This is “the way we are”

Seven Billion People inhabit our fragile planet – WOW. It would seem that God would be making quite an impact, with so many images of God walking around our neighborhoods!

Moving toward excellence is our continuing challenge here at OLOP. The goal is always to reach a higher excellence in the quality of our community life. And so the sharing of responsibility here at OLOP safeguards the intellectual, physical, social, emotional, psychological and religious well-being of our entire OLOP Family, moving us all beyond mediocrity.

What makes the school at Our Lady of Peace unique? The key is our Catholic - Christian Identity. Rooted in the term “Catholic Identity” is a moral and ethical way of life that supports our humanity. The guiding principles for this way of life enables the possibility for becoming a more genuine and caring learning environment.

At OLOP we highlight the characteristics of respect, responsibility, and community as code words for our students. These code words are a constant reminder that this is “the way we are” – striving in our relationships, our decisions and choices, to reflect a community grounded in Gospel values.

If someone asks, “What is OLOP like?” I would hope our response would be: this is “the way we are” - we are a diverse community of respect and responsibility where the learning circle grows larger and larger, and our young images of God continue to grow into bigger images of God along the way. L.Gaetano

Many thanks to Bill Wright, Kevin Sherwood, Paul Renner, Rich Aeling, Tim Leahy, Dale Martin, Dennis Woodburn, Dan Toussant and John Tscholl. All of these men from the parish are those who put together our new whiteboard - hexagonal student interactive learning tables for our classrooms K-3.
RCIA for those wanting to find out more about the Church and for those High School and Adult Catholics who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

A “Meet and Greet” Gathering for those interested in the **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is being planned for the fall. This is an opportunity for those who may be seeking to find out more about the RCIA process, while sharing one’s own faith journey and exploring together with others in community whether one’s personal faith journey can best be lived out within the Roman Catholic Church. Again, I emphasize it is a time of searching and questioning. We will continue to build on our RCIA Mentor Program that we began last year and proved helpful for those having a variety of family obligations, employment commitments, and a multitude of daily happenings.

Those individuals who have been baptized as Roman Catholics but have not been confirmed (High School and Adult) should attend these sessions. Confirmation will be administered at the Easter Vigil with the Candidates and Catechumens.

The RCIA team is coordinated by our Director Peter Schafer and our Coordinator Rosemarie Houser, and our Mentors, who are continuing their own faith journey and who will be companions with each new candidate in your own journey.

The RCIA Process includes online instruction, once a month group gatherings, reflection and teachings, and individualized scheduled conversations with one’s personal Mentor. Sessions are not intended as adult education classes for those who are full members of the Church.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. . You did not choose me but I chose you “

*John 15: 12-14,16*

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Please return the following information to the parish office or place in the collection basket.

**I am interested in the RCIA**

Name:__________________________________________
Address:________________________________________

Contact: Email or Phone: _________________________________
**Mass Intentions**

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**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

**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 very good week for our food drive especially since it was a holiday weekend. 405 lbs. of food was collected. 41 lbs. of clothing and 35 lbs. of toiletries. Our complete total is 481 lbs. Catholic Charities will be very happy when we deliver to them this week. Thank you all for continuing support of this ministry. You are all helping to make a difference in our area.

**Liturgically**

“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

**Beyond the Book**

**Third Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 September 17, 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: Night by Elie Wiesel

Any questions contact Mary Faigley 330-904-6421 or email: mfaigley@neo.rr.com

Please join us today for coffee and donuts after the 9 AM Mass.
Christ the Servant – Our Lady of Peace

Chicken BBQ / Cleveland Browns Watch Party

Sunday October 13th, 12:00PM – 4:00PM

Chicken Dinner $10: Includes BBQ Chicken, Ohio Sweet Corn, Baked Potato, Beverage and Dessert

Kid's Dinner $5: Includes Chicken Nuggets, Corn or Potato, Beverage and Dessert.

Each Family will receive a FREE pumpkin to take home!

Dinner will be prepared by the OLOP Men's Club and served in Alumni Hall (Gym).

Browns game will be projected on the big screen and other TVs will be around the gym… $1 Beers!
Parish School of Religion (PSR)
We are excited to get things underway! The Parish School of Religion at Christ the Servant is designed for students in grades K-8 and their families. The program officially begins this year at Christ the Servant* on Sunday, October 6th and will extend through mid May. There are some adjustments to the previous years' program. Those who register for PSR participate in 3 main components:
I.) Regular Sessions: meet on Sunday mornings from 10:10-10:55am*. This change in time makes it possible for families to attend whichever weekly Mass time they choose.
II.) Mass & More: On a monthly basis families will attend the 9am Mass together and continue the celebration with a mini retreat and meal from approximately 10am-1pm in Seton Hall or the Gym. There will be faith sharing and witness-es from people in our community and beyond, separate opportunities for adult and child education, as well as projects and prayers for all ages. Members of the parish and/or school are welcome to attend as well.
III.) Outreach: A variety of service opportunities and "extension activities" will be made available throughout the year. These experiences will "put feet on our faith" and further develop what it means to "be church" beyond the walls of the building. The first outreach opportunity is the Faith Family Festival to be held at Walsh University on *Sunday, September 22nd. Adult volunteers are needed to help at the youth activities. Please contact Elise (eschafer@youngstowndiocese.org) to sign-up.

All registration for the PSR program is done online. Families may register (and pay) by going to the parish website: christtheservantparish.org.
-Scroll to the bottom of the homepage
-Click on "Parish School of Religion"
You will find the necessary links at the top of the page. Deadline to register is Sunday, September 15th. Contact Elise or the parish office if you need help registering or have questions.
eschafer@youngstowndiocese.org/330-714-9087

Sacraments
Baptism is the door to all the sacraments. Contact the parish office to learn more about Baptism for ALL ages. Even children who are not yet baptized may participate in the Parish School of Religion.

Students preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation are to be enrolled in a Catholic School or the Parish School of Religion for two years leading up to the sacrament. Generally speaking, 1st Reconciliation and Communion typically happen in a student's 2nd grade year so they should be enrolled no later than their 1st grade year. Confirmation age for the Diocese of Youngstown is 8th grade. Christ the Servant has switched to an every other year Confirmation schedule, consequently those who are entering the 7th and 8th grade year this fall will be confirmed together in the spring of 2021. These ages and grades are guidelines and we are happy to work with children and families wherever they may be in their journey of faith as we all grow deeper in our relationship with God and one another.

"Y"
We will be holding youth gatherings for students in grades 8-12 on the last Sunday of every month (*except February 2020 where we will meet on Saturday) from 6:30-8:30pm. Register for the year by going to the parish website. 8th graders are still required to participate in the Parish School of Religion but are welcome to attend "Y" as they begin the transition to high school. Cost is $40 for the year for those in grades 9-12. Students may bring a guest, Catholic or non-Catholic, confirmed or not at no additional charge. "Y" not join an investigation of faith and truth to serve as a guide to life's big questions? Contact (email, call or text)= Drew Sarachman (acssarachman@gmail.com/330-518-4313 or Elise Schafer (eschafer@youngstowndiocese.org/330-714-9087)

Help! We need somebody...
The Beatles tune is stuck in my head. Won't you please, please help me...There are many opportunities to volunteer and get involved in the Parish School of Religion and other youth activities. This, however, would necessitate that you complete the Virtus training and background check as is the diocesan policy for anyone working with or around children and vulnerable adults. There is a cost associated with the background check. Any parent who completes the Child Protection Policy process will receive a $40 discount off of any registration fees for their child(ren).

Help me if you can...
- Serve as a teacher or an aid on Sunday's between Masses,
- set-up, decorate, cook, serve, or clean-up at gatherings
- Chaperone youth outings or service projects
- Plan or lead activities for the whole community at Mass & More
- Lead a discussion group or prayer service
- Help will student files and Child protection policy compliance records
- Share your gifts, talents, and things you're passionate about
- etc.

September is the ideal time to step up, go through the training, and get everything set up prior to the PSR family kickoff on Sunday, October 6th. Elise Schafer (eschafer@youngstowndiocese.org /330-714-9087) to get involved NOW! And I do appreciate you being around ;-

Julia Keim has moved again. Please write to her at:
Hudson Danbury
150 Omni Lake Parkway
Hudson, OH 44236
**Parish Meeting Events for the Week Ahead**

**Sunday September 8**
2 PM Grief counseling lower level rectory rm.
New Beginners Alcoholic Anonymous meeting in the Gathering Rm 7-8 PM

**Monday September 9**
7 PM Men's basketball-Gym

**Tuesday September 10**
2 PM Seniors group-Gathering Rm. bring a covered dish.
7 PM Garden Club-Gathering Rm

**Wednesday September 11**
10 AM Bible Study resumes Gathering Rm
7 PM Men’s club meeting Gathering Rm

**Thursday September 12**
6:30 PM Respect life meeting – lower level rectory Rm.
8 PM Men’s basketball-Gym

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**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.

8/25/2019 #22470 was drawn, and won $329.50

“**My daughter had an abortion…I don’t know what to do.”** 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.

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**W/E 9/3/2019 Will be published next week due to Holiday.**

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

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**Sponsor of the Week: McCaulley Building**

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

The Diocese of Youngstown will sponsor a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 20, 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Canton, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2019.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with Msgr. Robert J. Siffkin, 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 Parish Hall). You must make reservations in advance for this event by contacting your parish office on or before September 16th.