



## **The Rejects Are Chosen To Produce – What's Our Response?**

**Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.**

**October 4, 2020 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Isaiah 5:1-7 & Matthew 21:33-43 with Philippians 4:6-9**

"The Peace of God ... surpasses all understanding." "The God of peace will be with you." Take a look at our public life. With so much noise around us, the sound of the peacemakers has been rejected. Isn't it an amazing time to receive such a message?

The message from Isaiah and Matthew is very clear. The original planting and nurturing of the vineyard ended in failure – the crop itself and the people sent to pick the grapes were destroyed. Jesus made His point – the rejects will take over and get it right.

Our climate as a community is struggling. Many people are thin on patience. Keeping hope alive is hard for so many. It's time for us who know the God Who chose us to pray and ask with a spirit of thanksgiving. Let's radiate the Word and give it life.

Let's turn Paul's encouragement into our own walk ... our talk.

- Whatever is true – we love each other and call to cheer each other on!
- Whatever is honorable – to thank each other for being faithful to our community!
- Whatever is just – let our friends know by call or by wave we wish them the best!
- Whatever is lovely – those at work or in school, hoping they're in good health!
- Whatever is gracious – willing to volunteer our time as we meet people in need!

This is the fruit that comes from people working together to make the world we touch a better place because we are here. This is what Jesus did. This is what Paul did. Now we are asked to do what we learned and received, heard and seen from others.

They did what they did so we could receive what we did. Now it's our turn to take up the challenge. Let's not think about the leaders who were not true or honorable, unjust or mean or not appreciative. Let's think about those who were our role models.

We are moving forward as St. Peter Claver Catholic Community. We have every reason to be proud of all the work that has been done during our pandemic. The young adult retreat, the Mentoring of the Confirmed, the choir members leading the music, and the staff livestreaming the Mass – how much is worthy of praise – Let's be grateful.

### **2020 Catholic Services Appeal**

The 2020 CSA Campaign is underway. ***This year's CSA target for our parish is \$6,736.*** For those who gave in 2017, 2018 or 2019, CSA information was mailed to you directly by the Archdiocese. In addition, all parishioners will be receiving a letter from Father John this week. Finally, 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). To date, we have received \$1,750 in pledges, or 26% of our target. 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.



### **SAVE THE DATE - New Church Update!**

On Wednesday, October 21 at 1:00 p.m. and repeated on Thursday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m., our Building Committee, led by Jeff Flounory and Clarence Watts, will be joined by David Smith, President of Loyola High School, to present an update on the project to build our new church. The presentation will be via Zoom video conference. Details will be provided.

### **Third Annual International Rosary Coast to Coast Event**

Gather at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11th at Old St Mary's Greektown for a Eucharistic procession through the streets of Greektown and to pray the rosary for peace in our world.

For more information, please contact the World Apostolate of Fatima Detroit Archdiocesan Division at [bluearmy18637@gmail.com](mailto:bluearmy18637@gmail.com), or call (313) 320-7887, or go to [fatimashrinedetroit.org](http://fatimashrinedetroit.org).

### ***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.

### From the St. Paul of the Cross Retreat House Kitchen

When you haven't been to St. Paul's in awhile, there are lots of things you miss. The beautiful grounds, tranquil chapel, inspiring talks, comfortable bedrooms, and.....

#### THE POT ROAST!

Wouldn't a plate of St. Paul's famous, mouth-watering pot roast and mashed potatoes hit the spot on a fall evening? We thought so, too!

Don't miss your chance to experience the most popular meal from Chef Dave and the St. Paul kitchen from the comfort of your own home. Preordered dinners can be picked up on Thursday, October 22 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Dinners will be safely packaged and ready for your pick up at 23333 Schoolcraft Road in Detroit - simply drive up and we will have your meals ready for you!

Meals cost \$20 each and must be preordered at <https://www.stpaulretreat.org/event/pot-roast-take-out-event/> or call (313) 535-9563. Each meal includes pot roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, hot vegetable and dinner salad. A selection of desserts prepared by St. Paul staff members will be available for your selection as well!

### Sacramental Inquiry and Introduction Classes

#### *Come Discover the Catholic Faith*

Are you called to be Catholic? Come and See!! Looking to be baptized, confirmed or make your first communion? *This class is for you.*

Are you a parent with a child that needs a sacrament? *This class is for you both.*

Are you Catholic and would like to know more to share your faith with others? *Then you are invited.*

If interested, Email: Jennie Sinatra,

Director of Formation at [jmsinatra@spcccdetroit.org](mailto:jmsinatra@spcccdetroit.org), or call the parish office at 313-342-5292.



#### *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 October 11, 2020

**Celebrant: Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.**  
**Minister of Service: Sandra Horn**  
**Lector: Pearl Crutcher**  
**Cantor: Aurelia Smith**

### 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 Prayer via Zoom
	6:30 pm	Women Bridging Change via Zoom
Saturday	12:30 pm	Sacramental Formation via Zoom
	2:00 pm	Ladies 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

*If, due to health or COVID concerns, you cannot attend Mass on Sunday, but would like to have someone bring you Eucharist, please contact Jennie Sinatra or Ed Shea, and we will work with you to make arrangements.*

### Collection Results

**We continue to rely on your support. If you are unable to join us on Sunday at Marygrove, you can 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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**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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