

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

Ash Wednesday February 17: Mass with Distribution of Ashes

- 7:00 am. Workers Mass with Distribution of Ashes**
- 11:30 am. Parish Lunch Break Mass with Distribution of Ashes**
- 7:00 pm. Parish Community Mass with Distribution of Ashes**



Ash Wednesday: On January 12, Archbishop Blair, Chair of the Bishop’s Committee on Divine Worship issued a memorandum regarding the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021. The Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has modified the method of distributing ashes for this year only in light of the pandemic.

In summary, the NOTE states: The priest only needs to say the formula “Repent and believe in the Gospel” or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return,” once for all present.

The NOTE then states “...the priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each person without saying anything.”

This change minimizes the necessity of physical contact between the minister and recipient and removes the need to speak in close proximity. The “sprinkling” of ashes on the head of the recipient will be new to our practice but it is widespread and common in many other countries.

Mass Intentions**Tuesday February 16**

9 AM– Dee Menett by Frank & Imogene Orlando
Shawn Wenzel by Family

Wednesday February 17

Ash Wednesday Schedule above

Thursday February 18

9 AM–Darrin Newman by Tom Huberty

Friday February 19

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

Saturday February 20

4:30 pm–Frank Garcia by Tom and Kathy Carosello

Sunday February 21

9AM –Jeannie Casper by Grandchildren

Barbara Kessler by Granddaughters

11 AM– Edward Hawkins by Dan & Mary Duplain

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Christ the Servant Parish

Let Us Dream: A Lenten Journey with Pope Francis Tuesday Evenings March 2-March 30 7:00-8:30 p.m.



A five-week workshop reflecting on the message of Pope Francis from *Fratelli Tutti*, his encyclical on fraternity and social friendship and his book *Let us Dream: The Path to a Better Future*. It is a journey of reflection, prayer and discernment to help us act in our community to overcome indifference, restore dialogue and build the bonds of love that are at the heart of being Christian.

Each session stands on its own, so if you cannot attend all the sessions, please still sign-up and come as often as you are able. Topics and speakers are as follows

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| March 2 | Opening Prayer Service for Living <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> at Christ the Servant Church
Session 1 – Dark Clouds over a Closed World
Msgr. Lewis Gaetano
Orientation to our Lenten sessions |
| March 9 | Session 2 – An Open World and an Open Heart via ZOOM
Chapters 3 & 4 of <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> Pages 16-23 in Group Reading Guide |
| March 16 | Session 3 - A Stranger on the Road via ZOOM
Chapters 1 & 2 of <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> Pages 4-15 in Group Reading Guide
Pastor Marilyn Roman, Hope Outreach Ministry |
| March 23 | Session 4 – A Better Kind of Politics and Dialogue and Friendship in Society ZOOM
Chapters 5 & 6 of <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> Pages 24-33 in Study Guide |
| March 30 | Session 5 - Prayer Service of Reconciliation at Christ the Servant Church
Paths of Renewed Encounter and Religion at the Service of Fraternity in our World
Msgr. Lewis Gaetano
Where do we go from here? |

Christ the Servant Bible Study

Engaging, fourteen-week Bible study on the Gospel of Mark. These gatherings will meet on ZOOM and are offered at two different times to accommodate a variety of schedules. We will be making use of the study by Tim Gray found on FORMED. A study guide will be available for participants.

Morning Session: Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. March 16, 2021-June 15, 2021
March 16, 23, 30 - April 6, 13, 20, 27 - May 4, 11, 18, 25 - June 1, 8, 15

Evening Session: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. March 18, 2021- June 17, 2021
March 18, 25 - April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - May 6, 13, 20, 27 - June 3, 10, 17

We ask for a \$5.00 good will donation to cover the cost of each program - \$10.00 for both.
Thank you and God bless! We look forward to taking this journey of faith with you.

Bible Study Reflections

When Jesus Calls Your Name- The Call to Discipleship

Has Jesus called your name? In Scripture we read of Jesus calling the Apostles to leave behind their current lives and follow him. What does this “calling” mean for us, what are we to leave behind? We first hear the calling in Baptism, it is a call to be a disciple. But what does that mean for us today? During Lent I will explore this theme as it is revealed to us through the New Testament.

This week I would like to introduce the concept of Discipleship. In scripture the apostles are first referred to as disciples along with many others who chose to follow Jesus. Luke 6:13 says Jesus “called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose Twelve, whom he also named apostles”. In the time of Jesus being a disciple was common. There were many rabbis, teachers, that had disciples. We also hear of John the Baptist having disciples. (John 1:35) It is important to distinguish a disciple from a follower. A follower is someone who likes and is interested in someone or some ideas. We are often followers in our life today of things such as philosophies, political views and politicians and even sports teams. A disciple is much more. A disciple learns from and then is inspired to spread what has been learned and accepted to others. Jesus had many followers, there were large crowds to hear him speak but only some became disciples, with the Apostles leading them. Baptism calls us to be a disciple, not just a follower. It involves a choice. Jesus invited the Apostles to come with him, they had to choose to accept. We also must make this choice. Most Catholics today were baptized as infants. One might say they did not make the choice, their parents did. This is why one must sometime in their life take ownership of their Baptism, make the choice to be a disciple of Jesus. Some may never really do this and are just followers their whole life or leave it behind entirely. Baptism commits us to a life as a disciple of Jesus and all that he taught and stood for. Pope Francis has emphasized this call to discipleship many times in his writings. He maintains that discipleship includes the mission to spread Christ to others. In doing so he maintains: “A credible proclamation is not made with beautiful words, but by an exemplary life, a life of service that is capable of rejecting all those material things that shrink the heart and make people indifferent and inward looking; a life that renounces the useless things that entangle the heart in order to find time for God and others....This is our mission to give pure and fresh air to those immersed in the pollution of our world, to bring to earth that peace which fills us with joy whenever we meet Jesus on the mountain in prayer; to show by our lives, and perhaps even by our words, that God loves everyone and never tires of anyone.... Go and show love to everyone, because your life is a precious mission: it is not a burden to be borne but a gift to offer.” (Pope Francis Homily, October 20 2019)

The musician John Bell has written a beautiful song entitled “the Summons” that relates very well to this call to discipleship. In it we hear these words:

Will you come and follow me, if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known;

Will you let my life be grown, in you and you in me?

The coming season of Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect on how we can answer Jesus' call more fully in our live. In the coming weeks we will explore what the New Testament reveals to us about living out this call.

For more reflection search “The Joy of the Gospel” on the internet. You will find references to the writing by Pope Francis along with many short articles and reflections about his writing.

For reflection on the song “The Summons” go to [youtube.com/watch?v=LKkpNbuVDfw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LKkpNbuVDfw)

or search “The Summons” on you tube. Peace and Joy, Jim Naegeli

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

Since we are expecting extreme weather this weekend, we have decided to postpone our food collection until Feb. 20 and 21. So next collection will be Saturday, Feb. 20, 3-4:30 pm and Sunday, Feb. 21, 8:30-11 am. OLOP has updated their needs list: child masks only, paper towels and disinfectant wipes. Thank you all for your support.

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.

DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS The Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Youngstown and all other Catholics in the diocese and especially those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice. The Easter Duty obligation is extended for a period of one year from the end of the Easter Season 2020.

Today's Gospel reading tells of a man with leprosy who seeks out Jesus' healing. Moved with compassion, Jesus cleanses him from his affliction but warns him to tell no one. Rather, he is to show himself to the priest for proof according to the law of Moses. Unable to contain himself, however the man begins "to publicize the whole matter," spreading the news everywhere. Who could blame him? He felt compelled to proclaim Jesus' power and healing, which the Church has been doing for 2,000 years.

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