



*Mission: "To foster a personal love of Christ expressing itself in service for needy children regardless of race, color, or creed."*

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Christ Child Members,

Resilience is defined by Merriam-Webster as "an ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or changes." An article by Edwards, Hall and Zautra, titled "Resilience in Aging," states it is an ability to "sustain a sense of purpose and vitality and emerge stronger from a stressful experience." Look at how old our chapter is and how resilient our chapter has been...we are centenarians and proud of it! It is the resilience of our members that allowed us to survive during wars and economic downturns. We survived the upheaval of the cultural changes of the 60's and the technology revolution of the 80's and 90's. We adapted to the changing needs of the children we serve by adjusting our layettes, "My Stuff" bags and Children's Closet programs to better supply their basic essentials. We added preschool literacy programs to our reading enrichment to encourage children to gain an early love of reading, setting them up for success in life.

When we learned our Showcase space was being sold, we moved forward to find a new space. When that move was hit by all manner of delays and setbacks, we remained positive, adapted, and reached the goal of our beautiful new store. Now, once again, we need to adapt and be resilient. Parmadale, including our Cottage 14, has been sold, and we must move to a new "home" before the end of the year. While the total space is smaller, it offers us a secure place to continue our work, and we are ever so thankful to Catholic Charities for their ongoing support of our mission by finding us a new headquarters. Once again, as we have for 100 years, we will take a deep breath, make a plan, and move forward. We will continue to be resilient, and continue to age well.

Janie Nickodem

## PARMADALE HAS BEEN SOLD

Parmadale has been sold and we will be moving our office, layette and "My Stuff" packing to 7901 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland (in the old St. John's Hospital) sometime this fall. We hope to have more specific details at the September business meeting.

# Centennial Corner



## Centennial Year Events

- January 20, 2016**  
General Business Meeting, Mass of Celebration & Luncheon  
(St. Rocco Church)
- April 6**  
Provisional Installation Mass and Legacy Luncheon  
(St. John Cathedral/The Silver Grille)
- April 30**  
"White Glove" Event and Reception  
(Christ Child Society of Cleveland Archives  
at The Western Reserve Historical Society)
- June 15**  
Spring Luncheon & Annual Business Meeting  
(Shaker Heights Country Club)
- July 27**  
Day of Recollection  
(St. Barnabas Parish, Northfield)
- August 12**  
Merrick House Bench Dedication  
(Merrick House)
- September 7**  
Red Wagon Luncheon  
(Landerhaven, Mayfield Heights)
- October 19**  
Museum of Divine Statues Tour and Lunch  
(Lakewood)
- December 3**  
Centennial Ball  
(Hilton Cleveland Downtown)
- January 18, 2017**  
Mass of Thanksgiving  
(Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist)



### 100th Anniversary Aprons

Need a gift for someone or even yourself?  
Consider purchasing a 100th Anniversary commemorative apron.  
They are white, embroidered in blue with:

**Christ Child Society of Cleveland**  
**Celebrating 100 Years**  
**Est. 1916**

We are selling them for \$15.00 and will be available at all our events.  
Can't wait for the next event? Contact **Donna Kelly**.

# Luncheons and Marts

Food, Fellowship and Fundraising



- 1920's – All day luncheon/sewing meetings take place monthly.
- 1930's – Members host home luncheons to raise funds.
- 1950's and 1960's – Higbee's is often the site of general meetings and luncheons.
- March, 1971 – “The Look of Love” Champagne Luncheon and designer fashion show is presented in the grand ballroom of the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel with the cooperation of Bonwit Teller. Invitations are sent to Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy, Mrs. Edward Kennedy, Mrs. Joseph Kennedy, Mrs. Sargent Shriver, Mrs. Stephen Smith, Mrs. Lyndon Johnson, Mrs. Charles Robb, Lee Radziwell, and Martha Mitchell – unfortunately, none accepted. There are, however, 1,300 paid reservations at \$10/ticket.
- 1976 – Luncheon includes a ‘Mini Mart’ to sell Christ Child members’ donations and handicrafts. All members (active and sustaining) are contacted and asked to make a donation to the event. There is a Christmas table, children’s table, bakery, and plants. There are no solicitations from outside vendors or merchants. The event chairperson takes leftover items to her home and sells them to neighbors and friends at a wine and cheese party. Any remaining items are taken to Showcase.
- 1978 – Mini Mart II. Knitting/crocheting, pine cone wreath, and fireside broom workshops are held to create items for sale. Local department stores (including Saks) donate shopping bags. Reservations are \$8/person.
- 1982 – Mini Mart IV. As it is difficult to rely solely on members, outside vendors are permitted and the Society receives a percentage of their sales. The mart realizes a profit of \$7,500.
- April, 1989 – The “Little Red Wagon” Luncheon is held as a special benefit to endow the layette program. The luncheon begins with cocktails and an artisan/craft show, followed by the luncheon and a fashion show. Individual tickets are \$35.
- 1992 – Mini Mart VIII. To generate interest, items already completed are displayed at Spring Luncheon. A new attraction is the Country Cupboard which sells soup mixes. After the event, remaining items are sold at Mrs. Claus’ Closet.
- 1994 – Workshops to create items for sale are not held due to lack of member interest. Cherished Memorabilia is added. Some of the left over items are sold at the January luncheon.
- 1996 – To generate new interest and enthusiasm, the Red Wagon Luncheon is combined with the Mini Mart to create the day-long Maxi Mart.
- 1998 – Maxi Mart entertainment includes two violinists from Padua High School playing in the morning, followed by two gentlemen from the Cleveland Orchestra playing guitars in the afternoon. After much discussion, it is recommended to discontinue the event, and continue instead with a luncheon, Chinese raffle, Country Kitchen, and Cherished Memorabilia.
- 2000 – The Holiday Harvest Red Wagon Luncheon is devised to put a new spin on the previous Maxi Mart. There is a Chinese raffle, theme baskets, a fun fur silent auction, and a frozen food section in the Country Kitchen. The successful event realizes \$14,500.

*“This service was a joy to me, for I would see the Christ Child in the least of them,  
and their pleasure was His thanks – I wanted none other.”*

- Mary Virginia Merrick

## 2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival .....	September 17-18
Fall Business Meeting .....	September 21
National Christ Child Society Convention.....	September 22-24
Museum of Divine Statues Tour & Lunch .....	October 19
The Starlight Ball .....	December 3

### Reflecting with Father Ralph



As we enter into the waning months of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, it is good to take a moment and see how we are doing. Pope Francis asked that we concentrate on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy during this year, and the good works of the Christ Child Society touch on many of those acts of mercy from clothing, to counseling, to supporting and encouraging, and in so many other ways. How appropriate it is that this special Holy Year has fallen during the Centennial of the Cleveland chapter. It is almost as if the Holy Father himself is giving special incentives to us to keep doing what we are doing, and in this way, to continue fulfilling the message of the Gospel.

Fr. Ralph

### Spread the word about Christ Child

Would you be willing to share the beauty of the Christ Child Society with members of your parish? We are looking to spread the word about the Christ Child Society so that we are no longer the “best kept secret” but the “best told story.” We are asking for members to speak at their parishes after Sunday Masses. A script will be provided. Contact **Janie Nickodem** if you are interested in helping.

### Centennial Circle

Letters were mailed to the membership in February asking each one to consider participation in the “Centennial Circle” as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary. The response has been favorable and we are thankful to all who are now part of the “Centennial Circle.” Remember that you will be recognized on a poster at the Red Wagon and Starlight Ball. There is still time to participate. Please prayerfully consider membership in the “Centennial Circle.”

An Invitation

### General Business Meeting

Mark your calendars and join us for our general business meeting on  
**Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.**  
Parmadale, Cottage 14. Hope to see you there!

Hostess is needed to coordinate and set up cookies and/or snacks. Please contact **Janie Nickodem**.

## *A Special Day to Recognize*

In honor of Mary Virginia Merrick's 150th birthday, the National Christ Child Society has designated October 22, 2016 as a special day to recognize the Layette Programs. The Layette of Love program has been accepted as part of the National Make a Difference Day. Each year, \$140,000 in grants is awarded to 14 participating groups or individuals. If the Christ Child Society wins, monies will be used to help chapters provide more layettes. To celebrate our longest standing project, we will be having an Open House Packing Day. We welcome all members to come and have a turn at making a layette and to celebrate. To further mark the importance of this day, and recognize our National CCS goal to support literacy, we ask each person who comes to bring a new storybook appropriate for reading to a young child. Each book will become part of a layette and part of a child's critical path to literacy. Come and pack or just come for some camaraderie. The celebration will be from 10:00 to 12:30. Refreshments will be served! We think we will still be at Parmadale on that day, but we will keep you posted. Please RSVP to **Donna Kelly** if you plan to attend.

SAVE THE DATE

### *Museum of Divine Statues Tour and Luncheon*

October 19, 2016 | Lakewood, Ohio  
Reservation form is included in this newsletter.

## PHOTOS NEEDED...

We will be producing a book of our history culminating with our 2016 year of celebration and we need your help. We are looking for:

- Photos from past Christ Child events or activities. If possible submit the photos in electronic form.
- Photos of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. When you attend any of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events, please take photos. Most of us have cameras in our phone. Put them to good use.

Send photos to **Liz Niehaus**. Be sure to include the name and date of the event and the name(s) of anyone in the photos. Photos will be returned.

## Fall Changeover Thank You

I want to extend a big THANK YOU to all the ladies who helped with our fall changeover. The contribution made by each one of you is very much appreciated. This is always a big undertaking, lots of hard work, but also a lot of fun. Sue Girgis, our Manager, did a great job. Her guidance and direction made everything run smoothly. Our beautiful new store looks like a showcase! I invite everyone to stop in and shop for a new fall wardrobe and home decor. Don't forget to call or email **Joan McAuliffe** to schedule some volunteer time at the store.

**Pat Givens**  
Chairman

# *The Starlight Ball*

Commemorating 100 Years of Service

Saturday, December 3, 2016  
Hilton Cleveland Downtown

**Honoring our 2016 Person of the Year  
The Most Reverend Roger W. Gries, O.S.B.**  
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Cleveland

HELP us have a BALL! SPREAD the NEWS!

- Consider an individual or corporate sponsorship table or donation. Contact **Marybeth Bauccho**.
- Reservations: Invitations will be mailed early October. Contact **Jean Canestraro** or **Terri Parker**.
- Place or secure an individual or business ad in the Ball program. Contact **Mary Herrick, Karen Kirk, or Pat Green**.
- Purchase \$5,000 cash raffle tickets! One for \$25 or five for \$100. Drawing will be held the night of the Ball and winner need not be present to win! Special pre-ball drawings to celebrate 100 years! For every \$100 in cash raffle tickets purchased, your name will be entered into a \$100 drawing on September 21 (at the business meeting) and again on November 1. Tickets must be purchased prior to the drawing dates. Winners need not be present to win. Contact **Mary Mackert, Diane Anker, or Marilyn Palisin**.
- Watch for the reveal of Marlen Fine Jewelers' sparkling raffle donation. Contact **Mary Graves, Melanie Close, or Mary Jo Dailey**.

If you have any questions, please contact **Terri Parker** or **Jean Canestraro**, Ball chairmen.

Spend the night! The Hilton Cleveland Downtown is offering a special Starlight Ball room rate of \$149.  
(Use Group Code: CCS) Book online at Hilton.com or call 216-413-5000.



## **Marlen Jewelers**

Marlen Jewelers has created a beautiful necklace from a marquis diamond donated to our Christ Child chapter and the necklace is currently on display and for sale at their store on Detroit Road in Rocky River. If you (or anyone you know) is in the market for a beautiful necklace, please stop by to see this stunning piece. The proceeds will go toward funding our Merrick House 100th anniversary project. Thanks so much for anything you can do to help us!

## 2016 Person of the Year

# *The Most Reverend Roger W. Gries, O.S.B.*

Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Cleveland



Bishop Roger was born in Cleveland, graduated from Benedictine High School in 1954, professed as a Benedictine monk on July 11, 1957, and was ordained a priest on May 18, 1963. Following his ordination, he earned an M.A. in education from Loyola of Chicago. He returned to Cleveland to serve Benedictine High School from 1964 – 2001 as teacher, coach, bus driver, principal and president.

After serving for 20 years as Abbot of the St. Andrew Monastery of Cleveland, Bishop Roger was preparing to retire when, on April 3, 2001, he received the invitation from Pope John Paul II to serve as Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland. He was ordained Bishop on June 7, 2001 and served in that role for more than twelve years.

In March 2012, on the occasion of his 75th birthday, he submitted a letter of resignation to Pope Benedict XVI as required by Church Law. Pope Francis accepted his resignation on November 1, 2013. The accepted resignation relieved Bishop Roger of diocesan administrative duties. He does, however, continue to function as a bishop in whatever way he can to assist Bishop Lennon and the community.

## *Silent Auction Wish List*

The Silent Auction cannot happen without our generous donors. Listed below are items that have been successful in the past, along with a few special ideas for our 100th Anniversary. The centennial year wish list is more ambitious than in the past as our profits need and should be higher. We typically realize \$50,000 or less; this year the goal is \$65,000 - \$75,000. Please contact **Cathy Caruso**, chairman or **Kathy Marsh** or **Stephanie West**, co-chairs for more information.

### **Holiday/Religious**

Manger + 3 Wise Men  
Madonna + Pope Rosary  
Christmas Tree Deco

### **Experiences**

Aquarium + Private Tour  
Botanical Gardens  
Ohio State Football Tickets (2 min)  
Notre Dame Football Tickets (2 min)  
Indians  
Cavs  
Jack Nicklaus - Signed Print  
LeBron - signed (?)  
Rock Hall + Tour  
Art Museum Membership + Lunch  
Orchestra - Severance and Blossom  
Theatres - Shows  
History Museum Tour + Train  
Polar Express

### **Trips**

Resort Weekends  
Hilton Downtown Overnight  
Vacation Homes  
Lake Erie Islands' Trip  
Chippewa Lake  
Chagrin Falls Overnight +  
Shopping/Meal  
Walt Disney World  
Lolly the Trolley City Tour

### **Misc./ Personal**

Car Lease - Tom Ganley  
Baby Gifts  
Kilgore Trout - Gift Card  
Toni's + Peters for Men  
Landscaping donation

### **Restaurants**

*(Goal is 100 gift cards, values can vary)*

Aldo's  
Valerios  
Austin's  
Zach B's  
\*2 - Food Trucks

### **Wine & Beer**

*(Goal is 100 bottles of wine)*

Wines  
Beers  
Wine Tasting  
Beer Making

### **Tech**

Apple Watch(s)  
Head Phones  
Small Notebook  
Garmin - Fit  
Golf Range Finder  
Small Flat Screen TV

# - WE NEED YOU -

## Winter Jacket Program Volunteer Opportunity

The Winter Jacket Program will begin with our general sorting of jackets on Monday, September 12th. Our program takes place in the old school building at Parmadale. Packing order dates will be September 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, and 26 if needed. Hours of volunteering are from 9:30 until noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Watch for an email requesting help when the jacket delivery truck arrives at Parmadale.

**Please remember to bring hats and mittens to the Red Wagon luncheon.**

If you have any questions, please contact **Carole Moran**.

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## Volunteer Opportunity - Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival

Help us spread the word about our beloved Christ Child Society at the annual Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival on Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18. Eight (8) volunteers are needed for shifts on each day to tell people passing our table about the Christ Child Society, give away candy and pencils (supplied) and sell raffle tickets for a donated basket. This would be a fun way to spend part of the day with a Christ Child friend. Saturday shift is from 2:30 - 6. Sunday shift is from 2:30 - 5. Interested in helping? Contact **Janie Nickodem**

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## Website and Social Media

A great opportunity for members who have computer skills and some experience with Facebook, Google docs/calendar, or basic computer/document editing and updating skills.

- CCS of CLE Facebook Page Manager (Facebook experience)
- CCS of CLE Google Calendar Manager (computer experience)
- CCS of CLE Website Managers (1 -2 members to assist with website management and updates)

Contact **Terri Parker** for details.

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## Independence Sewing Group

The Independence sewing group will begin sewing on September 8. We will be sewing from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sewing machines are provided. If you are interested in sewing receiving blankets for the layettes contact, **Laura Cengic**. Space is limited, so sign up soon!

## When school starts... Libraries open up

**St. Francis Library** opens for business on Tuesday, September 13. Hours are Tuesdays from 9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are still in need of a regular volunteer for the third Tuesday of each month throughout the school year. Please contact **Irene Fitzgerald** for additional information.

**St Rocco Library** opens for business on Monday, September 19. Hours are Mondays from 8:45 a.m. to Noon. We are looking for ladies who would be interested in volunteering one Monday a month. Please contact **Paula Conrad** for additional information.

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## Parmadale Headstart

The Parmadale Headstart reading enrichment program is starting in October in the same location as last year. Volunteers are needed to read to 4 and 5 year old children. You can bring books of your choice from the library or your home. Be as creative as you wish in reading the story...the children love to hear the stories read by animated Christ Child members! Come by yourself, or bring a friend and take turns reading. Volunteers are needed to read to the children every Tuesday, 9:30-11:00 and 1:30-3:00. Please contact **Sue Simon** or **Marlene Suchma** for more information.

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## Merrick House – Grandmothers needed

Please consider volunteering in the Grandmother's program and give the little children there your time, care and joy, reflecting Mary Virginia Merrick's example of love for the least of God's little ones. Contact **Kathy Yoakum** to plan your first visit on any day convenient for you and to begin serving as a Grandmother at Merrick House.

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## Parmadale Headstart

The Parmadale Headstart reading enrichment program is starting October 4 in the same location as last year. Volunteers are needed to read to 4 and 5 year old children. You can bring books of your choice from the library or from your home. Be as creative as you wish in reading the story... the children love to hear the stories read by animated Christ Child members! Come by yourself, or bring a friend and take turns reading. Volunteers are needed to read to the children on Tuesday, October 4 and 18 from 9:30 to 11 and 1:30 to 3. Contact **Sue Simon** or **Marlene Suchma**.



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## September & October 2016

### Layette Packing-Parmadale

Monday, September 5, 10:00-12:30

Monday, October 3, 10:00-12:30

Contact: **Donna Kelly**

### Euclid –St. John of the Cross Sewing Group

**Note: The day changed to the 3rd Wed.**

Wednesday, September 21, 12:30-3:30

Wednesday, October 19, 12:30-3:30

Contact: **Mary McKown**

### Grandmother’s Program Merrick House

Contact: **Kathy Yoakum**

### Heights-St. Dominic Sewing Group

Tuesday, September 20, 10:00-2:00

Tuesday, October 18, 10:00-2:00

Contact: **Irene Chalko**

### Highland Heights Sewing Group

Thursday, September 8, 10:00-2:00

Thursday, October 13, 10:00-2:00

Contact: **Patty Welsh**

### Independence Sewing Group

Thursday, September 8, 10:00-2:00

Thursday, October 13, 10:00-2:00

Contact: **Laura Cengic**

### Merrick House Pre-School Reading Enrichment

Tuesday, September 6, 20, 9:30-11:00

Tuesday, October 4, 18, 9:30-11:00

Contact: **Kathy Yoakum**

### “My Stuff” Packing

Monday, September 19, 10:00-12:00

Monday, October 17, 10:00-12:00

Contact: **Rose Dziak**

### Parmadale Head Start Reading Enrichment

Tuesday, October 4, 9:30-11:00 / 1:30-3:00

Tuesday, October 18, 9:30-11:00 / 1:30-3:00

Contact: **Sue Simon or Marlene Suchma**

### St. Francis Library

Tues. during the school year 9:45-2:30

Wed. during the school year 9:45-2:00

Library opens September 13

Contact: **Irene Fitzgerald**

### St. Rocco Library

Mondays during the school year 8:45-12:00

Library opens September 19

Contact: **Paula Conrad**

### Showcase

Shifts available on Tuesday-Saturday:

10:00-2:00 / 10:00-4:00 / 12:00-4:00

Contact: **Joan McAuliffe**

\*Contact information can be found in our Chapter roster.

# *Remembrance/Endowment Report*

July 11 - August 10, 2016

### Memory

John Anthony Bello

Rosemary Bush

Ann Cherpak

Margaret Coleman

Monica Dooley (3)

Irene Dykes (4)

Ann Kilbane

Lucille McIntosh

Robert Mitchell

William Graves (2)

Sr. Lois Stricklin

### **St. John Cathedral Mass**

For Christ Child Members, Living and Deceased  
and for their families.

Monday, September 26, Noon

Tuesday, October 25, Noon

Friday, November 25, Noon

### In Our Thoughts

Family of Monica Dooley

Family of Lois Hopkins

Family of Barbara May

Therese Hummer-Death of sister-in-law (Lois Hopkins)

Judy McGunagle-Death of sister (Sr. Lois Stricklin)

Mary Graves-Death of father-in-law (William Graves)

Meghan Laws-Death of grandfather (William Graves)

Barbara Sedlak(Soucek)-Death of son (Greg Graham)

Please notify the Christ Child office regarding deaths of CCS members or their immediate family members.

Send Remembrance/Endowment checks to:

Christ Child Society c/o Parmadale

6753 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134

Attn: Abby Sammon

### Honor

Capt. Eileen Gallagher-Congratulations

Jean Canestraro-Happy Birthday

Donations this report period	\$735.00
Previous fiscal year to date	<u>\$12,271.00</u>
Total for fiscal year	<u>\$13,006.00</u>

## Merrick House Bench Dedication

On Friday, August 12, Christ Child Society members and Merrick House staff and board members gathered for the dedication of five benches to Merrick House to commemorate our 100th Anniversary. Although it was a hot and humid evening, the rain held off, and we were able to see our benches placed in the raised bed vegetable garden area that the Merrick House Youth Council constructed and planted. One of the benches, the engraved bench pictured here, was placed in front of Merrick House for all to see as they stroll by. In addition, a boulder donated by Green Impressions Landscaping was engraved with the words of dedication. **Susan Ferraro Smith** gave a wonderful talk on the long history of our Christ Child Society and Merrick House. Afterwards, there was time to enjoy light refreshments along with freshly squeezed lemonade made by the Merrick House Youth Council. Our benches will have a wonderful home in this garden, and will be enjoyed by all who are a part of Merrick House. They can be used to read to eager preschoolers, offer respite for Youth Council members after working in their garden, and can be a quiet place for staff to enjoy lunch.



Bob Nickodem, husband of Janie, constructing benches with help from a member of the Merrick House Youth Council

As Susan said in her remarks, "Our hope is that these benches will provide a space for community; a space that fosters understanding, respect, laughter, encouragement, and security; a place where life's lessons are learned and dreams take root."

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Some Christ Child Society members in attendance



Dedication of benches  
L-R: Janie Nickodem, Susan Ferraro Smith, Mary Graves, Rocky Melendez from Merrick House and Rose Dziak

## Day of Recollection



Members praying the rosary led by Stephanie West

It was a beautiful day in all ways for our Day of Recollection on July 27. Fr. Ralph graciously allowed us to have our day at his parish, St. Barnabas, and we were welcomed with open arms. Our day began with coffee and pastry, followed by an inspiring talk on life and faith by our Starlight Ball Person of the Year, Bishop Roger Gries. Bishop Gries' talk was engaging and motivating, and he had a rapt audience in all of us.

Following the Bishop's talk, Fr. Ralph gave us a brief history of St. Barnabas Parish, which was celebrating its 60th Anniversary that very day. Afterwards, we were invited to

pray the rosary as a group in the Rosary Garden. Decades of the rosary were led by **Rose Dziak, Jeanette Gabele, Liz Niehaus, Barb Pugel** and **Stephanie West**.

Bishop Roger Gries and Fr. Ralph Wiatrowski concelebrated Mass. Fr. Ralph gave a thought-filled sermon on Mary's parents, Sts. Anne and Joachim. It was a beautiful liturgy with wonderful music. Many thanks to **Teri Moenk** for coordinating the liturgy. After Mass, we went on to a delicious lunch organized by **Mary Mackert** and her helpers. Students from St. Barnabas School eagerly helped serve and clear our tables. Deanna Butler, the director of Development at St. Barnabas, along with her daughter, made the centerpieces which were then given to our members as door prizes.

Our Day of Recollection was yet another wonderful celebration in our Centennial year. Thanks to all who attended and everyone who made it such a special day.



L-R: Carol Janas, Marcia Gliene, Peg Rallo, Janie Nickodem, Kathy D'Amato



Pauline Osad, Jean Boldt, Alice Brown



Marie Ward and Camen Delsander

# Museum of Divine Statues Tour and Luncheon

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

## TOUR

### Museum of Divine Statues

12905 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

(½ hour guided tour; ½ hour self-guided. There is a gift shop located in the Museum for those interested.)

Free parking in the Museum parking lot off of Halstead Avenue. Parking is also available along Halstead Avenue.

The doors will be locked promptly at 10:00 a.m. when the tour begins, so please plan accordingly. Attendance for the tour is limited to 65, per Museum capacity.

Those with mobility issues may use the side entrance off of the Museum parking lot. There are five steps leading directly into the Museum from the side entrance.

## LUNCHEON

### Pier W @ Winton Place

12700 Lake Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107

12:00 noon

Free parking available in the Pier W lot

**Menu:** Choice of Chicken or Seasonal Fish, soft drink and dessert. Wine and mixed drinks available on an individual cash basis.

**Cost:** Tour & Luncheon: \$35  
Tour only \$15  
Lunch only \$20

**Reservations due: Wednesday, October 5, 2016**

Please contact **Annette Gorris** for additional information.

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## Museum of Divine Statues Reservation Form

Reservations due: Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tour & Luncheon Ticket(s): \$35 each • \_\_\_\_\_ Tour ONLY Ticket(s): \$15 each • \_\_\_\_\_ Luncheon ONLY Ticket(s): \$20 each

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I cannot attend, but would like to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### NO REFUNDS

Check made payable to **Christ Child Society** or  **Master Card**  **Visa**  **Discover**  **American Express**

Cardholder Name \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Attendee(s)

Please circle type of ticket and lunch selection (if applicable)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Tour & Lunch) (Tour Only) (Lunch only) (Chicken) (Fish)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Tour & Lunch) (Tour Only) (Lunch only) (Chicken) (Fish)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (Tour & Lunch) (Tour Only) (Lunch only) (Chicken) (Fish)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ (Tour & Lunch) (Tour Only) (Lunch only) (Chicken) (Fish)

5. \_\_\_\_\_ (Tour & Lunch) (Tour Only) (Lunch only) (Chicken) (Fish)

Send Reservations to: Christ Child Society, Attn: Divine Statue Tour, c/o Parmadale, 6753 State Road, Parma, OH 44134



# Chapter & Verse

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**Kate Johns,**

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## Check It Out

Our New Chapter Website Has Launched!

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## REMINDER:

### Membership Renewal forms were due **AUGUST 15**

To those of you who have renewed your Christ Child Society membership, thank you very much. To those who have not, please complete the Membership Renewal form and Volunteer Hours Record form and mail them along with your dues to the Christ Child Office ASAP. The forms were included in the July and August 2016 newsletters. If you have any questions, please contact **Robbie Wolan**.