

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

Dear Beloved Servants in Christ,

As we continue our Lenten Journey, our lives as God’s people calls us to become the hands and feet, the eyes and heart, and the eyes of Christ in the world. Jesus in his own life teaches us why God took on real flesh and blood knowing exactly what it is like to walk in our shoes.



During this time of prayerful reflection, please know that the stewardship of Christ the Servant Parish is a continuing goal on all levels: Time, Talent and Treasure. It is through our stewardship that we share in the mission of Jesus Christ – as Servants of Christ. Is this demanding? I believe that we would all answer - Yes, without a doubt. We have as a community made great strides in responding to the needs of our parish community and the responsibilities that we share toward the wider community. For this as pastor I am grateful and thankful. We have been fortunate to have so many of our parishioners who have stepped forward to assist in so many ways. We will continue to move forward with accountability.

Finally, you have been invited to share in our **Annual Appeal - One in Hope and One in Love** -for Catholic Charities and the Mission of the Diocese for 2022.

Your faithfulness and generosity in previous years has been outstanding. We concluded this year with a total response from Christ the Servant in the amount of over \$103,000.00 **WOW!** You really out did yourselves given the challenges we faced as a community. As I have mentioned over and over these last years – the Appeal is about those in need - the hungry and the homeless. If we forget this then we lose our prophetic voice and focus as a Catholic Community. The author Nathan Mitchell writes that “Liturgy is a humble, earthly means to an end, and the end is people – hungry people, homeless people, victims of violence and war, and oppression of children sold as slave labor; lives destroyed by disease and famine, and war. All these are the “end” for which liturgy is a means. What turns our Alleluia’s into dirges – is our numbness, our inability to see, and hear, and touch, and embrace the end for which liturgy was created: people: even imperfect people.”



I ask your continued spirit of giving - truly being the hands and feet, the eyes and heart of Christ the Servant in the world today. Know that you are held in prayer each day.

Msgr. Lewis F. Gaetano

Imagine there's no countries
 It isn't hard to do
 Nothing to kill or die for
 And no religion too
 Imagine all the people living life in peace,
 You may say I'm a dreamer
 But I'm not the only one
 I hope someday you'll join us
 And the world will be as one
 Imagine no possessions
 I wonder if you can
 No need for greed or hunger
 A brotherhood of man
 Imagine all the people sharing all the world, you
 You may say I'm a dreamer
 But I'm not the only one
 I hope someday you'll join us
 And the world will be as one

There are many who question John Lennon's words "imagine there is no religion." That has at times caused people unease. For me as a Christian and Catholic I suggest we look at what Jesus taught – better understanding the context of John Lennon's words and the Gospel of Matthew 25.

The gospel writer aware of the multitude of kingdoms in the world at the time, and the religious expressions throughout these kingdoms - did not qualify religious affiliation or adherence- but reminds us that "... all the nations of the earth will be gathered." And when all are gathered "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick, and you looked after me, I was in prison, and you came to visit me."

Regardless of religious belief, national allegiance, political affiliation, social standing, these words should resonate within our spirits as a human family – all the nations.

IMAGINE a world where our money was spent on education, care, and the health of its people. **IMAGINE** the leaders of all the nations together with their finger on the education and health of their citizenry. **IMAGINE** individual systems of governance caring for their citizens and those of the world. **IMAGINE** a world where religious difference, racial and ethnic diversity, gender, and sexual orientation – each seeking to fulfill the message of Jesus in Matthew.

Have we stopped to **IMAGINE** as a people – left, or right? Have we given up on a world that we pray for the Spirit of God to walk our earth regardless of religion or nation – helping us to dream this world as one? Yes "You may say I'm a dreamer but I'm not the only one I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will be as one"

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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:** PJ Chavez pchavez@walsh.edu or Mike Reed mreed@christtheservantparish.org

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 5

9 AM-Living and Deceased Members of Christ the Servant Parish

Wednesday, April 6

10 AM-Staff, Students and Families of OLOP

Thursday, April 7

9 AM – Louise Bell by Donald Bell

Friday, April 8

9AM-Monroe and Dessie Clark by Rose Aquino
12 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 9

4:30 PM-Dominic Russo By Lena Russo
Anna Mae Novak by Rochelle Milnac

Sunday, April 10

9AM – Gloria and Vic Morgese by Al Scavelli Jr.

11AM-Mary Michel by Michel Family
Rosati and Iacino families by Joe and Diana Iacino

Holy Week

Palm Sunday-April 10

Tuesday of Holy Week-April 12, Chrism Mass in Youngstown, No Mass at Christ the Servant Parish

Holy Thursday-April 14 at 7PM Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday—April 15

Stations of the Cross 12noon

7PM Remembrance of the Lord’s Passion and Death

Holy Saturday-April 16 Easter Vigil 8pm

Easter Sunday—April 17 at 9AM and 11AM



Penance services in our area

Easter	MONDAY Holy Family Navarre 6:30 pm	TUESDAY Ss Phillip/James Canal Fulton 6:30 pm	WEDNESDAY Saint Mary Massillon 1:00 pm	THURSDAY St. Joseph Massillon 1:00 pm , Regina Coeli 6:30pm	FRIDAY St. Barb’s Massillon 6:30 pm
2022 April 17	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7	April 8

FAITH FORMATION

Rita Kingsbury

Email: rkingsbury@christtheservantparish.org Call: 330-492-0757 Ext. 107

FIRST RECONCILIATION



Our First Reconciliation celebration last Saturday, March 26 was wonderful. The children had wooden heart cutouts that they decorated and wrote their name on. These served as both a nametag and a reminder about how we can change our hearts with Jesus' help. It was a sign of conversion. The children also decorated sheep cutouts with their name on them. We had a mural of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. After the children celebrated Reconciliation they placed their sheep on the board with Jesus, who is



always waiting for us to return to the fold. We also decorated candles. The children lit their candle from the Paschal candle and placed it on the altar, symbolizing the light of Christ and reminding us how important it is to keep our light shining brightly. We thank Msgr. Lew for helping the children and our families celebrate. We also thank our teacher Mrs. Rachel Joy and Grace Joy for their help.



Keep the children and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they continue their preparation to receive First Eucharist on Saturday, May 21 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

Our 2nd grade School and PSR students continue in their preparation to celebrate **First Eucharist** on Tuesday evening April 5 at 7:00 p.m. with a parent only gathering where we will discuss the Real Presence.

In his homily on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Pope Francis taught the following:

“Jesus becomes the Lamb offering Himself in sacrifice in order to give us life, and so in the Eucharist, we contemplate and worship the God of love. Here we appreciate the Lord’s boundless love and gift to us, and that by celebrating and experiencing the Eucharist we share in this love, but our hearts must be open to our brothers and sisters by sharing in their sufferings and helping them in their needs. Our Eucharistic celebrations transform the world in as much as we allow ourselves to be transformed and to become bread broken for others.”

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: rkingsbury@christtheservantparish.org.

STA Easter Egg Hunt - The STA National Honor Society is hosting an Easter Egg hunt for children from preschool through 2nd grade on Saturday, April 2, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. No pre-registration is necessary, the egg hunt will happen rain or shine outside on the Aquinas practice field and begins promptly at 10:00 am.

The SpongeBob Musical - Tickets for the Central Catholic & St. Thomas Aquinas High School musical, "The SpongeBob Musical" are on sale now! You don't want to miss the Stark County premier of this hilarious and joyful musical at the Palace Theatre in Canton on April 1-3. Visit <http://our.show/cchssta/87800> to purchase tickets online.

If you're interested in being a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Greeter, Usher, Server or in bringing up the gifts during mass - please see Mike Reed after mass or email at mreed@christtheservantparish.org

Decorating help needed for Easter . This will take place after the 7pm Remembrance of the Lord's Passion and Death service on Friday April 15, 2022



Lenten Watercolor Reflections Strength in our brokenness
 Monday April 4th
 6:30 to 8:00
 Free Will offering for Christ the Servant parish
 For more information contact Hilda sikora 330-451-9585



25th, 40th, 50th and over Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a **Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday May 8, 2:00pm at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown**, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2022.

The wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with Bishop David J. Bonnar, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couple and their families. Couples may opt to attend the Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass in person at St. Columba Cathedral or they may participate remotely via livestreaming on the diocesan website at www.doy.org. Limited spaces are available for couples at the cathedral. You must make reservations in advance for this event by contacting your parish office 330.492.0757 or kkraft@christtheservantparish.org as soon as possible, but no later than April 6.

BIBLE STUDY: The Bible Study Group continues to meet every Wednesday from 10:00 - 11:00 in the Gathering Room. New participants are always welcome. We will be reflecting on Lenten Scripture readings to begin. Contact Jim Naegeli at jnaegeli@neo.rr.com or 330-452-2202 for more information.

Holy Dusters needed
 We are in need of volunteers to help clean the church. On Thursday mornings. If you are interested in helping out, please call the parish office 330.492.0757 or email Kristin at kkraft@christtheservantparish.org





**Save the Date
Sunday
May 15, 2022**



**Monsignor Gaetano
Celebration of
Ordination and
Retirement**

Monsignor was ordained on May 18, 1973

Celebration will be here at Christ the Servant starting at 1:00 p.m. – May 15, 2022. It is so good to celebrate not only Monsignor's retirement, but his priesthood, as he has made an impact on a great many people. Watch for more details, but for now mark your calendar! Share this date with others that you know would like to attend.

March 27, 2022 \$10,588.17

For stewardship or any other donations to the parish or school, please make checks payable to Christ the Servant Parish.

Thank you.

Sponsor of the week: Bethany