

Servant Leadership at the Crossroads of the Contemporary City

The phrase "Servant Leadership" was coined by Robert K. Greenleaf in *The Servant as Leader*, an essay that he first published in 1970. Greenleaf reflects well the intention of "the" Servant Leader – Jesus of Nazareth, "who came not to be served, but to serve."



What is the hope for Christ the Servant Parish? That we as a Church, the Body of Christ and Christ in the world, be empowered to "put on the attitude of Christ"; becoming the transformational leaders within our community as we meet the "Galilee of the people" at the crossroads of our contemporary city.

I pray that this season of conversion and transformation will enable us to utilize the contemporary insights of Robert K Greenleaf – the Wisdom of Scripture and

Tradition – and the awareness of the current needs of our society in becoming faithful stewards and servants of the contemporary city. Greenleaf asks the servant leader, "Do those served grow as persons? Do they, *while being served*, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants? *And*, what is the effect on the least privileged in society? Will they benefit or at least not be further deprived?"

What does Scripture have to say? One of my favorites is St. Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 2: 5 in which he says, "Have among you the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who did not regard equality with God something to be grasped at, but emptying himself took the form of a servant."



The Gospel of John also reflects Jesus' attitude in the washing of the disciples' feet. "If I therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done you should also do." John 13: 14-15.

The virtue of humility, that is the attitude of Christ, will allow us to recognize our dependence on God – emptying ourselves in order to more readily allow the disposition or attitude of Christ to become part of our life, as St. Paul says, "it is no longer I that live, but Christ in me." L Gaetano

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross

Good Friday Evening 7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion,

Adoration of the Cross and Communion.

Holy Saturday

1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food

Holy Saturday Evening – 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Celebration

Easter Sunday – 9:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

**Easter Sunday – 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass
(No Mass on Easter Sunday Evening)**

Liturgy

“As Servants of Christ, through the various Liturgical Ministries, we offer our gifts to one another with the mutual kindness and respect, providing and enhancing opportunities for prayerful worship and celebration.” **Liturgy Pastoral Secretary:** Chris Thomas cftthomas1@att.net or Mike Reed mreed@christtheservantparish.org

Mass Intentions

Tuesday February 27

9:00 AM Joe Dipietro by Mark, Mike, Dan, David & Jay DePasquale

Saturday March 3

4:30 PM Virginia Lanzi by Robert Lanzi

Wednesday February 28

9:00 AM Faculty, Staff and Students of OLOP

Sunday March 4

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

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

6:30PM William LePar by Nancy LePar

Thursday March 1

9:00 AM Donna Wackerly by Marilyn Rradalia

Friday March 2

**9:00 AM Nancy Leasure by Jane Wheeler
James Pierson by Family**

Social Concerns

“As servants of Christ, we will strive to be the presence of Christ to our parish and the wider community, providing counsel, assistance, and hope as we live the Gospel of God through our practice of the Corporal Works of Mercy. We offer our gifts with kindness and respect, enhancing opportunities for fellowship and mutual support, led by Christ’s example of hospitality, diversity and inclusiveness.” **Social Concerns Pastoral Secretary:** John Cihon jchon@mpwservices.com or Teresa Golden McClelland teresa-efg@sbcglobal.net

We had a great week for our food collection this week. We took in 429 lbs. of food, 268 lbs. of clothing, and 30 lbs. of toiletries. Our grand total is 727 lbs. Wow! Many thanks to the women from Pat Catan's who delivered many handmade afghans to us this week. Hope Outreach will be so grateful when deliver everything to them this week. Thank you all for your dedication and support of this ministry. All of you make this possible.

Parish Life

Parish Life Pastoral Area Mission Statement

As servants of Christ, through the various Parish Life ministries, we offer our gifts to one another with mutual kindness and respect, providing and enhancing diverse opportunities for fellowship, mutual support and ministry to our Parish community, led by Christ’s example of hospitality and inclusiveness.” **Parish Life Pastoral Secretary:** Andrew Sarachman acsarachman@christtheservantparish.org

For the second Sunday in Lent, we hear the story of the Transfiguration, when Jesus took Peter, James, and John to the mountaintop and revealed His glory. How many of us would love to be with Jesus on the mountaintop and see His glory? Perhaps we can’t go to the mountain, but we can take a little time apart from the hectic nature of our lives to reflect on God, His presence and His glory. Our diocesan newspaper, the Catholic Exponent, helps nudge us back to our awareness of God’s presence. In addition to offering news about the Church right here in our diocese and around the world, the Exponent brings commentary, Scripture reflection, and adult faith formation – all nourishing food for your faith and life. Your support for the Exponent nurtures not only you but also your fellow Catholics who are in need of encouragement as well. Subscribe or renew your subscription today by dropping “The Catholic Exponent” envelope from your parish packet into the collection basket. Or call 330-744-5251 or email us at exposubscriptions@youngstowndiocese.org to request subscription information. Remember God’s presence in your life. Read and support the Catholic Exponent.

Leave the Lights On: Wednesday, February 28.
 Day of Reconciliation Confessions will be heard from 10am-12noon, 3-5p.m., and 6-8 p.m.

The Sacrament of Penance:

Who are you for real?

The Gospels are filled with stories of people who met Jesus and were healed from the distortion of body, mind and spirit.



Zacchaeus was a little man, not only in stature but in self esteem. His encounter with Jesus enabled him to grow into a just and generous person – he grows into something bigger than himself. The unnamed woman caught in adultery, was a mere object for many – her encounter with Jesus allowed her to see God’s love – transcending the imitations and substitutes for true affection and love – named as God’s Beloved.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the event in which we come to meet Christ, within the community of the Church. The Church, the Body of Christ is the mirror in which we see our true reflection – our truest self and image of whom we are called to be – our best selves. We can name our sins, those distortions of our lives, and seek the healing and wholeness that God offers. Lent is a Season of Grace that provides the opportunity to turn from the false pretensions, distortions and illusions of our society and become Servants of Christ.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is then more than a pious or religious practice; it is a time of change - a time of transformation – in which we encounter God’s unconditional love and meet the Risen Christ. As you walk out of the confessional, my prayer is that you will be empowered by the Spirit to take your place within the Community – the Risen Body of Christ. The offer is presented to us – but it is up to us to accept it. L Gaetano

CHRIST THE SERVANT PARISH

LENTEN



DINNERS:

All Dinners Include Bread & Butter (Norcia Bakery)

- BEER BATTERED FISH (We fry with Zero Trans Fat Oil!)**
- 1 PIECE \$7
- 2 PIECE \$9
- 3 PIECE \$10
- PIEROGIES (8) \$7**
- FRIED SHRIMP (12) \$9**
- SHRIMP SCAMPI (12) *New Item* \$9**
- BAKED COD (10 oz.) \$10**
- FISHERMAN'S SPECIAL *New Item* \$12**

Bear Butter Fish (1), Baked Fish (5 oz.), Fried Shrimp (3), Shrimp Scampi (3)

Above dinners include one of the following:

- FRENCH FRIES
- GREEN BEANS
- PIEROGIES (4)
- MAC & CHEESE *Homemade*
- AND a CHOICE of COLE SLAW or APPLESAUCE

KIDS MEALS *10 & Under* \$5

Includes choice of French Fries or Mac & Cheese

- FRIED FISH (1) FRIED SHRIMP (6)
- PIEROGIES (4) MAC & CHEESE

A la Carte:

- BEER BATTER FISH (1) . . \$4 PIEROGIES (4) . . \$4
- GREEN BEANS * FRENCH FRIES * MAC & CHEESE . . \$2
- COLE SLAW or APPLESAUCE . . \$1
- CAN of SODA or BOTTLED WATER . . \$1
- COFFEE / TEA . . No Charge

SUNDAE BAR:

\$1 with Dinner Purchase NO CHARGE FOR SENIORS!!

Friday from 4:30-7:00pm

Win 2 Tickets to the 2018 Game in Columbus:



TICKETS on sale each week at Fish Fry: \$10 each, 3 for \$20

Lenten Opportunities for Prayer, Reflection, and Community Growth

Small Christian Community Gathering with Jen Bentivegna and Matt Griffin

“Discovering God’s Dream For You” as a member of Christ the Servant. Using Matthew Kelly’s book *Perfectly Yourself* is one way of allowing yourself to grow as one of God’s Beloved. Please call: Matt 513.581.1129 or email benttobegriffin@gmail.com. This group meets on Thursday Evenings.

Just Because – Prayer Poems to Delight the Heart

A late morning prayer and support group for those who would like to reflect on the poetry of Sr. Melannie Svoboda, a Sister of Notre Dame from Chardon, Ohio. “Poetry is a lot like prayer. Prayer is a lot like poetry. First they both arise from a deep attentiveness to life...” In a recent review it was written that “Svoboda savors creativity and the ways in which God speaks to us through the everyday and the ordinary.” This group will meet in the Gathering Room from 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 Noon, on the Tuesdays during the weeks of Lent. February 13, 20,27; March 6, 13, and 20. Please call Carol Vollmer at 330 -493-8531 if you need Melannie’s book or have questions.

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession

A small group gathering for those seeking a fuller understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The five sessions will include: Session 1: Where are you? Have you ever felt lost and alone, isolated in guilt? Session 2: An Encounter with Mercy. We are not defined by our mistakes. Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. Session 3: Biblical Foundations: Sin, Mercy, and the Sacrament of Confession. Session 4: Answering Common Questions about Confession: Why do we confess our sins to a priest? Is this sacrament some arbitrary requirement, or does it have an inner logic? Session 5: As Parishioners – Taking the message of mercy out into our families and neighborhoods. These sessions, offered by Deacon Tom, will meet at 6:30-8:00 pm, on the Tuesdays of Lent, Feb 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20., in the Gathering Room. Forgiven is also accessible through Formed.org



"Be-Loved"- Family Day

Valentine's Day is over. The chocolate is gone. But, you are LOVED. Join in our Family Day on Sunday, February 25th from 9:15-10:45am in Seton Hall to recognize we are all made in God's image and likeness. How is the world's view different from God's view, and what can we do to bring God's view to the world? All are welcome.

Leave the Lights On: Wednesday, February 28.

Day of Reconciliation. Ordinarily we have a communal penance service during the season of Lent. This year we will have priests available in church for private confession during the morning, afternoon, and evening. Confessions will be heard from 10am-12noon, 3-5p.m., and 6-8 p.m.

A Christ Attitude Way of Life

An evening in which we will explore the Beatitudes of the Disciple and the Beatitudes of the Apostle. The evening will be from 6:30 – 8:30 pm., on Wednesday evening March 7 in Seton Hall. Presenter Msgr. Lew Gaetano.

Yes, I'm Grieving

Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed and that they shall be comforted. Seasons of Hope offers the bereaved an opportunity to come together to share in God's love. With the support of the faith community, we can give voice to our unique journeys of grief and find healing and spiritual growth. Seasons of Hope sessions help us to explore mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection activities and faith sharing. These sessions will begin on Sunday, February 18 from 2:00pm– 3:30pm with our care team, Deacon Tom, offering a caring and loving place for those dealing with the loss of a loved one.

Stations of the Cross

Follow the path Jesus walked on his way to the crucifixion. This meditation reflects our own human response in the portrayal of many who are represented in the Via Crucis. Our prayer joins the intense self-sacrifice that Jesus undertook for the salvation of the world. The Stations will be offered at Christ the Servant on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm.

Morning Bible Study

March 7, 14, 21 and 28. 10:00 AM. Meet in Gathering Room

We will be discussing The Book of Revelation. Many find this book very difficult to read and it is often misinterpreted. Leader Jim Naegeli will discuss the various uses of symbolism found in the book and how it is understood in light of Catholic Biblical tradition. All are welcome.

On-line Lenten Programs

A Lent to Remember

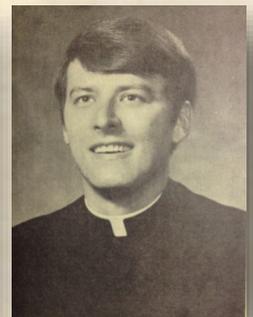
Using the highly-acclaimed Augustine Institute programs *Symbolon* and *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession*, *A Lent to Remember* explores the ways God reaches out to each of us with his mercy. Through Christ's suffering on the cross in the Paschal Mystery and his perpetual reception of his people in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God makes his love, his very self, present to us in the world. By reflecting on the Paschal Mystery and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite of Confession, *A Lent to Remember* communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love this Lent.

BEST LENT EVER

What Is BEST LENT EVER? It's a free email program that will guide you on an incredible 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself, making this a truly life-changing Lent. To sign up go to bestlentever.com/parishsignup

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday May 19
 Monsignor Gaetano's 45th Ordination Anniversary Celebration
 4:30PM mass with Bishop Murry
 6:00PM spaghetti dinner in Alumni Hall
 7:30PM Concert in the church - PJ & friends
 More info to come later.



Parish Meeting Events for the Week Ahead

Sunday February 25

Family Day 9:15-10:45am in Seton Hall
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 Yes I'm Grieving 2:00-3:30pm Gathering Rm
 New Beginners Alcoholic Anonymous meeting in the Seton Hall 7-8pm

Monday February 26

Parish Men's Basketball 7-9 p.m. Gym

Tuesday February 27

10-12pm Prayer Poems to Delight the Heart Gathering Rm
 6:30-8:00 pm Gathering Rm The Transforming Power of Confession

Wednesday February 28

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Friday March 2

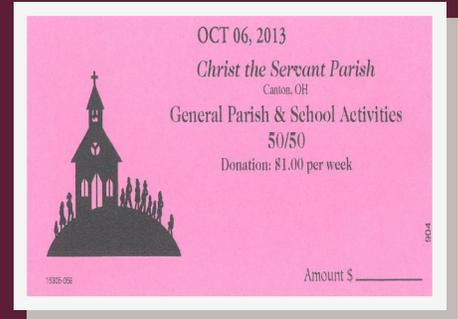
Fish Fry 4:30-7pm Alumni Hall (Gym)
 Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Church

"Rise Up, O Men of God: The Battle is Real" Spiritual Warfare
 Men, do you feel as if you are in a spiritual rut? Do you desire to break the mold of a ho-hum existence? If so, come to the 6th Annual Diocesan Men's Conference is this coming Saturday, March 3, 2018. Attending the conference would make a great Lenten retreat and will give you the spiritual boost you are looking for. Early registration closes at midnight, Mar. 1. Walk-in tickets are available the day of the conference. Go to www.CMFDOY.org for on line registration.

General Parish and School Activities 50/50

Every Monday a winner will be drawn the winner will be posted in the following weeks bulletin.

Put a dollar in the envelope to participate. The envelopes are found in your Stewardship Packets.



2/11/2018 #20880 was drawn, but did not participate and would have won \$101.50

Christ the Servant Parish Stewardship W/E 2/18/2018 will be published next week due to the holiday.

Please join us for coffee and donuts today, February 25, after 9:00am Mass in Seton Hall



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