



# Chapter & Verse

## CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF CLEVELAND

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

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### SAVE THE DATE

**February 15  
 Business Meeting**  
 Topic for discussion:  
 Christ Child Society's  
 Financial Future

### 2012 St. John Cathedral Mass Schedule 12:00 Noon

January 25  
 February 24  
 March 28 – 10:00 a.m.  
 Installation Mass  
 April 25  
 May 25  
 June 25  
 July 25  
 August 24  
 September 25  
 October 25  
 November 26  
 December 28

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

*"It is the personal element that brings true charity to life." ~ Mary Virginia Merrick*

#### Starlight Ball

I want to extend a huge thank you to this year's ball committee and co-chairs, **Terri Parker** and **Janie Nickodem**. (Yes, Janie took this on two years in a row!) Your dedication to our organization and your generosity with your time and talent are truly commendable. Thank you to our many donors - either through corporate support or through donations to the silent auction and/or the cash raffle. With everyone working together, our 60<sup>th</sup> ball will certainly be a success!

#### February Business Meeting

Our winter business meeting is scheduled on **Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 11am, Cottage #14**. Please note the change from the original meeting date of January 18<sup>th</sup>. It is my hope that many of you will attend this February meeting where we will be discussing "Christ Child Society's Financial Future".

#### Annual Report

**The report will be available at the Starlight Ball & the February Business Meeting.**

Our first ever Annual Report will be available soon. The report showcases all of our accomplishments throughout the past year and includes a financial overview of our organization. This report will be beneficial in our quest for grants and donations. Many thanks to **Meg Kearns O'Neil** for her invaluable assistance in putting together this publication.

I would like to wish all of you a joyous and blessed Christmas, and I look forward to all the joys that the new year will bring our way. I feel truly fortunate to be part of such a wonderful organization.

Merry Christmas!

**Marybeth Bauccho**

### REFLECTING WITH FATHER RALPH

As the days continue to grow shorter and colder, we long for the return of light and warmth. It is no accident that we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Light of the World, during the shortest days of the year. Just as the sun is the source of earthly warmth and light, the Son of God is the source of warmth and the light of grace, the sharing in the very life of God that makes all the difference in our lives. Spread the warmth and light of Christ by the acts of kindness you do. Let kindness accompany any greetings you send or gifts you give. Ask the Christ Child to help you discover a new dimension to Christmas this year.

*Advent and Christmas blessings,*

**Father Ralph**

# *Remembrance/Endowment Report*

**Memorial**

William Bruck  
**Terry Columbro**  
 Margaret DePompei  
 Nick Ehora  
 Adelaide Fox  
**Evie Hammett**  
 Jean Miles Pattillo  
 Donald Vondriska  
**Jo Wido**

**Honor**

**Marie Coletto**..... happy birthday  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ben Toth..... happy 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**In Our Thoughts**

**Monica Bruck**.....sympathy death of father-in-law (Dr. William Bruck)  
**Bonne Conroy**..... sympathy death of son (Timothy)  
**Jo Dodge**..... speedy recovery  
**JoMcGinnis**.....sympathy death of husband (Richard)  
**Kathy Nelson**..... sympathy death of mother (former member Adelaide Fox)

Please send your Remembrance/

Endowment check to:

*Christ Child* Society  
 c/o Parmadale

6753 State Road,  
 Parma, OH 44134

ATTN: **Abby Sammon**

Total This Report Period	\$ 1200.00
Previous Year to Date	<u>2530.00</u>
Total for Fiscal Year 2010-2011	\$ 3730.00

**Please notify the *Christ Child* office regarding deaths of CCS members or their immediate family members. Call (440-843-1632) or send email ([ccs\\_office@yahoo.com](mailto:ccs_office@yahoo.com)). Each deceased person is remembered in the monthly Mass at St. John's Cathedral and is listed in the Remembrance report in *Chapter & Verse*.**

## LAYETTE ENDOWMENT CHRISTMAS CARDS

- *Christ Child* Layette Endowment Christmas cards benefit the Layette program and honor someone important to you.
- *Each* Christmas card costs \$5.
- Cards are sent directly to you or mailed to the individual(s) you are honoring.
- A small card with your honoree's first name and last initial is put into a layette package that will be given to an infant.

Please send your request for cards along with a check (\$5 per card) to *Christ Child* Society, c/o Parmadale, 6753 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134, ATTN: **Abby Sammon**. Include your name and phone number, the number of cards you are ordering, and the names and addresses of your recipients if you are requesting cards be sent directly to them.

### Reminder re: Donations

Any donations you may have made to Layettes throughout the year will be acknowledged at one time with a letter that can be used for tax purposes. The letters will be sent after January 1, 2012.

# Spotlight

## Ann George

*"I have enjoyed meeting and working with many intelligent, compassionate, energetic women."*



## Kathy Michael

*Kathy has "learned so much from the women in the Christ Child Society – they are creative, hard-working, and selfless."*

**Ann George** joined CCS in 2009. Her sponsor was **Kathy Michael** with whom she co-chairs the Religious Activities program. Ann also volunteers at St. Francis Library and has worked for the Red Wagon Luncheons. In the community, Ann is on the Wellness Committee at Church of the Resurrection in Solon and delivers Christmas packages to home-bound individuals who have M.S. for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

After graduating from Villa Angela Academy, Ann completed her education in nursing at St. Vincent Charity Hospital and took additional classes at Kent State University and Ursuline College. Ann is employed as a pre/post-op nurse at University Hospital's outpatient centers. In her leisure time, she enjoys participating in book clubs, watercise, and touring historical homes.

Pat, Ann's husband, works in the pharmaceutical industry. Their son Patrick graduated from the University of Notre Dame and recently was deployed to the Middle East as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. Ann and Pat's daughter Elizabeth is a sophomore education major at the University of Dayton.

In 1998-99, **Kathy Michael** spent her provisional year as a *Christ Child* member in the Columbus, Ohio chapter. She transferred to Cleveland in 2000 and has been an active leader in CCS ever since. She chaired "My Stuff Bags" from 2002-2004, co-chaired the provisional program with **Pat Gardner** in 2004-2006, was Corresponding Secretary, has coordinated several committees for the Starlight Balls, and has been a member of the Nominating and Red Wagon committees. Recently Kathy received a certificate for Spiritual Direction from the Ignatian Spirituality Institute at John Carroll University. That training will enhance her current role as co-chairperson of the Religious Activities program. Using her degree in economics (1977) and MBA (1984) from John Carroll University, Kathy had a career in banking until 1995 when she became a "stay-at-home" mom. She re-entered the work force in 2006 and has been employed at John Carroll University where her current title is Assistant to the Vice President and Treasury Specialist.

Kathy and her husband Joe have three children: Jim (24) graduated from the University of Notre Dame and is an architect living in Washington D.C.; Jeanne (22) has an accounting degree from Saint Mary's College and is employed in assurance at PricewaterhouseCoopers; Colleen (17) is a senior at Beaumont School.

# Day of Recollection

More than 50 members and their guests attended the annual Day of Recollection at the Jesuit Retreat House on a very rainy Wednesday, October 19. It was a wonderful turnout to listen to Doris Donnelly's presentation on "Jesus and Women: Some Surprises". Dr. Donnelly talked about the times that Jesus interacted one-on-one with women as described in scripture and the conflict and problem resolution that took place in the encounters. She used scriptural references for examples with *named* women, like His mother Mary and the famous sisters of Lazarus, Martha and Mary, and some women who were not-named, like the Canaanite Woman, the Woman at the Well, and the Woman Caught in Adultery. Dr. Donnelly provided some very insightful ideas about what was occurring given the culture, traditions, and taboos of the time. The presentation was greatly enhanced by her showing images of famous paintings that corresponded to the scripture and provided us with a striking visual of Jesus' relationships.

After the presentation, Fr. Ralph Wiatrowski celebrated Mass for the event, and Mr. Jim Carr sang and provided the music. The day concluded with a salad and soup lunch.

**Kathy Michael & Ann George**

Co-chairpersons



## Supporting Our Christ Child Mission

### CHRIST CHILD CLASSIFIEDS

#### SEPTEMBER BOARD REPORT

##### Holiday Spirit Award

**Meg Kearns** (Development/Grant Writing) reported that the Cleveland Plain Dealer awarded CCS \$10,000 for the Uniforms project. There will be an article in the newspaper and at [www.cleveland.com/holidayspirit](http://www.cleveland.com/holidayspirit) about the impact this project has on the people we serve.

**Layettes:** Because Huron Hospital has closed, CCS has added Hillcrest Hospital to the agencies that receive layettes.

##### **DEHUMIDIFIER FOR SHOWCASE**

Showcase needs a new or pre-owned dehumidifier that is in good working order for the basement room where out-of season clothes are stored. Please contact **Melanie Close** if you can fulfill this wish or if you want more information. Thank you.



#### **2011 Provisional Class Christmas Holiday Party**

Wednesday, December 7th

Our sixteen provisional members are busy preparing for the Christmas Holiday Party at Parmadale's Head Start Program. Their plans for 102 children include games (including a "snowball fight"), crafts, story time, and a visit from Santa during both morning and afternoon sessions. In addition, these outstanding provisionals have provided and received donated items to fill each gift bag that the children will take home.


Congratulations Provisionals! Please know that our members appreciate your great enthusiasm and dedication to our *Christ Child* Society

We wish all *Christ Child* Members and their families a **Merry and Blessed Christmas!**

**Annette Gorris & Monica Bruck**

Provisional Co-chairpersons

# January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p><b>Chagrin Falls Sewing Group</b> Contact: Donna Kelly</p> <p><b>Euclid – Our Lady of the Lake Sewing Group</b> Contact: Mary McKown</p> <p><b>Far West Sewing Group</b> Contact: Connie Kinner</p> <p><b>Grandmother's Program Merrick House</b> Contact: Stephanie West</p> <p><b>Heights - St. Dominic Sewing Group</b> Contact: Irene Chalko</p>	<b>2</b>	<p><b>Far West Sewing Group</b> 9:00-Noon <b>Merrick House Reading Enrichment</b> 9:30-11:00</p> <p><b>Parmadale Head Start Reading Enrichment</b> 9:30-11:00 &amp; 1:30-3:00</p> <p><b>Showcase</b> 10:00-4:00</p> <p><b>Jennings Monthly Social</b> 1:00-3:00</p>	<b>4</b>	<p><b>Showcase</b> 10:00-4:00</p>	<b>5</b>	<p><b>Showcase</b> 10:00-4:00</p>	<b>7</b>
<p><b>Jennings Monthly Social</b> Contact: Mary Ann Petrancek</p> <p><b>Layette Packing – Parmadale</b> Contact: Jean Boldt</p> <p><b>Little Sisters of the Poor Monthly Social</b> Contact: Pat Coviello</p> <p><b>Merrick House Pre-School Reading Enrichment</b> Contact: Stephanie West</p> <p><b>My Stuff Packing</b> Contact: Carole Kealy</p> <p><b>Parmadale Head Start Reading Enrichment</b> Contact: Jo Dodge</p> <p><b>St. Francis Library</b> Contact: Liz Niehaus</p> <p><b>Showcase</b> Contact: Meg Kirkholder (Tues.-Wed. scheduling) LaVerne Madigan (Thurs.-Sat. scheduling)</p> <p><b>West Park Catholic Academy Library</b> Contact: Judy Votteler</p>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	
	<p><b>Showcase</b> Closed</p> <p><b>Layettes</b> 10:00-12:30</p>	<p><b>Parmadale Head Start Reading Enrichment</b> 9:30-11:00 &amp; 1:30-3:00</p> <p><b>St. Francis Library</b> 9:45-2:15</p> <p><b>Showcase</b> -10:00-4:00</p> <p><b>"My Stuff" Packing</b> 10:00-Noon</p>	<p><b>St. Francis Library</b> 9:45-1:45</p> <p><b>Showcase</b> 10:00-4:00</p> <p><b>Euclid Sewing Club</b> 10:00-2:00</p> <p>Now meeting at St. John of the Cross</p>	<p><b>Showcase</b> 10:00-4:00</p> <p><b>Chagin Falls Sewing Club</b> 10:00-2:00</p>	<p><b>Showcase</b> 10:00-4:00</p> <p><b>Chagin Falls Sewing Club</b> 10:00-2:00</p>	<p><b>Showcase</b> 10:00-4:00</p>	
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	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 10px;"> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;"><b>December Calendar</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;">Refer to the November issue of Chapter &amp; Verse</p> </div>		
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ATTN: **Carol Panek**

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**DATED MATERIAL:  
Please deliver by December 6th**

## VOLUNTEER

### Merrick House Reading Enrichment Program

We are a third of the way through our Merrick House Pre-K year, and we need volunteer readers for upcoming sessions. The Pre-K teacher, Marketa Robinson, has requested that we focus on themes that coordinate with Ohio's Early Childhood Content Standards. Please email **Stephanie West** to schedule a date as soon as possible. Thanks so much!

#### Volunteer Readers Needed

February 21	"Around the World" (family heritages Israel/Lebanon)
March 6	<u>Your Choice</u> : "Art Project" **
March 20	<u>Your Choice</u> : "Art Project" **
April 17	"Careers"
May 1	"Environment"
May 15	"Environment"

#### \*\*Do you have artistic talent?

The staff at the Pre-kindergarten Literacy program is asking that CCS volunteers read a story with an art focus and help the children create a group-art project (e.g. thumbprint painting or an original idea) that can be auctioned at Merrick House's annual fundraiser. If you love art and love reading to children, call **Stephanie West** to sign up for this activity. You'll have fun, and so will the children.