

#### Christ Our Light Parish

Saint Benedict Catholic Church, corner of North 7th Street & Gomber Avenue, Cambridge OH Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory, 136 East High Avenue, Lore City OH Mailing: Christ Our Light Parish Offices, 701 Gomber Avenue, Cambridge, Ohio 43725 Phone: (740) 432-7609 Fax: (740) 439-0800 Email: col\_office@catholicweb.com Website: www.christourlightparish.com

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in St. Benedict Church **BAPTISMS:** Families desiring baptism for their child must be registered in the parish. Parents must attend a preparation class. **BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Articles must be submitted in writing by noon on Wednesdays and are subject to approval by the pastor. Space is limited, so we reserve the right to edit.

**FACEBOOK PAGE:** Live-Streamed Mass every day. "Christ Our Light Parish, Guernsey County, OH." **HOSPITAL VISITATION:** Please call immediately if you or a

loved one is in the hospital.

#### **MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS, AND THE HOMEBOUND:** If you or a loved one wishes to receive the Eucharist or have regular pastoral visits, please call the parish office.

#### **RECONCILIATION:**

St. Benedict Church - Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory - Sundays at 11:45 a.m.And by Appointment

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Parish School of Religion (PSR) classes for children in grades K through 8 are held Sunday mornings from September to May.

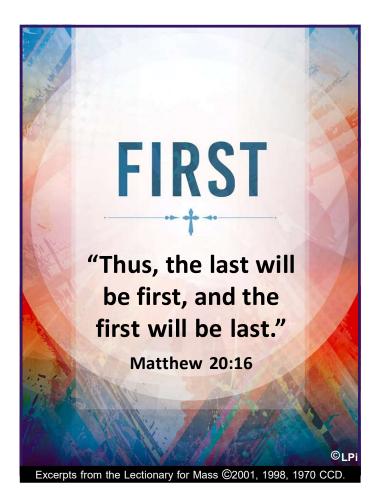
**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):** Adult preparation for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Call Fr. Hrezo or Pat Farley for information.

**SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS:** Anyone wishing to schedule Masses on special days, especially weekends, should do so at least 6 months in advance.

**WEDDINGS:** Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:** Registration forms can be found at the church, oratory and parish office.

#### 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, September 20, 2020



#### Pastor

Pastor	
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Bulletin Deadline	Noon Wednesday
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#### **Pastoral Minister**

Sister Sharon Paul740	
St. Benedict Church Social Ha	all 740-432-6751 x 123
Parish Offices	701 Gomber Avenue
Office Hours	
Convent	319 North Seventh Street
Franciscan Sisters of Christian	Charity 740-255-5912
St. Benedict School	220 North Seventh Street
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Web Site	www.stbenedictschool.net
St. Vincent de Paul Society	
Web Sitewww.colsvdp.org	Phone 740-432-7609 x 207



JUST A REMINDER: Please wear a face mask at Mass and when in the church buildings. Let's protect each other!

Mass Intentions for the Week of September 20, 2020			
Saturday, September 19	5:00pm	SB	† Becky Lehotay by Joseph and Karen Almasy
Sunday, September 20 (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
	8:00am 10:30am 12:15pm	SB SB SSPP	People of Christ Our Light Parish † Mark Larrison by Friends † Bill and Linda Arick by Shirley Scholik
Monday, September 21	8:35am	SB	Intentions of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity
Tuesday, September 22	8:35am	SB	† Sheryll Gazzell McDonald by Butch and Dee Dee Francis
Wednesday, September 23	8:35am	SB	<b>† Sister Miriam Dosch</b> by the Francisan Sisters of Christian Charity
Thursday, September 24	8:35am 9:45am	SB SB	<ul> <li><b>† Dr. Joe Goggin</b> by Ray and Charmaine Chorey</li> <li><b>Vocations</b> by the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity</li> <li>(School Mass, not opened to the public at this time)</li> </ul>
Friday, September 25	8:35am	SB	<b>Intentions of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference Anniversary</b> by the SVdP Members
Saturday, September 26	8:35am	SB	<b>† Carol Grubbs</b> (Anniversary, September 29) by the Grubbs, Grace and Lohman Families
	5:00pm	SB	† Fred Lewis by Liz Lewis
Sunday, September 27 (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)			

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 8:00am
 SB
 † Mike Zeleznik (Anniversary, September 26) by Daughters and Families

 10:30am
 SB
 † Anne Krall Regan by Son, Joe

 12:15pm
 SSPP
 People of Christ Our Light Parish

#### Ministers of the Altar for Saturday & Sunday, September 26-27, 2020

	Saturday (SB) 5:00 p.m.	Sunday (SB) 8:00 a.m.	Sunday (SB) 10:30 a.m.	Sunday (SSPP) 12:15 p.m.
Lectors	Peggy Adams	Sharon Miller	Jacob Padden	Betty Duche'
Ushers	Jacob Padden	Craig Stickelmeyer	Alan Bay	Ed McConkey
Cantors	Audrey Kuklica	Mary Schlacks	Choir	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

**Pastoral Advisory Council** will meet Monday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of St. Benedict Church.

#### **Blood Pressure Screenings**



Next Sunday, September 27 1:15 p.m. in the SSPP Rectory Face masks are required and proper precautions and cleaning of equipment between persons will be followed.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



Want to deepen your Faith Journey? Volunteer to be a team member for the RCIA. Please consider being a part of

this parish ministry. You will form new friendships and strengthen your own faith as well. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please contact Fr. Paul or Pat Farley at the parish office (740-432-7609) or Pat can be reached in the evenings at 740-439-2255.

#### Schedule for This Week

Sunday, Septem	ber 20
After Masses	. Scrip Sales (Marian Room)
8:00am	. Commissioning of Catechists
9:15-10:15am	. Parish School of Religion
11:45am	. Confession (SSPP)
Monday, Septen	iber 21
9:00am	
7:00pm	. Pastoral Advisory Council
	(conference room)
Tuesday, Septen	iber 22
9:00am	. Rosary
Wednesday, Sep	tember 23
9:00am	. Rosary
9:00am-4:00pm	. Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
4:00-9:00pm	. Eucharistic Adoration Continues
	(SB Church)
4:30pm	. Evening Prayer and Benediction
	(SB Church)
Thursday, Septe	mber 24
9:45am	. School Mass (not open to the
	public at this time)
6:00pm	. National Day of Prayer Rosary
	(SB Church)
Friday, Septemb	er 25
9:00am	. Rosary
Saturday, Septer	
9:00am	
	. Confession (SB)
Sunday, Septem	ber 27
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9:15-10:15am	. Parish School of Religion
	. Confession (SSPP)
1:15pm	. Blood Pressure Screenings
	(SSPP rectory)

"Thank you to all who have made donations and have requested that Masses be offered in memory of Gilbert Barczak. I am very grateful that you have remembered him in these ways." Mrs. Maria Barczak

#### **Table of Plenty**

Suggested food donations for September are spaghetti sauce in cans, soups, and mac and cheese. Please place your donations in the marked box in the Marian Room of St. Benedict Church.



*"We have to wake up to the sanctity of life before no life matters."* 

- Bishop Joseph Strickland, Tyler, TX

#### **FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP**

Catholics are about 51 million of voters in national elections. We have *the power to elect* officials that will lead our country *adhere to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness*:

In the key document for guiding election decisionmaking, *Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Bishops have highlighted 13 areas central for us as Catholics. This document is highlighted at the homepage of the USCCB: <u>usceb.org</u>. Human Life issues are set as the primary concern and the other 12 are as follows: Promoting Peace; Marriage & Family Life; Religious Freedom; Preferential Option for the Poor & Economic Justice; Health Care; Migration; Catholic Education; Promoting Justice & Countering Violence; Combatting Unjust Discrimination; Care for Our Common Home; Communication, Media & Culture; Global Solidarity.

Key passages from the Catechism of the Catholic Church or from *Faithful Citizenship* guiding our election decision-making include CCC 2271: *Abortion is gravely contrary to moral law*; 2234: *Euthanasia & assisted suicide are against the dignity of the human person*; 2308: *All citizens and all governments are obliged to work for the avoidance of war*; FC, n. 70: *Marriage must be defined, recognized, and protected as a lifelong exclusive commitment between a man and a woman*; 2229: *Parents have the right/duty to educate their children in the manner they choose;* 2288: *Health care that respects patients and workers' rights is vital.* 

#### **Election Related Websites**

<u>To register to vote, check status, find polling</u> <u>location, change address</u>

- ProLifeVoterRegistration.org
- boe.guernseycounty.gov

<u>Christian voter education</u>ProLifeVote.com

- statevotinginfo.org
- ivoterguide.com
   christianvoterguide.com
   (info on candidates)

For more information on issues and the Catholic faith

- Catholicvote.orgendabortion.us
- lifesitenews.com
- ncregister.com
- (takes you to Priests for Life)
- ewtn.com (voter's guide available)

With faith and hope in the Risen Lord, we pray for the eternal peace and happiness of:

> Loretta Stahovec Nancy Lowe





Please pray for <u>all</u> God's children who are ill, homebound or in nursing homes, and those who care for them.

Beth Anderson, Megan Archer, Judy Beaver, Larry Beck, Dorothy Bednarski, Joe Bennor, Whitney Benson, Marcella Beros, Bill Bodner, Steve Bodner, Frank Booth, Brinley Boyd, Imelda Bruney, David Callihan, Rosie Campbell, Diane Carkin, Jeff Carpenter, Patti Cartner, Milt Cerny, Chesler Family, Monica Chicwak, Yung Chuang, Karen Chumney, Lee Cline, Mike Cowgill, Anita Cox, Jennifer Cox, Linda Delik, Peggy Ditto, Angie Doerfler, Carl James Duch, Michael Duke, Patty Eibel, Liam Elliott, Mary Evans, Don Fairchild, Betty Fannin, Jen Fannin, William "Buzzy" Ferguson, Marsha Finley, Greg Gibson, Pat Graven, Louise Hack & Family, Steve Hall, Dave Hanes, Stephen Hannum, Mark Hayes, Mary Ann Haynes, Jane Hemlar, Violes Henry, Lorriane Hesson, Dolly Hitzel, Sally & Ted Hoey, Sally & Payton Hubal, Bob Huffman, Laverne Ingles, David, and Paul Iten, Rachel Jirles, Josh Jones, Diane Krall, William Kyser Jr., Dorothy Lackney, Amara Larrison, Andrea May, Lisa McGregor, Joyce McPeak, Keagan Meek, Angela Merva, Hayley Morris, Jimmy Oliver, Mary Ann Pachuta, Christine Palmer, John Palmer, Dick & Frances Pavlov, Linda Pawlowski, Carole Pekari, B.J. Petrasko, Sally Pfalzgraf, Ben Pickenpaugh, Richard Riesbeck, Don Ross, Emma Ross, Connie Rummell, Mary Schmid, Jett Schmitt, Terri Scott, Rosemary Sebek, Irene Sekel, Steve Shedlock Jr., John Shipley, Pat Siegwarth, Carys Singler, Mallory Smith, Mike Smith, William Smith, Ramona Springer, John Sprouse, Louie Stahovec, Mark Stahovec, Mary Stoner, Stephen Storch, Ken Stump, Loran Stutz, Chris Seward, Steve & Ethel Stasny, Don Thatcher, Margaret Urdak, JoMarie Wasik, James Weidlich, Matthew Wentzel, Bill and Cathy Whitmire, Diana Whitmire, Don and Grace Whitmore, Jodie Williams, Andrea Yakubik, Helen Yakubik, William "Bill" Yoho

#### Offertory for September 12-13, 2020

Adults	
Children	
Miscellaneous	
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$9,000.00

We ask your prayers for all men and women serving in our armed forces and those who put themselves in harm's way to protect and serve others.

Steven Barrows, Makenzi Carna, Becky Chesar, Billy Church,



Phillip Cram, Carl Duch, Scott Fearn, Luke High, Travis Jackson, Jeremy Jones, Stephen J. Kraizel IV, Michael Kuhns, Joshua Lucas, Ryan McGough, Jeff McKnight, William Miller, J.C. Minarchek, Josh Norris, Anthony Stevens, Jesse Walters, Sean Weir, Steven Whaley, Zach Williams, Zac Wilson, Ethan Wray

#### PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

September 20	Rev. Robert Gallagher
September 21	Rev. Vincent Huber
September 22	Msgr. Gerald Calovini
September 23	Rev. Thomas Graven
September 24	Rev. Vincent Yeager, TOR
September 25	Msgr. John Kolesar
September 26	Rev. Thomas Nau
September 27	Msgr. Donald Horak

#### JOIN THE 2020 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, October 10, 2020 We will meet at noon in front of the Guernsey County Courthouse.

"The final battle between the Lord and the Kingdom of Satan will be about Marriage and the Family" - Servant of God, Sister Lucia dos Santos, OCD

Please join us in living and spreading the message of Fatima by publicly praying the

Holy Rosary. Our Lady of Fatima told the 3 children "... to say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end of war." Contact: Joyce Day at 740.584.3780.





#### St. Benedict School Faithfully Educating God's Children Since 1911

**Students and staff have adapted well** to all the new changes this school year. One of the most significant changes is that students "travel" much less throughout the school day. Sr. Carol and Mrs. Cunningham visit classrooms for Music and Computer classes respectively. Classroom teachers for grades K-4 are teaching Art class and Mrs. Quinn teaches Art classes 5-8 in their classrooms. Physical Education class is being held outside, unless it rains, and the children can be mask free! Lunch in classrooms is also going very well and every student is remembering to bring a lunch daily!

The school has had several generous monetary gifts to help us out in this difficult time. We are eternally grateful! These most appreciated gifts help us with the costs of all the new cleaning protocols. Christ Our Light Parish Parishioners are so generous! Thank you.

Have a wonderful start to autumn on Tuesday and a wonderful week!

In His Name, Sue Sanders



## 28th Annual Life Chain

Sunday, October 4, 2020 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Downtown Cambridge at Guernsey County Courthouse

This inter-denominational event calls people out of the pews.

#### Are you willing to be a "Voice for the Voiceless?"

All ages are welcome to participate in National Life Chain Sunday 2020.

Guernsey County Right to Life uarespecialtoday@gmail.com

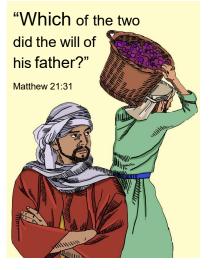


#### READINGS FOR THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, September 27, 2020

## The scripture readings beckon us to turn from our sinful ways and to seek what is right and just. To better prepare our hearts to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us acknowledge our sinfulness before the Lord.

Our readings focus on the mercy of God for sinners. In their earlier history, the Iraelites tended to think almost exclusively in communal terms: communal guilt, communal punishment. Here Ezekiel presents the corrective to that extreme: individual responsibility for individual sin. The truth is in the balance of the two. The major focus, however when seen with our Gospel reading, is that God always allows the freedom and opportunity to change.

The Gospel presents this in parable form. It is the story of each of us. Sometimes we say yes, and we don't act. Sometimes we rebel and say no — but later have a change of heart and act! God is primarily interested in our final option! God does not hold past sin against us. God hopes and waits for our obedient response.



#### Ezekiel 18:25-28

If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he shall preserve his life. Do you truly believe that God forgives even the most diabolical of sinners?

#### Phillippians 2:1-5

**Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.** What does St. Paul mean when he says we must have the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus?

#### Matthew 21:28-32

## Amen I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.

Who in today's culture would be "the tax collectors and prostitutes" who are entering the kingdom before us?

#### Two verses before next Sunday's First

**Reading from Ezekiel 18,** God says through the prophet Ezekiel, "Do I find pleasure in the death of the wicked? Do I not rejoice when they turn from their evil ways and live?" Both God's deep desire for us and His patience toward us are for our eternal salvation! Jesus' series of teachings about mercy, that we have heard over the past three weeks, concludes next weekend by reinforcing God's mercy toward us.

God's deepest concern at any given moment, according to that passage, is for those who are most vulnerable to perishing in sin. Jesus gives witness to that desire through His obedience to the Father's plan, about which we read in our Second Reading. St. Paul teaches us to have the same attitude as Jesus, that we "humbly regard others as more important than [ourselves], each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others."

Bearing those two points in mind can help us to enter into and benefit from Jesus' parable about the two sons. One of the sons initially refuses to do the father's will but later changes his mind and completes his father's request to work in the vineyard. The other says he would go but never does. We could be jealous about people who had lived a life of sin but then turned to the Lord's ways. Did they get away with sin? Like the first son in this passage from Matthew 21 as well as like the Prodigal Son in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 15, the one who changes his mind discovers that it is better to live the father's plan and to be a person of integrity. Yes, the father is merciful, but at the same time it **is** better to be doing the father's will all along.

Catholic writer, Neal Lozano, who also conducts an effective healing ministry, has written two books (<u>The</u> <u>Older Brother Returns</u> and <u>Unbound</u>) that draw upon the dynamics of the person who is bitter about receiving back into the fold others who had gone astray and who had been caught up in lives of sin. The conversion from deep sin often also brings a deep and strong awareness of the goodness of God. But those who haven't necessarily strayed as much can, nevertheless, suffer from holding on to unforgiveness toward those who have had the deep conversion.

So, may the Lord help each of us to rejoice in what He is doing in our lives and to rejoice in the gift of deep conversion He is doing in the lives of others as well.

### Pastor's Letter

One of our annual staple events each year in October is our diocesan Respect Life Conference. We have hosted this event here at Christ Our Life Parish a couple of times. In this year, when so many events have been cancelled or postponed, this is one event that is actually going to be held at an even grander level.

This year's diocesan Respect Life Conference is planned for Saturday, October 10th. It is being planned as a "joint venture" between the Diocese of Steubenville and Franciscan University of Steubenville. This will enable the event to be conducted in the university's large gym space of Finnegan Fieldhouse. Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, KS, the Chairman for the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities, will be the keynote speaker. Following his keynote address at 9:00 a.m. is a panel discussion involving several other prolife leaders. This will be followed by Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Registration will be limited to 100 people and participants will be required to follow applicable safety standards of social distancing and face coverings. There is <u>no fee</u> for attending, but <u>pre-registration is required</u>. The conference will be live/streamed for those who cannot attend in person. Please register to receive details about live/

streaming. Registrations will be taken online (www.diosteub.org/respect-life-conference), through email (jschmidt@diosteub.org), and through the mail (using the registration form provided by the diocese). For additional information about the Respect Life Conference, contact Joseph A. Schmidt, director, Office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life, at (740) 516-9270 or jschmidt@diosteub.org.

On another note, regarding our parish's participation in this year's DPSC, this year's parish goal is \$76,563. As of September 8th, 137 of our parish households have participated. Our pledges total at this point is \$57,464. A number of parishioners participate in this campaign toward the end of the year and designate this as one of their key end-of-tax-year contributions. I, too, have yet to make my contribution! I will finally offer <u>this</u> weekend the usual springtime annual pulpit presentation that was disrupted by the COVID-19 shutdown.

Additional information will be provided next week regarding a matching funds collection to benefit our twin parish community of St. Elisabeth Parish in Caracol, Haiti.

May the Lord continue to bless us with joy and peace as disciples of Jesus and always ready for the gift of eternal life!

# National Day

# Prayer and Fasting

September 24, 2020

For God's mercy on our land and the healing and conversion of our hearts.

#### In the midst of the Civil War, President Abraham

**Lincoln** called for a national day of prayer and fasting. It was observed on April 30, 1863. Two days later, Confederate General Stonewall Jackson, who "was considered one of the greatest tactical commanders in history," was accidently shot by one of his own men and died nine days later. Many Civil War historians consider this one of the key turning points in the Civil War.

Inspired by Abraham Lincoln, another national day of fasting and prayer is planned for this upcoming **Thursday, September 24th**, for the emergence of a new unity, peace and civility in our nation. See actsxxix.org for details.

Here at Christ Our Light Parish we are planning to pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Church, open to everyone. Please join us as you are able sometime on Thursday in offering united prayer.

