Second Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2020

Who am I? How am I supposed to act in this world? What happens when the “who” and the “how” of our lives connect?

Jesus’ appearance changed in the sight of the apostles. For Jesus, his inner messaging system was reminding him that he was the Beloved of God. Jesus shares our humanity not only to clarify who he is but how he is supposed to act in this world. No longer is he just the carpenter’s son, the teacher or prophet from Nazareth, after all, as Nathaniel asked, “could anything good ever come from Nazareth?”

As Jesus grew in age, wisdom and grace he came to more fully understand who he was, and it was that growing awakening that determined how he would live his life in this world. Jesus’ mission was to help others come to understand the power of Abba - God the Father’s unconditional love and boundless forgiveness. This would enable them through his words and actions to understand how much they shared with Jesus – how complete their lives would be, accepting their place in the family of God.

The Second Sunday of Lent is a challenge for us as the Community of Christ the Servant to allow the presence of God to be more fully realized within our community life. The inner messaging system – God’s grace – should be helping us to come to a greater clarity of who we are as a Catholic Community, and in turn we will better understand how to be a Community in mission to the world. LGaetano

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Holy Week

Palm Sunday - April 4 and 5
Distribution of Palms and Mass
Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday - April 9
Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00 pm.

Good Friday – April 10
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 11
Blessing of Food and Pets 1:00 pm.
Mass of the Resurrection 8:00 pm.

Easter Sunday – April 12
Mass of the Resurrection 9:00 am.
Mass of the Resurrection 11:00 am.

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.

Growing in Faith, Hope and Love
A Lenten morning of reflection will be held on Saturday March 14th from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Led by Jim Naegeli, the morning will be spent in prayer and reflection on I Corinthians 13:13 “So Faith, Hope and Love remain, but the greatest of these is love.” How can we understand and develop these three virtues in our lives today? Join us for this opportunity for spiritual growth this Lent. Please register by contacting Jim at jnaegeli@neo.rr.com or 330-452-2202 by March 12th, however you can still attend if not registered.

Spiritual Exercises
Join others hoping to “strengthen their core” as we pray and walk every Monday and Wednesday morning 7-8 am and Wednesday evenings 7-8pm in the Christ the Servant neighborhood. Meet in front of the church and come dressed for the weather. We will move the session indoors if necessary. Appropriate for all ages and abilities. Children in strollers welcome. Sessions will begin on Monday, March 2nd and conclude on Wednesday, April 8th. For more information contact Elise Schafer at 330.714.9087 or eschafer@youngstowndiocese.org.
Morning Bible Study
We will be discussing your questions about some of the puzzling or difficult passages in the Bible. Leader Jim Naegeli will guide you though the various interpretations and nuances that are sometimes challenging for us today, and how we can best understand these questions considering our Catholic Biblical tradition. All are welcome, on Wednesdays, March 11, 18, 25, and April 1 at 10:00 am. In the Gathering Room.

S.C.U.M. - Spring Clean Up Mission (week of March 23rd, 2020)
Join members of Christ the Servant Parish School of Religion in caring for God's creation. S.C.U.M. packets including a garbage bag, some rubber gloves, and some prayer supplements will be available after Masses on March 22nd and 23rd. Participants are asked to select an area in our community and clean up litter and debris throughout the week to make the first week of spring especially beautiful. Dispose of trash responsibly at your own home or business location but snap a picture of working on the project, the full garbage bag, or evidence of God's presence or beauty along the way and send it to Elise Schafer at 330-714-9087 or eschafer@youngstowndiocese.org by Monday, March 30th. We hope to collect at least 40 full bags of trash and 40 photos to share with the parish community.

Leave the Lights On: Wednesday, March 11, 2020
There will be two priests available for individual private confession from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.
Regional Communal Penance Service  March 24 at 7:00 PM at St. Michael

The Sacraments - An Alternative Worldview
This year there will be two evenings in which we will explore the Seven Sacraments and our ability as Catholic Christians in sharing in God’s Project for this world. The evenings will be from 6:30 – 8:00 pm., on Thursday evenings March 12 and March 26 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 8:00 pm. Presenter Msgr. Lew Gaetano.
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 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 / APPLESAUSE $1.00
SODA / BOTTLE WATER $1.00 (No charge for coffee)

SUNDAE BAR: $1.00 with Dinner Purchase

All gratuities go towards the St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School Class Trip and The Christ the Servant Parish School of Religion Project

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We had a really good week for our food drive. This week we collected 414 lbs. of food, 40 lbs. of clothing and 29 lbs. of toiletries. That brought our total to 483 lbs. So I know Catholic Charities will very grateful when we deliver to them this week.
PSR Mass and More Day
On Sunday, February 23, we gathered to celebrate Mardi Gras, a pre-Lenten celebration. Children had the opportunity to collect items from the desert sand area, including a shell (baptism), a stone (the tomb), a cross medal (sacrifice), a heart medal (conversion), a penny (almsgiving) and others. They collected these items buried in the sand and put them in a glass jar while reflecting on their meaning. The jars will serve as a visual reminder of our Lenten journey. Families also made a clay creation reminding them how God molds us into His image and reflected on our need for reconciliation. We painted a cross and made a chain out of construction paper, where all of our Lenten “give ups” or “take ups” were written. It was fun day of learning and reflection, spending time as family! We look forward to our next Mass and More Day on Sunday, March 15, where our theme will be “Prayer.”

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
Please keep all those preparing to celebrate the sacraments and their families in your prayers.

FIRST EUCHARIST
March 31, 2020 Parents and Children in Seton Hall 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
April 9, 2020 Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00 p.m.
April 21, 2020 Parents and Children in Seton Hall 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
April 26, 2020 Mass and More Day Sunday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
April 28, 2020 First Eucharist Practice in church 7:00-8:00
May 3, 2020 First Eucharist Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass

CONFIRMATION
Current 7th and 8th graders will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation next year – 2021. We will be setting a date for this celebration soon and will then schedule our first family meeting, where we will discuss preparation for this most important Sacrament. If you are in high school or an adult, and have never been Confirmed please contact Rita at rkingbury@christtheservantparish.org or call 330-492-0757. Remember, that in order to act as a sponsor or godparent, you must be Confirmed. Confirmation is one of the beautiful Sacraments of Initiation where we are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and are strengthened in our Baptismal call. An initiation implies a beginning and celebrating this Sacrament moves us forward with strength in the mission given to us by Jesus Christ.

Ladies Guild
The next Ladies Guild meeting will be March 16th at 1 PM. There will be a luncheon. All are welcome.
Call Betty Jaroneski 330.499.2321
Coronavirus/Flu Concerns
In response to concerns about the Coronavirus and flu, Bishop Murry is instructing that the following prudent steps and liturgical adaptations be implemented beginning this weekend. These are temporary measures that will be reviewed before Holy Week:

1. If you are sick, do not come to Mass. Mass can be watched on television until you are restored to health.
2. Cover your mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or cough/sneeze into your elbow.
3. Use hand sanitizer if you cough or sneeze at any time.
4. Exchange the sign of peace by simply bowing to those around you and say “Peace be with you,” without shaking hands.
5. All ministers of Holy Communion must use hand sanitizer before distributing Holy Communion.
6. The distribution of the Precious Blood from the cup is temporarily suspended with the exception of those who must receive the cup due to severe cases of celiac disease.
7. Consider receiving Holy Communion in the hand. For those still desiring to receive on the tongue, make every effort not to come in contact with the minister’s hand or fingers.
8. Intinction (the practice of dipping the host into the wine) is not to be utilized as a means of distributing Holy Communion.
9. Holy Water fonts are to be drained, cleaned, and disinfected regularly. Small personal bottles of Holy Water can be made available.

Both the Coronavirus and flu are serious health hazards. Everyone has the responsibility to take common sense steps to prevent the spread of these diseases. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Fish Fry Help
We are in need of some volunteers for Fish Fry. Sign ups are available in the back of the church with the dates. Please be there before 4:30.

Everyone is cordially invited to join us for coffee and donuts Sunday, March 8 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.
Parish Meeting Events for the Week Ahead

**Sunday March 8**
- 10 AM coffee and donuts-Seton Hall
- 2 PM Grief group lower level rectory rm
- New Beginners Alcoholic Anonymous meeting in the Gathering Rm 7-8 PM

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

**Tuesday March 10**
- Seniors Group 2-4 PM Gathering Rm

**Wednesday March 11**
- 10 AM Bible Study– Gathering Rm
- Men’s Club 7 PM-Gathering Rm

**Thursday March 12**
- 8 PM Men’s basketball-Gym

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**CATHOLIC MEN’S FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE**
“CMF Conference 2020 – Making Your Vision Clear”
Dr. Ray Guarendi will be the keynote speaker at the 8th annual Catholic Men’s Fellowship Conference. Come together with men from the diocese for a day of fellowship, spiritual awakening and new direction on **Saturday, March 21, 2020**; 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with Bishop Murry presiding at the 4:00 p.m. closing mass. For more information go to [www.CMFDOY.org](http://www.CMFDOY.org). Please see bulletin announcements and flyer in this month’s Communique attachments.

**BEYOND THE BOOK**
Third Tuesday from 6:30-8:00
**March 17, 2020**—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: **Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust** by Immaculee Ilibagiza
Mary Faigley 330-904-6421 or email: mfaigley@neo.rr.com

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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.

2/16/2020 #403 was drawn, and would have won $1,425.50

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