiate this teaching by what we say and what we do. When we are given opportunities to do so, let's teach in His name.

People may not agree with what we believe. Even the majority may hold a truth, such as the beginning of human life, which is not consistent with the teachings of Jesus. We are positioned to share the truth we have sacred. It may look like we lose. But at the end of the day, be grateful we had the courage to know the truth and share it.

The SPCCC Target Goal is \$ 7,190



FUEL THE MISSION

Scripture verse for this year's Catholic Services Appeal comes from 1 Peter 4:10: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." Joy, love, service, and hospitality are the hallmarks of Christ's followers and the gift we offer to the people in southeast Michigan.

Each year, the Catholic Services Appeal provides us an opportunity to celebrate the ways our Church in Detroit responds to the material and spiritual needs of individuals and families. One parish alone could not meet these many needs. It is through the sharing of our gifts and our service that we, together, can be the Church Christ wants us to be.

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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Dear St. Peter Claver Family

Re: Westwood Nursing Home

Help us rekindle our relationship with Westwood Nursing Home, located on Shaefer south corner of Grove. Pearl, Jennie, and I visited the facility, assessed their condition and special Needs. They are under new management and would greatly appreciate all that we can assist with during the coming months. They Currently have 77 residents with plans to increase to 120 by years end. Goals are to help meet some of their immediate needs, re-establish the annual giving tree, and promote a yearlong partnership. We all know the great feeling of giving and volunteering. Together we can let them know through spiritual and corporal works of mercy that we are thinking of them. During this initial drive, we ask if you can donate men's (women's) outer coat(s) and sweaters (new and slightly used in *sizes Lg, XL, XXL, XXXL, or small* lap blanks. This beginning opportunity is a way to share our gifts with men and women in our immediate community. Donations will be accepted now through Thanksgiving and delivered after Mass. Thank you!!
Patricia Woods

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

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 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, Alther Redd 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

MEETINGS / EVENTS Oct. 16th to Oct. 23rd

- Sunday** Oct. 16th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
Celebrant: Fr. Peter Chinnappan
Minister of Service: Sandra Horn
Lector: Larry Rhodes
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina via Zoom
1:00 pm Sacramental Record Training
- Thursday** 7:00 pm Community Peace Circle Zoom
- Sunday** Oct. 23rd 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
Celebrant: Fr. Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss R., Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher
Lector: Kathryn Crutcher

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

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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 or By Appointment
Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 10 am-2 pm
After hours please contact the Administrative Coordinator

Patricia Woods at 313-736-0852

Reverend John Phelps, Priest In Solidum
Chris Kendall, Engagement Coordinator/Music Director

Administrative Coordinator, Patricia Woods

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Mission Commission, Tanda Flounory
Ministry Commission, Sandra Horn
Stewardship, Clarence Watts
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