

## May Christ Easter in Us

As we move closer to Holy Week the hope is that we become more aware of God's love for us. However, being attentive to God's love becomes so complicated when we are occupied with so many activities - 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 "things" engage our thoughts, words and actions.



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 really is difficult at times to believe God loves us.

So how can we discover God's love for us? Perhaps this will help. We often state that Jesus is the only Son of God. And if you recall, I have been asking you over the years to allow the words of the Father "**You are my Beloved**" to echo within your lives, as they did in the life of Jesus.

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 differentiates his life. That difference is that the very essence of God shapes his identity- shapes his heart - the core of his life. As one spiritual writer reflects, "**Jesus is not just God dressed up like a human being**"; in Jesus we see the love of God made visible.

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Friday is about God's unbounded forgiveness for us; Easter is about the irrevocable love of God with us- never to be withdrawn from us.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 our being lovable.

Jesus' heart is the center of his identity and Jesus reminds us that our hearts - the center of our identity - place us in close relationship - not only with each other but also with God. Our hearts then are not just ordinary human hearts - they are distinctive - just as Christ's heart was distinctive. We are called by God to that same love - with our hearts becoming like Christ's own heart.

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 defining characteristic of our life - it is in reality very Catholic. And so my prayer is that Christ will continue to Easter in you. L Gaetano

## Catholic Schools: Feel, Think and Engage

Reflecting on my comments in *May Christ Easter in Us*, I also am reminded that forming the heart of Christ in our young people is what our Catholic schools are all about. I was recently sharing with others that my spiritual director when I was at Bethany College was a Jesuit from Wheeling Jesuit College. He was my contact with the thought of Pedro Arrupe, S.J., the Superior General of the Jesuit. In fact Father Arrupe has been called by "the second founder of the Jesuits."

One of Father Arrupe's goals following the Second Vatican Council was for education's highest aim to become the formation of faith in service to justice. Speaking at the General Assembly of the Jesuits he spoke of education's task as one of enabling students to Feel, Think, and Engage. That is: **to feel** the inspiration of God's Spirit in their lives, allowing that spirit to form the character of their lives; becoming virtuous young men and women for the world. Secondly, our young are to be educated in order **to think** - critically, synthesizing the information and knowledge provided becoming young men and women of wisdom. Thirdly, they need to be empowered to engage the world with compassionate hearts - allowing their character and virtue and their gained wisdom to lead them on a path given to them, responding to God's call - serving and creating a more just world.

What more could we aspire to today as we look at our Catholic Schools and Catholic education here in Stark County? It will take the heart of Christ- it will take the heart of Christ's passion and commitment - it will take the heart of a believing community to shape the future of our Catholic schools.

## Lenten Opportunities for Prayer, Reflection, and Community Growth

### A Christ Attitude Way of Life

This year there will be two evenings in which we will explore the Beatitudes of the Disciple and the Beatitudes of the Apostle. The second evening will be from 6:30 – 8:30 pm., **on Thursday evening April 11 in Seton Hall.** This year's reflection will include group discussion and conclude with the sung **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** in Christ the Servant Church at 8:40 pm. Presenter Msgr. Lew Gaetano.



### 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 in Christ the Servant on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm.

### Spiritual Exercises

Join others hoping to “strengthen their core” as we pray and do a workout every **Tuesday evening at 7pm and Saturday morning at 7am** in Alumni Hall (gym) during Lent. Appropriate for all ages 8 and up, where the exercises can be adapted to fit your ability. Sessions will **conclude on Tuesday, April 16** and will last approximately one hour.

Contact Elise Schafer at 330.714.9087 or [eschafer@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:eschafer@youngstowndiocese.org)



### Morning Bible Study

We will be discussing Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans. Many find this book very difficult to read and it is often misinterpreted. Leader Jim Naegeli will discuss the various interpretations and nuances found in the book and how it is understood considering our Catholic Biblical tradition. All are welcome, on Wednesdays, March 10 at 10:00 am. In the Gathering Room.

### Communal Penance Service



Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 PM

### Formed.org Audio and Video Reflections for Lent:

#### My Beloved Son – Meditations for Lent

Bishop Robert Barron offers five sermons on the spiritual discipline we must cultivate in the Lenten season, a discipline centered on Christ. These meditations cover topics such as finding our identity in God, prayer as the key to mission, our thirst for God, how to end our alienation from God, and how to embrace the way of happiness joyfully

#### 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. Forgiven is accessible through [Formed.org](http://Formed.org)

## 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 9**

9:00 AM Richard Stanley by The Polinos

**Wednesday April 10**

9:00 AM Students, Faculty and Staff of Our Lady of Peace School

**Thursday April 11**

9:00 AM Bob & Betty O'Brien by Carmie DeVito  
Richard McCaulley by Margaret McCaulley

**Friday April 12**

9:00 AM Fr. David Menegay

## Paul Eloise O'Connor by Family

**Saturday April 13**

4:30 PM Cheryl Schott by Mary Cuenot  
George and Betty Yelichek by Family

**Sunday April 14**

9:00 AM Mary Piccari by Family  
11:00 AM Mary Gill 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

Another great week for our food collection. Total food collected was 463 lbs, clothing was 196 lbs. and toiletries equalled 40 lbs. That brings our grand total to 699 lbs. Wow! Really, really great job everyone. Catholic Charities will be very happy when we deliver to them. Keep up the great work everyone!

## 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

**2019 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church**  
*Changing Lives...One Family at a Time*

THANK YOU to all who made a commitment to the 2019 Bishop's Appeal. As of 4/1/19 28% of households responding with a gift have collectively committed \$63,768.30 toward our Parish Appeal Goal of 73,974.00.



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

The Diocese of Youngstown will sponsor a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, June 2, 2:00 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2019.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., renewal of marriage vows and a personalized certificate for each couple. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the Cathedral Hall.

You must make reservations in advance for this event by contacting your parish 330.492.0757 office before April 29. Registration is limited to the first 132 couples.

Ladies Guild Guest Speaker  
Monday April 15 at 1 PM in the Gathering rm. The topic of discussion is German speaking in Stark County

Baptism class  
Sunday April 28 at 10 AM meet in front of church after Mass.



**Holy Week**

Palm Sunday - April 13-14  
Distribution of Palms and Mass  
Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday- April 18  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm.

Good Friday – April 19  
Stations of the Cross 12:00 Noon  
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Adoration of the Cross 7:00 pm.

**Easter**

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil – April 20  
Blessing of Food and Pets 1:00 pm.  
Mass of the Resurrection 8:00 pm.  
Easter Sunday – April 21  
Mass of the Resurrection 9:00 am.  
Mass of the Resurrection 11:00 am.



**BEYOND THE BOOK**

**Third Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 April 16, 2019 —Once a Month**

**Christ the Servant Gathering Room**

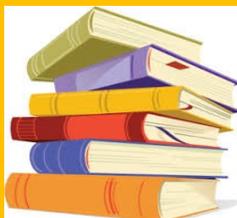
**If you were unable to attend the last meeting, please feel free to join us at this meeting.**

**The book for discussion is**

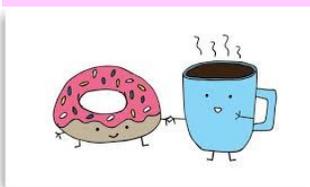
**The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity by Matthew Kelly**

**Any questions contact**

**Mary Faigley 330-904-6421 or email: mfaigley@neo.rr.com**



Everyone is cordially invited to join us for coffee and donuts next weekend, Sunday, April 7, 2019 after the 9:00am Mass and before the 11am Mass. This is an excellent way to meet and greet fellow parishioners of our community and enjoy coffee from Carpe Diem and Mary Ann Donuts. Tea, hot chocolate and bagels are also available. Donut Sunday is generally held on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.



*Lenten Fridays, March 8-April 12, 4:30 – 7:00 PM, Alumni Hall*

**CHRIST THE SERVANT LENTEN FISH FRY MENU**

**DINNERS:** All Dinners Include Bread and Butter (Norcia Bakery)

**BEER BATTERED FISH**

1 PIECE	\$8.00
2 PIECE	\$10.00
3 PIECE	\$11.00

**BAKED FISH** \$11.00

**FRIED SHRIMP** \$10.00

**PIEROGIES** \$8.00



*Above dinners include Cole Slaw or Applesauce and one of the following:*

FRENCH FRIES	MAC & CHEESE
PIEROGIES (4)	GREEN BEANS

**KIDS MEALS (10) and Under** \$5.00

FRIED FISH (1)

PIEROGIES (4)

FRIED SHRIMP

MAC & CHEESE

*Includes choice of French Fries, Mac & Cheese or Green Beans*

**A La Carte:**

(1) PIECE BEER BATTER FISH	\$4.00
(4) PIEROGIES	\$4.00
FRENCH FRIES / MAC & CHEESE / GREEN BEANS	\$2.00
COLE SLAW / APPLESAUCE	\$1.00
SODA / BOTTLE WATER	\$1.00 (No charge for coffee)

**SUNDAE BAR:**

**\$1.00 with Dinner Purchase** **NO CHARGE FOR SENIORS!**

*ALL GRATUITIES GO TOWARDS THE ST. THOMAS AQUINAS MIDDE SCHOOL CLASS TRIP AND THE CHRIST THE SERVANT PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROJECT*

**Parish Meeting Events for the Week Ahead**

**Sunday April 7**

2 PM Grief counseling lower level rectory Rm  
 New Beginners Alcoholic Anonymous meeting in the Gathering Rm 7-8 PM

**Monday April 8**

7 PM Men's basketball-Gym

**Tuesday April 9**

2 PM seniors group Gathering Rm  
 7 PM Garden Club Gathering Rm  
 7 PM Spiritual exercises-gym

**Wednesday April 10**

10 AM Bible Study Gathering Rm

**Thursday April 11**

6:30 PM A Christ Attitude Way of Life-Seton Hall  
 8 PM Men's basketball-Gym

**Friday April 12**

7 PM Stations of the Cross-Church

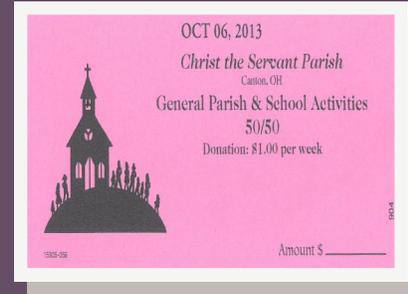
**Saturday April 13**

7 AM Spiritual exercises-Gym

**Cook Needed for Ursuline Sisters**

Temporary cook needed at the Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown Motherhouse, 4250 Shields Road, Canfield, Ohio, for approximately 12 weeks. The position would be 12 to 15 hours per week. Experience preferred. Please call Linda at the Ursuline Education & Wellness Center, 330-799-4941, ext. 385.

**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.

3/24/2019 #50010 was drawn and would have won \$225.50

There is no sin, including abortion, that is greater than God's forgiveness. There is Hope and Healing available. For CONFIDENTIAL help contact Project Rachel of N.E. Ohio at 888-259-4806 or support@projrachneo.zohosupport.com .

**W/E 3/31/2019 \$13,068.00**

**For stewardship or any other donations to the parish or school, please make checks payable to Christ the Servant Parish— Thank you**

**Catholic Match Ohio**