

I believe that God’s on-going revelation is heard within the very heart of the person and within the human community when the obstacles of self-centeredness are removed. The Garden of Eden is a reflection of the world that God intended from the beginning. Eden becomes the place or community where all creation lives in right relationship.



East of Eden is outside the community of right relationship both morally and ethically. Adam and Eve being expelled and cut off from the life of the community is the equivalent of death - a living death. The Angel of Life stands at the entrance to the garden of right relationship.

The Gospel stories of Zacchaeus, the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, and the Woman at the Well, the Leper, and the Woman Caught in Adultery tell a story of each ones encounter and relationship with Jesus - and the circle of relationships just keeps getting larger and larger. The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 4:32 speaks of the community being of one spirit and one heart, sharing everything they had in common. The story of Ananias and Sapphira, tell the story of what happens when one steps outside the community of right relationships - leading to death.

I believe this “death” is also figurative, as I mentioned earlier about being outside the garden of right relationships, East of Eden. The “Good News” at the very heart of the world is that we have the ability to fashion a world that is righteous and where justice enhances the quality of relationships within the circle of humankind.



Throughout history our world has been bent out of alignment by a multitude of regimes, radical fundamentalists both on the left and right, attempting to turn the world upside down, attempting to create an Eden. But those Towers of Babel merely confuse humanity’s ability to hear the voice of its Creator speaking within its heart. Then the words that come from our mouths are as distorted as the images we create of humanity and as cruel. Perhaps the story of Narcissus, the one who fell in love with his own reflection; and only seeing himself not the “other” - perishes. Lgaetano

Capital Campaign for School and Parish

Your response is a reflection of your commitment as a parishioner of Christ the Servant and Our Lady of Peace Catholic School and I would hope we will continue to build toward our goal of \$171,000.00.

As of today through the generosity of MANY we have a: **Total Pledge of \$139,844.00**
That leaves us with: **\$31,156.00** to reach our goal. This will enable us to complete all the projects in the timely manner. I would ask those who have not pledged to consider that the restrooms are a shared school and parish project long overdue after 65 years, and the entrance to the church is a long awaited project that we held off when undergoing the renovation of the church. You sharing in our continuing responsibility is a commitment to the mission of Christ the Servant and to the mission of Our Lady of Peace. **Share the mission to the degree you are able – your pledge does make a difference.**

Name _____ Phone number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Plaque Inscription _____

For the plaque inscription, please print neatly person(s)/family name

DONATION AREA: *Please prayerfully consider:*

- Follower \$1.00-\$499.00 Prophet \$500.00-\$999.00
- Disciple \$1,000.00-\$2499.00 Apostle \$2500-\$4,999.00
- Servant \$5,000.00 or more TOTAL \$ _____



Please make check payable to Christ the Servant Parish before Sept 1, 2019
Pledges may be made monthly, quarterly, yearly.

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

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: _____

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 continue to have great success with our food drive. This weekend we collected 456 lbs. of food, 116 lbs. of clothing and 58 lbs. of toiletries. Fantastic job everyone! Our grand total is 630 lbs. Hope Outreach will be overjoyed when we deliver to them this week. We are helping so many people in our area with our food collection. Thank you all for your strong support of our ministry.

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 September 17**

9:00 AM Mary Margaret Hilson by Pam Nieporte

Wednesday September 18

9:00 AM Marty Leahy by Jim & Mary Ogi

Thursday September 19

9:00 AM Fr. David Menegay

Friday September 20

9:00 AM William Fawley by Mary Mueller

Saturday September 21

4:30 PM Anna Garrini by Family
Dave Mohn by Nancy Mohn

Sunday September 22

9:00 AM Mary Gill by Family
Ed Czekansky by Mr. & Mrs. Yingling
11:00 AM Alma Biasella by Jaime Lidderdale
Jeannie Sikora by Anna Marie Wilson & Family

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

BEYOND THE BOOK

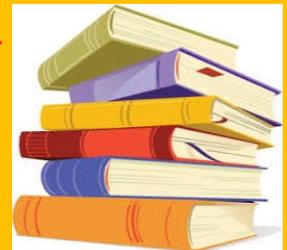
Third Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 September 17, 2019 —Once a Month

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



RETURNING HOME



September 28-29 is a special weekend—**RETURNING HOME** .

This is a special invitation especially for those who have not been attending our weekend Mass on a regular basis. We are asking individuals and families to consider **RETURNING HOME** on a regular basis and renew their involvement in our community here at Christ the Servant.

All our welcome to attend an ice cream social after the 4:30 Mass on Sat. Sept. 28 , and we will have coffee and donuts after BOTH Masses on Sept. 29.

William, Traci and Aaron Toulson
Susan Quilter
David and Tina Miller
Leona Woods
John and Kimberly Appleby
Richard and Nancy Addressi
Kristen and Daniel Sloat
Frank and Amy Antonacci



Beginner Italian Class

Starting Thursday October 3, 6-8PM for 8weeks. Class is taught by parishioner Lina Falcone. Cost is \$70. Please call the parish office to register 330.492.0757.



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 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 Sarchman (acsarachman@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 kick-off 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 15

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

Monday September 16

1PM Ladies Guild Gathering Rm
7 PM Men's basketball-Gym

Tuesday September 17

1PM Cards for shut-ins will meet at in lower level rectory rm. Want to help? Call Pat 330-494-6213.
6:30 PM Beyond the Book Gathering Rm

Wednesday September 18

10 AM Bible Study Gathering Rm
7 PM Homeless Outreach/Hunger Ministry Meeting. Gathering Rm

Thursday September 19

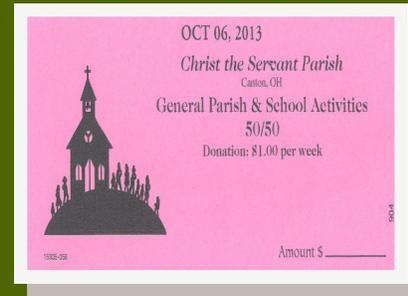
8 PM Men's basketball-Gym

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 Monsignor Robert J. Siffirin, 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.

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.

9/01/2019 #416 was drawn, and won \$112.00

“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.

**W/E 9/1/2019 \$12,392.71
W/E \$11,208.13**

**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