



**Happy Interdependence Day – To Martyrs of Hope
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.**

July 5, 2020 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10 & Matthew 11:25-30 with Romans 8:9-13

What a gift we are given to live! It is not caught up in any one nation or culture, any one political party or way of living. Far more than independence, we celebrate our interdependence. What a joy to witness to the wisdom of what we do as Church!

The message of the Word of Life is to rejoice with “King Jesus” – meek and humble of heart. He wants us to be bound to Him as He heals those whose independent ways of life cause so much harm and division.

To be martyrs of hope is to want the Spirit to dwell in our minds and hearts, to let the Spirit of healing seep into our souls. We want to live beyond any separation due to “deeds of the body.” Jesus dwells in us. Christ gives us Life freed from ways of dying.

Why do we want to witness to hope today? As people around us look ahead, what do they see? How do they feel? What do we hear? I see people wanting to let go of the discipline of social distance and masks. They feel restless. I hear “no” to rules.

Now is the time to witness, confirming our message of interdependence. What a perfect time to come to Jesus and learn from the Master to be meek and humble of heart. To share by what we do, Life is not about us. We are about L.I.F.E.

Love those who want to be independent. Include them in our prayer life. Forgive them for they don't know what they are doing. And this means Everyone – the good, the bad and the ugly. Know “why” and we'll know how – Why is Our Father creates all of us.

We have a way to show hope through witnessing to Interdependence. We are in the midst of designing the “Family of Parishes” model. We are looking to the diversity of our assets – our talents and gifts are “how” we will share our burdens and make it easy.

When so many of you celebrated my anniversary of priesthood, I thank you for your expression of affection for me. I joked that 52 years is like a deck of cards with a joker or two yet to be played. Rejoice! Shout for joy! Rest on Jesus! Be bonded to our Lover as we long for Holy Communion for grace to say, Happy Interdependence Day!

Sunday Mass!!

It's great to be back at Marygrove for Sunday Eucharist. We will continue to stress safety for all who participate. The church, restrooms, and all other surfaces likely to be touched are sanitized before and after each Mass. Hand sanitizer is available in the front and rear of the church, although we continue to encourage you to bring your own. The blue tape is in place to assist in maintaining safe social distancing. You must wear your mask at all times, except when receiving communion; Father will provide instructions for the safe reception of the Eucharist. There is no coffee and donuts after Mass. The lounge is closed. When leaving, please exit directly to your cars. We ask for your patience as we attempt to ensure the safety and health of all who join us at Eucharist.

We understand that, due to health risks, not everyone is able to attend Mass right away. Accordingly, we are providing this Mass live via Zoom. A link is available on our website, spcccdetroit.org. Note that the Zoom experience will also be different, as we will not be able to have the interaction as in past weeks, but we are still glad that you are with us! If you do not have access to the internet, you can benefit by participating in Masses offered on TV. Check your TV listing for Masses offered on **CTND**.

Prayer Intercessors Needed

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community's *Women Bridging Change (WBC): Healing Care Group* is asking for your support with prayer. The Group held its first of 16 sessions on Wednesday, June 24 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. via Zoom. The eight women and their two facilitators are committed to learning how to become wounded healers. As an intercessor you will help all in the group to be open to and led by the Holy Spirit to grow in this new ministry for our parish. If you are able to offer your daily prayers, contact Jennie Sinatra.

Youth and Young Adult Meetings

Our ecumenical youth and young adult groups will continue to meet this week via Zoom. Leaders In Motion (18 and Under) will meet on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and Leaders On Mission (19-39) will meet on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. For information, contact Stephanie Flounory.

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. Joseph, A Man of Our Times:
A Virtual Men's Conference Sponsored by the
Archdiocese of Detroit**

The conference will be held on Saturday, July 25, at 9:00 a.m. The theme will be St. Joseph as the efficacious model and intercessor for the renewal of men in their identity and mission as fathers.

Bishop Gerard Battersby will give the opening keynote talk. A second keynote presentation and testimony talks will instruct, encourage and challenge men as fathers to unite with St. Joseph as our spiritual guardian for our families and church.

Men of all ages and vocations are welcome and will greatly benefit from this high conference.

Please register in advance for this webinar by going to www.aod.org/events/443. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Experience Catholic Tradition through the Sacred Scriptures

Catholic Biblical School of Michigan is starting new classes this September in Beverly Hills, Royal Oak, Macomb Twp, and a fully-online option. Join over 1300 other Catholics who have participated in this in-depth study led by seminary-level professors. Through donations, CBSM is accessible to all with a 100% of requests for financial aid granted. Find out more at cbasmich.org or by attending a Virtual Info Night on Friday, July 24, at 8:00 p.m.

Strong Faith - Vital Connections: Tough Talk on Race

What does racism look like and what does the Church say? What does scripture teach?

Join Vickie Figueroa, Fr. John McKenzie, and Christina Hall in a conversation to help inspire, nurture, heal and grow the African American Catholic Community of Detroit and beyond.

Fr. Vic Clore is the special guest in the first episode. You can watch it by going to <https://youtu.be/fbic855ixx8>.

**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 Schuldt, Irene Scott, Gussie Seay, Augusta Starks, Mary Tyler, Christine Versele, Helen Wajda, Anna Washington, Lillie Washington, Wayne Weamer, 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

**Ministers Schedule
July 12, 2020**

With the resumption of public Mass in the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College, new minister processes and schedules are under development.

Meetings/Events This Week

Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
	7:00 pm	Leaders In Motion via Zoom Video Conference
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Women Bridging Change via Zoom Video Conference
Thursday	7:00 pm	Leaders On Mission via Zoom Video Conference
Saturday	2:00 pm	Ladies of Peter Claver at TBD
Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church

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. 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!



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

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