

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 31

4:30 PM - Virginia Lanzi by Bob Lanzi

Sunday January 1 New Year's Day

9:00 AM - Living and Deceased of Christ the Servant Parish

11:00 AM - Living and Deceased of Christ the Servant Parish

New Year's Eve Mass Time

4:30 PM

New Year's Day Mass Times

9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

There will be no weekday Masses
December 27th thru December 30th

Christ the Servant Stewardship Total

December 18: \$11,644.00

Monsignor's Corner:**A Way of saying "YES"**

We believe that each child attending our Center for Early Learning and Our Lady of Peace School has the potential for becoming their truest self - as intended by God. Within those formative years of education, our children are provided the means of hearing the "Yes" that will echo throughout their lives. It is that "Yes" that enables each child, within a diverse community, to see themselves and others with respect and dignity, bringing to a greater fulfillment their inherent gifts and talents. Living and learning in a caring and safe place where each has the freedom to say "Yes" to the person emerging from deep within - is a lifelong project - that begins here.

The spiritual, social, creative and emotional lives of our children cannot be separated from the intellectual and physical development. Rather than limiting the goal of education to the objective standards of learning, the core values of **Respect, Responsibility and Community** combine to create an environment that says "Yes" to the integration and engagement of the whole child. Our goal is to say "Yes" so that our children not only to become good students but also become good people.

Our children are most truly themselves when they are able to say "Yes" to what is true and good. We believe that each child can say "Yes" in their ability to genuinely care



for those at home and in school -affirming their goodness and the goodness of the others. Rather than competition becoming the criteria of interaction- our core values create an atmosphere of collaboration. Our students are invited to develop an attitude in which interdependence becomes the model of relationship, which in turn enables our children to understand the motives, values and reasons for their decisions and choices within a community of respect and responsibility. Building the foundation for good moral and ethical behavior consistent with Catholic social teaching is saying "Yes" to a future world that is also safe and caring.

Those for whom our Center for Early Learning and Our Lady of Peace School becomes home - are encouraged to say "Yes" to a unique way of living - a community of faith - where the circle of experience and the interdependence within the community continues to widen. It is our belief that given the opportunity of seeing themselves within a larger context - our students are enabled to say "Yes" in thinking, understanding, and communicating from the "inside out."

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Announcements

Holiday Card Online

Check out the Christ the Servant Parish Video Christmas Card online at www.christtheservantparish.org. Remember: Sharing is caring! So feel free to snag the YouTube link and share the joy of Christ the Servant Parish on your Facebook wall or Twitter feed. Happy Holidays!

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.

Communion to the Homebound

If you know of someone from our Community who is homebound and would like the Eucharist brought to them, Please call Angie at 330-966-2073. She will arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to do so as soon as possible.

Parents!

Be sure to look for the Children's Bulletins in the back of Church each Sunday. The bulletin has puzzles and word games to remind students of the Sunday Gospel.

Checks

Please make all checks out to Christ the Servant Parish for parish activities, collections, etc.

Bulletin Submissions

The deadline for all bulletin submissions is Monday at noon. Please send your content to our parish office or email christtheservantparish@gmail.com.

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.

January to Easter RCIA for Candidates Inquiry

The period of inquiry is a time of welcoming by the parish team for those interested in the Catholic Church? The focus of these meetings will be the parish team sharing their own faith experiences, answering questions regarding the Catholic tradition, customs and the overall process of initiation. And the fundamental question: Is the Gospel of Jesus really Good News?

**Inquiry Session will be held on
Thursday Evening, January 12 at 7:00 PM
in the Resource Center of Our Lady of Peace School.**

Faith Sharing Sessions

The time of participation in the Candidacy Period for this period will extend till Easter. Following the guidelines for the RCIA (“...no greater burden than necessary... required for the establishment of communion and unity” RCIA 473)

For those who have been baptized there will be 3 Candidacy Periods of Instruction. Generally candidates must complete the minimum of one period) *however more time may be needed depending on individual circumstances (i.e. marriage situations and/or personal readiness).

Meeting with Parish Mentors: this will be a bi-monthly meeting during these three months with a team member or sponsor at convenience of the mentor/candidate.

Group Meetings will be held two times a month in the evening (according to convenience of the parish/team). Sessions will focus on doctrinal topics so as to help give the candidate a basic understanding of the Catholic expression of Christianity.

**Sessions will begin on
Thursday evening, January 19, at 7:00 PM
in the Resource Center of Our Lady of Peace School.**

SAVE THE DATE: Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration

Christ the Servant Parish is collaborating with many other local churches for a celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s life. The event will take place on the afternoon of **Sunday, January 15**, at Christ the Servant Parish. Details coming soon!



Men's Club

The Men's Club meets the second Tuesday of every month. Consider this your invitation to join a great group of men focused on driving the athletic program at Our Lady of Peace School!

SAVE THE DATE: Men's Club Stag Fish Fry

The Men's Club Stag Fish Fry will be held on **Friday, January 20**. Look for ticket sales to begin soon!

Announcing the Second Annual Golf Outing



The Second Annual Christ the Servant Parish Benefit Golf Outing is set for **May 19th, 2012 at Sanctuary Golf Course**. More details to follow. If you would like more information or would like to serve on the committee please contact Joanne Lally Eberhart at jolally@aol.com.

Service Project

“Keep Kids Warm” Pancake Breakfast Benefit

The OLOP Home and School association is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast to benefit Catholic Charities “Keep the Kids Warm” campaign. Monies raised will provide direct assistance to families in need.



“Keep the Kids Warm” specifically aims to assist those “working poor” families who do not qualify for government assistance, as well as those families who have no resources after government subsidized programs like HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) have lapsed.

The breakfast will be held on January 8, 2012, from 10am to 1pm. More details to follow!

HELP NEEDED!

As part of the “Keep the Kids Warm” Campaign, OLOP school children will be making blankets to donate to catholic charities. At this time we are collecting spare fleece material and Joann Fabrics’ coupons to help us with this endeavor. Please bring donations to the parish office or school office by January 1.

Help is also needed cutting fleece on December 29th, from 1-4pm in the Gathering Room. Please contact Tara Hawkins - hawkins4417@sbcglobal.net - if you are able to help. Thank you so much for your assistance!

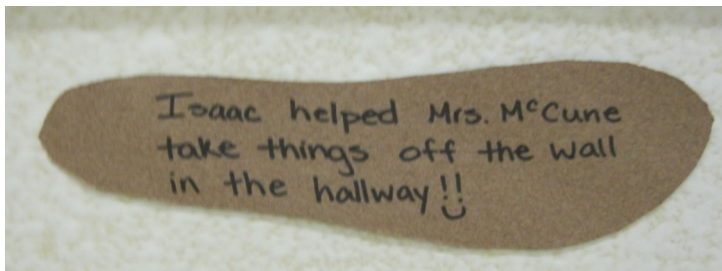
School News

Principal's Corner

May you and your loved ones have a joyous and blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please remember that Christmas break begins on December 22 and school will resume on Tuesday, January 3. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Warmly, Dr. Lois Cavucci

A Note from Our PSR Director

Our Parish School of Religion has been focusing on the Advent Season with activities on prayer, and good works, reflecting on how we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. The fourth/fifth grade class had a birthday party for Jesus last Sunday. Our Second Graders just made their First Reconciliation this past week. We wish everyone many blessings in this holy season. Warmly, Lynn Adamski.



Following in the Footsteps of Jesus

Our Lady of Peace School and Parish School of Religion students prepared for Christmas this year by "Following in the Footsteps of Jesus" this Advent season. The children were given a footprint on which to write the kind words and actions they displayed in the classroom. The footsteps now line the halls of Our Lady of Peace School!

Birthright Mass

Our Lady of Peace students processed down the aisle of their children's mass last week with their arms full of baby items. Diapers, baby food, formula and more were presented at the altar as gifts for Catholic Charities' First Step program, which addresses the social support needs of expectant women and families and helps to ensure that babies and children have the material items necessary for a healthy and safe start in life

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to our PSR and Our Lady of Peace School students who made their first reconciliation last week during our Advent Penance Service.



Polar Express Food Drive

More than 900 cans of food were collected during the Home and School Association Polar Express Food Drive to benefit Christ the Servant Parish's St. Vincent de Paul food cupboard. The children brought in canned goods from Thanksgiving through mid-December. The students celebrated their success with a Polar Express Pajama Party, where students ate cookies, drank cocoa and watched the movie, "The Polar Express" with their families.

A huge THANK YOU to Giant Eagle, Walgreens, Kmart and Wal-Mart for their generous donations.

Cultural Diversity

This week, Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Hoshi shared many facets of the Japanese culture with Our Lady of Peace Students.

From food to dress to government, the students spent the morning learning the deep traditions of this amazing culture. Thank you, Hoshi Family for sharing your time!



Volcanoes!

Eighth grade students erupted volcanoes this week in their science course. The students constructed their volcanoes over several days to culminate their study of plate tectonics. The Volcano Project is another example of the project-based, hands-on learning approach that we take to education at Our Lady of Peace School.



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