

Preparing for Holy Week

Philip Endean, S.J., is a Jesuit teaching at Campion Hall at the University of Oxford. His reflection *Karl Rahner and the Heart of Christ* provides a meditation during this Lenten season and I share with you my reflection using Fr. Endean's writings as the basis. To this end, I would like to further my reflection on the word "Catholic" as being more than a mere cultural social reality, but the word "Catholic" as the defining core of our lives as a faith community.

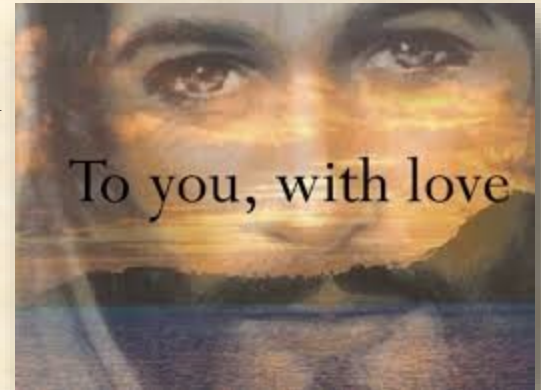
With Holy Week quickly approaching, our hope is that we will become more mindful of God's love. I find that this is not an easy task, when each day becomes filled with so many activities - each demanding our attention. Family and job, health issues and elderly parents, children with scraped knees and with wounded hearts, relationships that are vulnerable or shattered ones - so many concerns seeking our time.

The Church provides Holy Week as an occasion to remember God's tremendous love. It's nice to say "God loves us"- and those words even look good on banners and buttons - even jelly beans; yet it is difficult at times to really believe it.

So how are we to discover or come to understand God's love for us? Perhaps this will help. It is from the heart of Jesus - the very center of his life - that Jesus reveals to us the "heart" of all reality; God. There is something unique about Jesus' life that distinguishes his life. That difference is that the very essence of God who shapes his identity- shapes his heart - the core of his life. As Fr. Endean writes, Jesus is not just God "*dressed up like a human being*;" nor is Jesus just a human person in "*contact with God*." Rather In the person of Jesus we see the unconditional love of God made visible. Jesus shows us that God does not stay at a distance from us. Paraphrasing Fr. Endean, Jesus is significant for us in showing us that God's solidarity with us is irrevocable. God's presence is with us at the very core of who we are - never to be withdrawn from us.

Easter is about God loving us - it is about God's passionate love for us - Holy Thursday is about God's unconditional love for us; Good Friday is about God's unbounded forgiveness for us; Easter is about the irrevocable love of God with us- never to be withdrawn from us. Easter is about us not only being loved, but about being lovable.

Our hearts then are not just ordinary human hearts they are unique - just as Christ's heart was unique. We are called to that same love - with our hearts becoming like Jesus'. When we are transformed - allowing God to shape our hearts - we are placed on the path to becoming Christian - "it is no longer I who live, but Christ living in me." That is a very significant characteristic of our life - it is in reality very Catholic. May Christ Easter in you, and I pray you will recognize how lovable you are. LGaetano



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 Week Schedule:

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)

Lenten Opportunities for Prayer, Reflection, and Community Growth

Small Christian Community Gathering with Jen Bentivegna and Matt Griffin

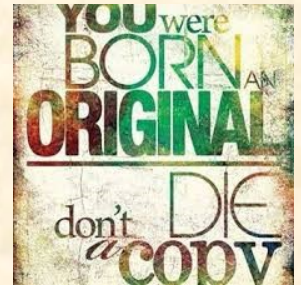
“Discovering God’s Dream For You” as a member of Christ the Servant. Using Matthew Kelly’s book *Perfectly Yourself* is one way of allowing yourself to grow as one of God’s Beloved. Please call: Matt 513.581.1129 or email benttobegriffin@gmail.com. This group meets on Thursday Evenings.

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 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, March 20, in the Gathering Room. Forgiven is also accessible through Formed.org

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 are on Sunday, 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 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

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.

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

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 March 20

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

Wednesday March 21

9:00 AM Nancy Leasure by Joan Steed

Thursday March 22

9:00 AM Mary Miday by Dave & Beverly Booth

Friday March 23

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

Saturday March 24

**4:30 PM Panella Family by Kay Fitzgibbons
Donna Wackerly by Eden & Patsy Brodie**

Sunday March 25 Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Pat Gannon by Family

Helen Halter by Daughter

11:00AM Josephine Prestier by Family

Phillip Morello by Angelo Pronesti

6:30PM Living and Deceased Members of Christ the Servant Parish

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 another good week for our food drive. We collected 361 lbs. of food, 80 lbs. of clothing and 39 lbs. of toiletries. Our grand total is 480 lbs. Catholic Charities will be very happy when we deliver to them. Thank you all for your continued support of our ministry.

The Homeless Outreach/Hunger Ministry will suspend our food collection over Easter weekend. [March 31 & April 1]. We will resume our regular collection on April 7 & 8. Thank you.

Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties offers a “Women’s Professional Clothing Closet” at its Canton Office to help low-income women dress for success on job interviews and in the workforce. Please consider donating your professional attire when you are cleaning out your closet this spring. Donations can be dropped off at Catholic Charities’ Canton Office, 800 Market Avenue North, Suite 1150, in the McKinley Center Building (calling ahead is strongly encouraged, 330-491-0896).



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

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)

FRIED SHRIMP	(12)	\$9
SHRIMP SCAMPI	(12) *New Item*	\$9
BAKED COD	(10 oz.)	\$10
FISHERMAN'S SPECIAL	*New Item*	\$12

Beer Battered 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

Bishop's appeal
Goal \$70,451.00
Committed \$33,815.00
Difference \$36,636.00
Percent 48.0%
Households 172



The 2018 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church is underway! This important annual fund raising campaign unites Catholics throughout the six counties of our diocese in a spirit of compassion and charity to serve the needs of others. In 2017, Catholic Charities provided help and hope to over 11,000 of people in Portage and Stark Counties. Your generosity and support for the Bishop's Appeal helps to change lives. . . one family at a time. To make your gift to the 2018 Appeal online, visit www.doy.org.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday March 25, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Proceeds benefit Christ the Servant Parish Youth Ministry and PATHS (partners against trafficking of humans-stark) More details coming soon.

\$5 per person or \$15 per family

Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Andrew Sarachman.

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acsarachman@christtheservantparish.org



On Palm Sunday March 25th. We will be collecting OLD PALMS as well as passing out new. Please bring your old palms !!

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Food Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Please be Generous!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SUMMER SPORTS CAMP AT WALSH UNIVERSITY AND GREEN

North Canton, OH: Registration is now open for All Sports Camp hosted at Walsh University's Hoover Park and Green Intermediate School.

All Sports Camp welcomes children ages 5-13 to enrich their summer by attending camp from June 4 – August 17. Locations include Walsh University's Hoover Park and Green Intermediate School. Campers will be instructed by professional staff, be exposed to over twenty different sports, and go on weekly field trips. All Sports Camp is one of only 1,139 summer day camps nationwide to be accredited by the American Camp Association. Research has shown that camp experiences increase a child's confidence, self-esteem, social skills, and independence. This is a great way to keep children's minds and bodies moving all summer long. Registration can be made at www.allsportscamp.net. Email info@allsportscamp.net or call 330-268-4975.

Registration Open for Walsh University Physical Therapy Community Clinics

Register now for Walsh University's Physical Therapy Community Clinic on April 10, April 11 and April 13. Participants must be 18 years or older. Sessions are open to the public and are offered at no charge. Performed by the dedicated students in the Walsh Doctorate of Physical Therapy program and supervised by licensed Physical Therapists, this comprehensive screening will include a physical therapy exam, movement system and health screenings, posture assessment, individualized home exercise program, education and referrals to other health care professionals, if needed.

Space is limited and **registration is required**. For more information or to reserve an appointment, please call 330.490.7566, or email walshdptclinic@walsh.edu or visit our website at www.walsh.edu/dptclinic.

ALZHEIMER'S STORIES: A Concert of Hope

Join the Voices of Canton chorus and orchestra with Guest Conductor, Jordan Saul of Baldwin Wallace, as they perform Robert Cohen's poignant *Alzheimer's Stories* sponsored by Community one Credit Union. The work addresses a disease that will reach a global crisis by the year 2050. Hear the stories of a Stark County family as they make their journey with this disease.

Date:

Mar 25 2018 - 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Place:

Malone University

2600 Cleveland Avenue Northwest, Canton , OH

Tickets: Adults \$15

Students \$10

Tickets available at 330-455-1000, voicesofcanton.org and at the door

Parish Meeting Events for the Week Ahead

Sunday March 18

Coffee and donuts 10am Seton Hall
 Yes I'm Grieving 2:00-3:30pm Gathering Rm
 New Beginners Alcoholic Anonymous meeting in the Seton Hall 7-8pm

Monday March 19

Ladies Guild pm Gathering Rm 1pm
 Parish Men's Basketball 7-9 p.m. Gym

Tuesday March 20

6:30-8:00 pm Gathering Rm Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession

Wednesday March 21

Morning Bible Study 10am Gathering Rm
 The Homeless Outreach/Hunger Ministry Meeting 7 pm in the Gathering Room

Friday March 23

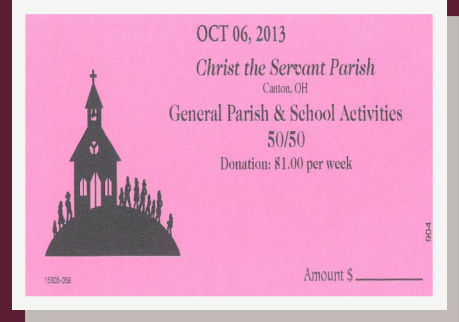
Fish Fry 4:30-7pm Alumni Hall (Gym)
 Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Church

Please join us for coffee and donuts Sunday, March 18 after the 9am Mass.



General Parish and School Activities 50/50

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



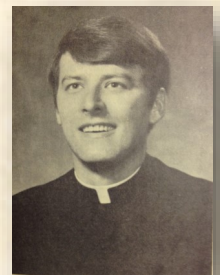
Put a dollar in the envelope to participate. The envelopes are found in your Stewardship Packets.

3/04/2018 #36540 was drawn , but did not play and would have won \$120.00

Christ the Servant Parish Stewardship W/E 3/11/2018 \$13,105.00

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.



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