



What's Our Way to Obey?

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

March 1, 2020 - 1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-3:7 & Matthew 4:1-11 with Romans 5:12-19

It is amazing how the author of the creation story we just heard wrote that God took clay and fashioned the first man and breathed the spirit into him. He was asked to obey God and not eat of the tree in the center – Knowledge of Good and Evil.

It was not good for man to be alone. So God fashioned the woman using his rib. And the two were to become one. The first temptation came from the “serpent” to the woman to disobey what she heard from the man. She ate, didn’t die. And he ate.

Notice how God came to find the man, not the woman. God had spoken to him. He had shared with her what God had told him. What would have happened if the man had not eaten of the forbidden tree. Could his response to her be – you are forgiven?

We begin our readiness to remember the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. The three temptations are at the beginning of Him going public – stone to bread, testing God by jumping from the temple, and serving the devil – the “serpent.”

All of us have eaten from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. All of us have suffered as a result of disobedience. All of us need to be forgiven. All of us are called, as Adam and Eve were called, to till the soil, to be good stewards.

To be good stewards means we want to obey Jesus who gives us Life. To be tempted is to want God to be the clay and for us to be the potter. Aren’t you totally amazed at how He emptied himself, became a slave and died to set those who fall free?

To obey is to know what we have been given – our time, our talents and our treasury. To obey is to want to love the One Who chose us to do what His will for those to whom He sends us. To obey is to use what we are given for His honor and glory.

Jesus, I trust in You – the prayer of Divine Mercy. On our money we say “In God We Trust.” Do we show our trust by the way we use our money and all it represents? As we begin our Lenten series, reflect as obedient stewards, given what we have, as a Catholic community, what does God ask of us? If we do our best, God will do the rest!

Mass/Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, we will celebrate the Eucharist and pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome.

Also, since we are now in the solemn season of Lent, it’s good to remind everyone that Father offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the sacristy to the left of the altar. What a wonderful way to prepare to celebrate our Lord’s glorious resurrection at Easter.

Community Meal

This month’s Community Meal, to take place on Thursday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m., will be the first one hosted in the cafeteria of Loyola High School. This is our opportunity to meet and get to know our neighbors. We ask all parishioners to consider attending and to invite a neighbor or friend. We can only build our community by reaching out to others!

Earline Gaston

Long-time parishioner, Earline Gaston, passed into eternal life on Thursday. Details regarding funeral arrangements will be provided when available via a robocall. Please pray for Earline and her family.

Lenten Mini-Series

Today, Father John begins the Lenten Mini-Series, *Stewardship: God’s Partnership with the Chosen*. The series will continue on March 15 and March 29 as part of extended liturgies in church.

This Week at St. Peter Claver

- Stewardship Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. on Monday at the Parish House.
- Lectio Divina prayer resumes on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at the Parish House.

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.



FRI, MARCH 20 – 7:00PM
vs. GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan has secured special pricing not available to the general public. Through this offer, CCSEM Donors, Employees, Family, & Friends will receive exclusive savings to see the Pistons take on Golden State Warriors at Little Caesars Arena on Friday, March 29 at 7pm. Each ticket purchase to the Pistons vs. Warriors game includes a Pistons item and a donation to CCSEM!

EXCLUSIVE TICKET PRICING:

100 LEVEL CORNER: \$85 (\$135 REG.)

MEZZANINE LEVEL END: \$48 (\$80 REG.)

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***ALL PISTONS HOME GAMES & SEATING LOCATIONS
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For more information, please contact:

KIM BISCHER: (313) 771-7578 / KBISCHER@PISTONS.COM

All tickets are subject to availability and handled on a first-come, first-served basis. All prices on orders received after the indicated deadline are subject to change. Refunds or exchanges will not be issued. Please provide an accurate cell phone number and email address in order to access your tickets. All tickets purchased will be available on your Pistons Account. You will receive an email once they are available.



Encountering Christ

A free self-paced
online course
offered through
Sacred Heart
Major Seminary
this Lent

March 2-April 12, 2020

Do you have any plans to grow in your faith this Lent?

Join us for a Lenten retreat experience for the lay faithful, done at your own pace and guided by six dynamic professors from Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Each week, they will guide you to encounter Christ more fully in the sacraments, prayer and Scripture, through suffering and service, and in all the events of everyday life.

Learn more & register at shms.edu/encounter



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Collection Results
February 23 - 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Collection results for last week will be reported in next week's bulletin.

Give Online at spccc.detroit.org



**Women Bridging Change:
Wounded Healers Care Groups**
... a small group ministry for those seeking spiritual and emotional healing

Life Directions Training Center, focus: Life Institute is beginning a new small group ministry called **Women Bridging Change: Wounded Healers Care Groups**. The purpose of this ministry is to offer individuals a safe place to heal from deep wounds, false beliefs, damaged emotions, and dysfunctional behaviors, all in a confidential small group setting.

The Women Bridging Change: Wounded Healer Care Groups ministry may be for you if you struggle in any of the following areas:

Experiencing God's Love

Knowing Your True Identity in Christ

Loving Yourself and Loving Others

Self-Defeating Behaviors

Negative Thinking

Encouraging Others who struggle with the above

Women Bridging Change: Wounded Healers Care Groups is a comprehensive sixteen-week small group experience. Each session lasts 2 – 2 ½ hours. Participants receive their own workbook and two textbooks. The workbook provides everything the participant needs for the small group times. Each meeting includes teaching materials on the session topic, an activity centered around the topic, and a healing prayer time.

For More Information, please contact:

Annette Howard, Director of Training annetteh@lifedirection.org (313.399.9513) or
Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R, President & CEO – jphelps@lifedirections.org (313.516.8272)

Date: 03-21-20

Time: 4:00PM–6:00 PM

**Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary
Michigan Central Committee
Fundraising Event**

A BOWLING PARTY \$20.00 per person

Saturday March 21, 2020

ARRIVE 20 MINUTES EARLY

WHERE: MAYFLOWER LANES

26600 PLYMOUTH RD.

REDFORD, MI. 48239

**Contact: Bill Tidwell 313-706-6459
Robin L. Johnson 810-814-7399**

Make check payable to:

**KPC Michigan Ctr. Committee
Mail to: Bill Tidwell**

13232 Broadstreet Ave.

Detroit, MI 48238

2 hours Of fun

At the bowling party

Enjoy eating pizzas

And drinking soda.

** Deadline for this wonderful
fun Upcoming event is:*

3-14-20.

Stewardship Thoughts

Today's Scripture readings focus on avoiding temptation. The Book of Genesis details the fall of Adam and Eve, from which St. Augustine established Catholic teaching on original sin. Psalm 51 expresses God's mercy and forgiveness. In St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, he alerts the community to God's abundant grace in Jesus Christ, and how acquittal and life came to all through one righteous act. The evangelist St. Matthew, in his Gospel, tells how Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the desert ends with the devil unsuccessfully tempting Christ. Temptations distract Christian stewards from deepening personal relationships with Jesus. They hinder us from pursuing God's will, weaken us, and lead us to sin. Yet, even when we falter, our Lord's forgiveness is always available through the Sacrament of Penance.

“Spirituality is what our faith looks like in everyday life. It is about getting to the bottom of our restlessness.

It is here where God is.

Margaret Brennan, IHM

The IHM Spirituality Centers welcome all who are on their quest for God. We provide respite and encouragement for everyone who needs a place of quiet and beauty to pray, rest, and renew.

* River House and the IHM Motherhouse (Monroe) * Maxis Center (Riverview) * Visitation (Bloomfield Hills)

For more information, go to ihmsisters.org/spirituality. Contact us at 734-770-0078 or spirituality@ihmsisters.org.

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**NATIONAL SHRINE
OF THE LITTLE FLOWER BASILICA**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING
LENTEN SERIES**

"Are You Here, God?"

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
IN THE CHURCH

There are times when it seems the waves of life are crashing all around us and we may wonder if God is near. Join us as we discover how to find God in the midst of life's ups and downs.

March 4
Will I Ever Feel Normal Again? Healing & Mercy
Fr. Joseph Horn, Rector,
National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica

March 11
You Want Me To Do What?? Forgiveness & Reconciliation
Fr. Anthony Camilleri, Associate Pastor, Our Lady of Good Counsel

March 18
**How Do I Know What To Do?
Making Good Choices With God's Help**
Sr. Mary Martha Becnel, OP

March 25
Where Do I Begin? Forming Holy Habits
Fr. John Kopson, Associate Pastor
National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica

April 1
How Do I Know What To Believe? Faith & Reason
Msgr. Ronald Browne, Judicial Vicar, Archdiocese of Detroit
Judy Maten, Via Maria Consulting, LLC

Refreshments to Follow in Heritage Hall

Certification of Lay Ecclesial Ministers (Evangelization & Missionary Discipleship)

Those who devote themselves to a regular professional ministry have an obligation to proper formation and education. Lay Ecclesial Ministers, just like the ordained, need and deserve high standards of formation, effective methods, and comprehensive goals. The Department of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship, in collaboration with Sacred Heart Major Seminary, offers formation for Christian Service Coordinators, Youth Ministers, Liturgical Musicians, Parish Catechetical Leaders/Directors of Religious Education and RCIA Coordinators.

Through participation in USCCB-approved coursework in human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation, Lay Ecclesial Ministers acquire the resources needed to more effectively minister to the faithful. To learn more about the process of becoming a Certified Lay Ecclesial Minister, contact the Department of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship at **(313) 596-7306**.

For more information on this and other CSA-funded ministries, visit aod.org.

2020 DATES

BOYS' 2 WEEK CAMPS

Ages 8-16 yrs | \$699

Session 1
Sunday, June 21 - Sunday, July 5

Session 2
Sunday, July 5 - Sunday, July 19

Session 3
Sunday, July 19 - Sunday, August 2

HORSE CAMPS

Girls Ages 10-16 yrs | \$460
Sunday, June 14 - Saturday, June 20

Boys Ages 10-16 yrs | \$460
Sunday, August 2 - Saturday, August 8

BOYS' ROPES ADVENTURE CAMP

Ages 11-16 yrs | \$460
Sunday, August 2 - Saturday, August 8

BOYS' 1-WEEK CAMPS

Ages 8-13 yrs | \$460

Mini Camp A
Sunday, June 21 - Sunday, June 28

Mini Camp B
Sunday, June 28 - Sunday, July 5

Mini Camp C
Sunday, July 5 - Sunday, July 12

Mini Camp D
Sunday, July 12 - Sunday, July 19

Mini Camp E
Sunday, July 19 - Sunday, July 26

Mini Camp F
Sunday, July 26 - Sunday, August 2

Mini Camp G
Sunday, August 2 - Saturday, August 8

GIRLS' CAMPS

Ages 8-16 yrs | \$460
Sunday, June 14 - Saturday, June 20
Sunday, August 9 - Saturday, August 15

PARENT & CHILD WEEKENDS MOTHER & DAUGHTER

\$205 Parent and 1 Child (\$50 for each additional child)
Friday, June 12 - Sunday, June 14
Friday, August 14 - Sunday, August 16

FATHER & SON

\$205 Parent and 1 Child (\$50 for each additional child)
Friday, June 26 - Sunday, June 28
Friday, July 24 - Sunday, July 26

DISCOUNTS

Multi-session and sibling discounts are available.
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At Camp Sancta Maria, our campers escape their daily routines of electronics and digital media in a technology-free zone to enjoy 96 acres of sacred space filled with excitement and adventure, while they make new friends and learn interpersonal skills in an atmosphere of Christian faith.



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For more information and to register, visit us at www.campsanctamarria.org.

For questions, contact us at 248-822-8199 or office@campsanctamarria.org.

— WWW.CAMPSANCTAMARIA.ORG —

Lenten Family Prayer Challenge

Sign up for the Lenten Family Prayer Challenge where you get a daily prayer prompt to remind you to pray for your spouse, children, and/or parents. Since prayer is the life-breath and heartbeat of a Christian home, it is one of the best ways to help your family thrive. We are encouraging everyone to say their prayer in the noon hour each day so that people all over the Archdiocese can unite their prayers for families! Sign up today at www.52sundays.com/lenten-prayer-challenge. Questions? Visit the FAQ section of the website or email the Family Evangelization Team at evangelization@aod.org.

A Verse a Day For You to Pray

Today: Psalms 51:3-4: Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2: The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the whole assembly of the children of Israel and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy."

Tuesday: Matthew 6:7-8: Jesus said to his disciples: "In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

Wednesday: Jonah 3:10: When God saw by the actions of the people of Nineveh how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

Thursday: Matthew 7:7-8: Jesus said to his disciples: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Friday: Ezekiel 18:21: Thus says the Lord GOD: If the wicked man turns away from all the sins he committed, if he keeps all my statutes and does what is right and just, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16: Moses spoke to the people, saying: "This day the LORD, your God, commands you to observe these statutes and decrees. Be careful, then, to observe them with all your heart and with all your soul."

Note: All verses are taken from the Mass readings for the day.

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, 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 Schuldert, Irene Scott, Gussie Seay, Augusta Starks, Mary Tyler, Christine Versele, Helen Wajda, Anna Washington, Lillie Washington, Wayne Weamer, Carmel Weems, Leonard & Ona Wilson

Please Pray for Them as They Pray for Us!!

Also, Please Remember in Prayer:

Olivia Boulden, Christopher Durant, Rochelle Evans, Jesse Feagin, Kiara Harris, Marley Jonah, Mary Caroline Jonah, Johnetta Mutes, Elke Rittenhouse, Elaine Ryles, Charles Tilghman, Jon Viado, Vickee Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

Ministers Schedule

March 8, 2020

Celebrant	Fr. Phelps
Minister of Service	Pearl Crutcher
Altar Server	Danielle Radford
Sacristan	Willetta Rhodes
Prayers of the Faithful	Alther Redd
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Alther Redd	Willetta Rhodes
Pearl Crutcher	Stephanie Flounory

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass/Lenten Mini-Series in Church
Monday	6:30 pm	Stewardship Commission at PH
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Lectio Divina at PH
Thursday	5:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal in Church
	6:30 pm	Leaders In Motion at Loyola
Friday	6:00 pm	Mass/Stations of the Cross in Church
Saturday	9:30 am	Sacramental Mentorship Meeting at PH
Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church

*Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College
Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College*

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.

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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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: Monday - Thursday,
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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