

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

In response to the priorities outlined in Bishop David J. Bonnar’s pastoral letter, *Testify to the Light*, Christ the Servant Parish is joining with other parishes throughout the Diocese of Youngstown in performing a community needs assessment. Bishop Bonnar states, “We cannot be a church that exists solely for ourselves. We need to be a



Servant Church that reaches out to the poor, homeless, imprisoned, sick, lonely, and forgotten, keeping in mind that whatever we do for the least of our brothers or sisters we do to Jesus.”

From this needs assessment, our parish will develop a maximum of three (3) parish priority needs/concerns. These identified needs/concerns will be presented at a deanery meeting with other parishes in our region. Pastors and parish representatives will then identify 3-5 priorities for action.

The purpose of this DEANERY NEEDS ASSESSMENT is to identify critical services needs that we can address as a parish or deanery in collaboration with Catholic Charities or other organizations/groups, and to provide meaningful opportunities for Catholic parishioners to engage in service to those in need in the community.

Performing this needs assessment is our local parish response to Bishop Bonnar’s challenge to “testify to the light.”

The survey is found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/stk-cnty>

Or you can use the app on your camera to scan the QR code.



Faith Formation.....

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



Five hundred years ago, a cannonball wound to one man changed millions of lives. When asked, "Would Ignatius's conversion have happened at all without the trauma of his wound in Pamplona?" Superior General of the Society of Jesus, Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ, responded:

Who knows what might have happened if he had not been wounded? Whatever the case, in the life of any individual there are many instances that offer us the chance to open up to the transcendent, as happened in the conversion of Ignatius. For him, it all began as he recovered from his wound, but similar experiences can arise in other contexts, e.g., being in lockdown, in prison, going travelling, or facing the unknown. There are times in life that shake you up and kick-start this process.

In any case, conversion never really happens in one fell swoop but is really a life-long process. Ignatius, for instance, never saw himself as having converted but as being a pilgrim. He never believed that he'd reached his goal. Christian life is a pilgrimage in which you put aside your plans to set out on a journey, allowing yourself to be guided, accompanied, open to surprises.

—Excerpted from [*Walking with Ignatius*](#)



Parish School of Religion

If you have a child in grades K-8 attending our public schools, please be sure that you register for our PSR program. Now more than ever our young people need a solid grounding in their faith formation. PSR Registration Packets can be found on the table in the vestibule of the church office. Questions? Rita at 330-492-0757 Ext. 107 or email at rkingsbury@christtheservantparish.org
PSR starts on Sunday, September 12, 2021

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey that can answer whether one's personal faith can best be lived out within the Catholic Church. As with all things, the journey begins with a first step and the first question to consider is, where am I in my faith practice? If you are not baptized you would begin the journey as a Catechumen and after preparation, be welcomed into the faith community at Easter time. For those who have already been baptized, you would be welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church after an agreed period of preparation, prayer, and discernment. You will have companions acting as mentors on your journey so you will never feel alone. Each of us has a unique faith story and as such the RCIA journey should reflect that story. Please know that as we walk together, we will keep in mind the many commitments and responsibilities that are part of daily life. Our time together will be flexible and use a multitude of resources both in person and online to ease us on our way. Know that you will be in our prayers as you consider making this radical, life changing decision. Know that you will be in our prayers as you consider making this radical, life changing decision.

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday August 31

9 AM Living and Deceased Members of Christ the Servant Parish

Wednesday September 1 **OLOP students only

Masses resume**

10AM Staff, Students and Families of OLOP

Thursday September 2

9:00AM– Living and Deceased Members of Christ the Servant Parish

Friday September 3

9:00 AM– Mary Fontes by Margaret Gracia

Saturday September 4

4:30 PM– Michael and Anne Panella by Kay Fitzgibbon
James Daeger by Lena Russo

Sunday September 5

9AM – Tony and Julie Leno by Carol & Dave Fasano
Marge Bergmann by Husband

11 AM– Faye Rex Szymanski by Joan DeChellis
Patricia “Sunny” Seemann by Mary Mueller

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

The Homeless Outreach and Hunger Ministry is resuming their commitment to Meals on Wheels. We will be responsible for the same route every Thursday of the month. Only two volunteers are needed per week from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Scheduling is done each month according to your availability. Ability to get in and out of a car multiple times is required. To insure the safety of our church volunteers you must be vaccinated. No exceptions. For more information contact Chris McDonnell. Email: cmcdonnell4@gmail.com Please include your phone number.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to assist in collecting and packing food donations during our ‘drive thru’ food collections. We work every other week from 3 to 4:30 Saturday, and from 8:30 to 11 on Sunday. If you can help, please call Rosemary Norton at 330-493-7443 or John Cihon at 330-353-6132. “

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.

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

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 10th, 2:00pm at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Canton, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, and 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2021.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, renewal of marriage vow 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 advanced reservations for this event by contacting your parish office and obtaining your pastor’s signature before September 15th.

The Diocese of Youngstown is calling upon Catholics and others of good will to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in addressing the recent natural disaster in Haiti.

CRS is sending teams to provide clean water, sanitation, shelter and emergency supplies in response to a major earthquake that struck southern Haiti on Saturday, August 14, 2021. While the severity of the damage is still being determined, and communications are down in parts of the country, over 1,200 deaths have already been reported as well as extensive damage to buildings and homes.

Area hospitals have been overwhelmed by the disaster, pushing them to capacity and forcing them to turn away people in need. Meanwhile, many roads are impassable due to landslides and cracked pavement.

CRS field staff are identifying critical needs and coordinating the delivery of life-saving supplies. Based on past CRS disaster relief efforts, tarps, blankets, medical equipment, food, and other emergency supplies will be critical over the next several weeks.

The recent earthquake comes on the heels of back-to-back crises, including an ongoing battle with COVID-19, political and economic instability, increasing hunger and gang violence.

Ways to Give:

Donate by Phone

Call 877-435-7277 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern Time.

Donate by Mail

Mail your check or money order directly to Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303

Donate Online

https://support.crs.org/donate/haiti-earthquake?ms=agics0221heq00stt00&_ga=2.221629016.1348386977.1629723085-1867232364.1629723085

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. The agency alleviates suffering and provides assistance to people in need in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality. CRS' relief and development work is accomplished through programs of emergency response, HIV, health, agriculture, education, microfinance and peacebuilding. For more information, visit www.crs.org or www.crsespanol.org

The Catholic Exponent, the Diocese of Youngstown's award-winning bi-weekly newspaper, is seeking freelance writers to cover events in the diocese and write feature articles about diocesan Catholics. Most assignments can be in your county of residence, and during this time of social distancing, most interviews can be handled over the phone.

Candidates must have knowledge and appreciation of and respect for the post-Vatican II Catholic Church and its teachings and practices, have successful journalism experience, be professional in demeanor and skilled at conducting interviews, have basic photography skills and be able to meet deadlines.

Interested individuals should send a resume, cover letter and sample articles, by Sept. 17, to: Carol Stowe, special sections editor, Catholic Exponent, P.O. Box 6787, Youngstown, OH 44501-6787, or to cstowe@youngstowndiocese.org.

No phone calls please.

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