



**The Peace Of Christ Control Our Hearts  
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.  
December 27, 2020 - Feast of the Holy Family  
Sirach 3:2-14 & Luke 2:22-40 with Colossians 3:12-21**

The lesson plan by the Creator to heal the hurts of the human experience centers on the family – the husband and wife with child. It was that dynamic that let go of Good as its source of life and let Evil seduce and deceive. What an awesome God we have!

The husband becomes the foster father. The wife conceives Creator’s love. The Child is born full of hope. Luke will say “the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom and the grace of God was upon him.”

Sirach, the “Catechism of the early Church”, would share the ideal family where the father provides and the mother nurtures the children. The way it unfolds finds the children caring for their father as he fails.

We enter the New Year. What a different set of challenges are before us. We are looking to our “family of parishes.” Within each parish are families and individuals who are the result of families from many cultures with various social and economic diversity.

What does St. Paul say to us? “Put on Christ with heartfelt compassion and kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” What an opportunity we have to bring such an action plan forward for those who want Christ to be in control of our lives!

We are coming out of a pandemic where our world had the same experience. If we didn’t find a way to do what is best for the common good, we would find ourselves facing death. It was a matter of life or death – everything needed to take second place.

I am thankful for those in whom the Word became our “Playbook.” We let it teach us to bear with one another and forgive with the energy of love to overcome fear. We would be patient with those who didn’t want to accept at first. But many changed.

Now let’s continue to admonish each other as we move forward rebuilding our lives one person at a time. May our resolution be to continue to grow in wisdom with Mary to show us how to do all we do in the name of the Lord Jesus. All it takes is breathing peace after death speaks L.I.F.E. – Love Includes Forgiving Everyone.

**2020 Catholic Services Appeal**

The 2020 CSA Campaign continues. All are invited to visit [www.AOD.org](http://www.AOD.org) for more information about the CSA, or you can make a donation at [www.givecsa.org](http://www.givecsa.org). If you require assistance in making a pledge, please contact Ed Shea.

To date, our total amount pledged is \$4,975, or 74% of our target. *(There are no updates during the holiday.)* Remember, any amounts received over the target are returned to the parish, and will be shared 50/50 with our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.



**“Discovering Your Gifts” Workshop**

Beginning on Monday, January 25, and for the 4 consecutive Mondays afterwards, we will host the “Discovering Your Gifts” Workshop via Zoom. This is an opportunity for each of us, and for the parish, to identify the gifts and talents that we have to give to others as we advance the mission of St. Peter Claver. Each week’s session will run for 90 minutes, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost, including the workbook, is only \$20. As we celebrate 15 years as a parish, let’s prepare for the future by identifying our true treasury - the time and talent of those chosen to be sent to others.

For more information, or to sign up for the workshop, go to the parish website, or contact the parish office.

**January 1 - Mary, Mother of God**

This Friday, New Year’s Day, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. here in the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College, and live-streamed through our website.

**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.

### Stay-At-Home States Tea

You should have received a mailing for St. Peter Claver's first "Stay-At-Home States Tea." This is a "virtual" States Tea that will run through February 2021. Please consider supporting this fundraising initiative as we seek new ways to support the ongoing mission of the parish during the pandemic. You can mail in your donation, or donate online at [spcccdetroit.org](http://spcccdetroit.org).



The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance's Urban Parish Coalition Presents our **FIRST**

# Virtual KWANZAA Celebration

**Monday, December 28, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

Join us on Zoom or on YouTube from our webpage:  
<https://dcpasite.com/kwanzaa>

### *Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team*

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren & Marcella Bridges, Donald & Barbara Carter, Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, Ron Galletero, 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 Seay, Augusta Starks, Mary Tyler, Christine Versele, Helen Wajda, Anna Washington, Lillie Washington, Carmel Weems, 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, 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

### Ministers Schedule

**Celebrant: Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.**

**January 1, 2021**

**Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher**

**Lector: Kathryn Crutcher**

**January 3, 2021**

**Minister of Service: Alan Flounory**

**Lector: Sandra Horn**

### 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 1:00 pm Lectio Divina via Zoom  
Friday 10:00 am Mass in Church and via Zoom  
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](http://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](http://spcccdetroit.org)**

### *St. Peter Claver Catholic Community*

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*website: [www.spcccdetroit.org](http://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.**

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