

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 5

Tuesday, December 6

9:00 AM - Rose & Joe Varela and Bill Casilio
by Josie Slish

Wednesday, December 7

6:30 PM - Nancy & Ed Roman by Family

Thursday, December 8

9:00 AM - Paul Slish by Wife
12:00 PM - Joan Souliere by Family

Friday, December 9

9:00 AM - Mary & Ben Franchini by Rosemarie Houser

Saturday, December 10*

4:30 PM - Vincent & Frances Pellegrini by Luisa Ruth
Edward Zastawny by Lucille Zastawny

Sunday, December 11

9:00 AM - Blaza Purses by Bernie & Donna Melanson
Tim Scanlon by Tom & Karen Dieffenbaugher
Dale & Cecile Ferguson 42nd Wedding Anniv.

11:00 AM - Keith Semple by Mom & Dad

6:30 PM - Nancy & Ed Roman by Family

*Monsignor will be in Canfield with the Deacon Candidates for class Saturday the 10th.

Christ the Servant Stewardship Total

November 20 : \$10,216.00

November 27 : \$ 11,685.50

Religious Retirement: \$2,627.00

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation. The mass schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, December 7: 6:30 PM

Thursday, December 8: 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

The Giving Tree

Thank you to all those who participated in The Giving Tree this year. We are so blessed with a generous parish. If you still have presents to drop off, you may bring them to the parish office between the hours of 9am and 4pm, or bring them to mass on Sunday.



Monsignor's Corner:

Is Forgiveness Important? The most difficult challenge we have in life is the ability to forgive and to be forgiven. Countless examples are around us of people who live without forgiveness.

Families and friends are torn apart because we can't forgive. Bitterness – Hostility – Grudges that we carry with us for years and years; never letting the anger, never letting go of the hurt. Meet an angry person and you will meet a person who has been hurt. Letting go of that hurt is not something that we are able to do easily. Not letting go cripples us, deforms us. Think of the cripples in the Gospel and the Lepers deformed and cut off from community life and family.



This past year a young person committed suicide because of being bullied and exposed on the internet. He was unable to forgive himself and recognize that God's love is unconditional. It was the actions of a few that destroyed his life. Jesus teaches us to let go of our fears, to remember that each person is the Beloved of God. How many times do we not accept others, are intolerant, or bully. We carry that "prejudice" or "bigotry" within us – unleashing it on others. Think of the people Jesus met – the woman caught in adultery – the "good" people wanted to stone her. Think of the prodigal son who left home (maybe today the prodigal is the son or daughter on drugs, the street kid, and the lost one), the "good" son was angry. In each case - forgiveness received and forgiveness offered - was the key for all the players.

Why go to confession? The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) is more than a pious devotion that we pick or choose to participate in occasionally. The Sacrament is an opportunity to encounter Christ – the one who risked his life – literally – for the sinner, the lost one, the one who could not forgive and the one who believed that they could not be forgiven.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 14, 2010

7:00 PM - We will have nine priests available for confessions.

How We Pray is the Way We Live

A principle that governs our way of life as Catholics is that the way we pray is to reflect a true expression of what we believe. The words and images that we use in our prayer ideally form the patterns for our way of life. Our prayers are not mere words, but rather represent a language that has the power to influence our behavior. Our words impact the thoughts that guide our moral and ethical decision making. So if I pray for the dignity of the each human person – asking

How We Pray Continued

God to care for the sinner and the saint, the lost and the least – those prayers will influence how I perceive or see the saint and sinner, the lost and the least among us. My prayer represents not only what I believe but also is lived in concrete and tangible ways each day.

So what we pray at Mass on Sunday should influence our way of life and connect us with the real world. The Christian community finds its expression in day to day experience of life. The very character of our lives as followers of Christ grows out of this day to day experience. One theologian expresses it by saying that our prayer enables us to “do the world the way it was meant to be done.” These are powerful and thought provoking words for us who are called each day to walk confidently into the context of our world each day with the eyes of faith. What we believe at the very core of our lives is expressed in how we pray.

Special Events/Meetings
 To schedule a meeting or special event at Christ the Servant Parish, please contact Christina Morello at 330.354.5712 or email christtheservantparish@gmail.com. To use our facilities for athletics, please contact Doug Bond at douglasbond@sbcglobal.net.

Sacrament of Baptism Preparation Class will be held on Monday evening, December 5, 2011, at 7:00 PM for anyone who is anticipating celebrating the Baptism of their child between now and April 2012. We will meet in the Resource Classroom in the lower level of Our Lady of Peace School. (From the lower parking lot please use the G Door). Please register by calling the parish office: 330.492.0757.

The Scripture Café: Preparing for Christmas through the Old Testament

We so often get overwhelmed in the commercial preparation for Christmas that we forget to really prepare ourselves spiritually. These Scripture Café sessions will explore traditional Advent themes of Peace, Hope, Joy, and Love, along with the powerful themes of Patience and Messianic Promise as revealed in a variety of Old Testament writings. The Scripture Care will be held in the Gathering Room on Thursday, December 1, and Thursday, December 15, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. The Scripture Café is facilitated by Mr. James Naegeli, Director of Religious Instruction and Campus Ministry at Central Catholic High School.



Men’s Club

The Christ the Servant Men’s Club meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm to plan up-coming events and socialize. Consider this your invitation to join the fun!

Catholic Cruise to the Exotic Western Caribbean

Come sail away on a 7-night Catholic Exotic Western Caribbean Cruise with Father Martin Jones from May 6-13, 2012, on the Carnival Legend out of Tampa, Fl. Ports of call include: Cozumel, Belize, Mahogany Bay, and Grand Cayman. Prices begin at \$1,326 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860.399.1785 or email dpaytcc@aol.com.



Holiday Concert

Performing a repertoire entirely made of American music, Voices of Canton celebrates the holiday season with traditional and popular music of the season.



Monday, December 5, 8pm at St. Sebastian Church
 Tuesday, December 6 at 7:30pm at Church of the Lakes

A free offering will be taken at both venues. For more information call 330.455.1000 or visit www.voicesofcanton.org.

Christmas In Candy Cane Lane

Family fun for everyone! Help Peppermint Patty find Father Christmas as we travel through the forest. Stop in the woods to make pine come bird feeders and hear how wildlife survive in the winter. Listen to the Old Woman in the Shoe tell us how candy canes are made. Make friends with costumed characters then sing along with VOICI members! Sweet treats for every guest! Tickets are \$5. For reservations call 330.452.4098 or visit www.voicesofcanton.org.



Saturday, December 10, 11am and 1pm.
 Great Court, Cultural Center for the Arts

Thank You!

A warm thank you to all who participated in the John Angotti Holiday Concert and/or the Holiday Spaghetti Dinner. Your presence is noticed and appreciated.

All of our events at Christ the Servant Parish help build our sense of community by giving us an opportunity to come together at the table to get to know each other as friends.



School News

Polar Express Movie Night

Open to PSR and OLOP Families

Come in your jammies for a Polar Express Movie Night on December 16! Cocoa, cookies and popcorn will be served as we watch the Polar Express in the OLOP School Gym. Doors open at 6:30, Movie begins at 7:00 pm. Cost: One canned good. This event is for families. Each student must have a parent, grandparent or guardian with them at the event.

Child Protection Policy, "Treasured Gifts From God"

If you are volunteering in our school you MUST attend a child protection in-service offered by the Diocese. All volunteers and coaches must also be fingerprinted, and have an FBI and BCI check. The next child protection in-service will be offered on December 12 at St. Paul North Canton from 6:30 to 8:30. Call 330.499.2201 x 327 to reserve a spot.



Turkeys in Disguise

Students in Leighann Duly's fifth grade class each designed their own "Turkey in Disguise." Pictured here is Ethan Hawkins with his turkey, cleverly disguised as a Pittsburgh Steelers football player. The students then wrote a story about what measures their turkey took to avoid becoming dinner on Thanksgiving Day.



Native American Studies - OLOP 2nd and 3rd Grades

The second and third grade classes at Our Lady of Peace School spent several weeks studying Native Americans and their culture. The children wrote reports, painted sand portraits and made traditional masks. In the above photo, the children are wearing the masks while performing a traditional Native American prayer dance.

Tuition Savings

The OLOP Parish Partners SCRIP program is now on the web. Order gift cards online or purchase them in the School or Parish offices.

Service Projects

Holiday Food Drive

Our community needs your help! Please send in non-perishables to the school office or parish office for the Christ the Servant Parish Schools Holiday Food Drive.



Feeding the Community



Tabs for Kids

More than 112,000 pop tabs were collected in support of the Akron Children's Hospital Dialysis Unit. We are still collecting, so send them in!

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**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF
CHRIST THE SERVANT PARISH
AT OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH**

INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH US

Christmas Eve Mass Times

4:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM

Christmas Day Mass Time

10:00 AM

**Advent Penance Service
December 14, 7:00 PM**

New Year's Eve Mass Time

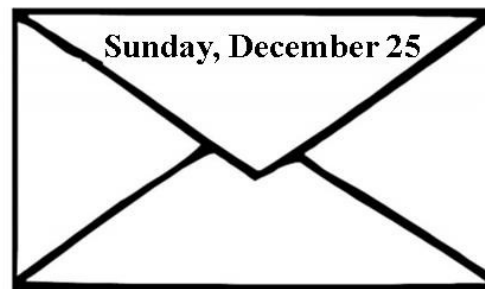
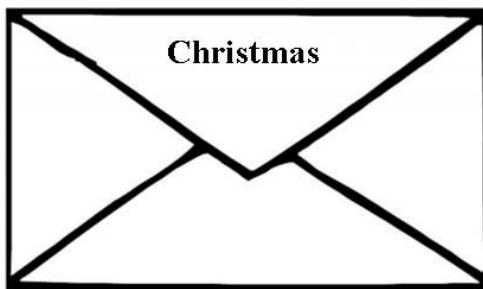
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New Year's Day Mass Times

9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

*No Sunday Evening Mass on
December 25 or January 1.*

Double Envelope Sundays



Please remember that in our yearly budget we are dependent on the generosity of our parishioners for our annual Christmas collection which is on December 25 and we are dependent on the sacrificial giving for the last Sunday of the month which also happens to fall on December 25. The same occurs this year on January 1, 2012. Sunday and the Holy Day fall on the same date – in other words **we really need you help on these dates this year.**

