Dear Christ Our Savior Parishioners,

I am pleased to present to you our fifth annual Parish Guide Book & Directory. It is a fitting way to mark each anniversary of our deeply rooted parish as it welcomes a new pastor, Fr. Martin Celuch. It contains in ready reference form information about our parish, its life and its members. Please keep it handy as a ready reference for use throughout the year.

Our mission calls us to live in communion with God and God’s people, to engage our gifts to share God’s love and Christ’s saving grace with others, and to nurture the life of God – Father, Son and Spirit – in ourselves and others through God’s Word, our Worship of God, and our Service to others.

Under our mission, “holiness is our most important pursuit.” That means allowing Christ to ‘save’ us, to transform us deeply, from inside out. Christ seeks to bring us to our full stature as persons and as a community, vibrantly alive in Him and in His Spirit, to the glory of God our Father. As we open ourselves to His saving work in us, we enable Him to save others, indeed ‘the world’, through us.

I pray that this Guide Book will bring the members of Christ Our Savior together ever more deeply and fully, around their new pastor and in Christ, so they might together accomplish the mission God has entrusted to them. Right here in the Struthers area!

With love in Christ Our Savior,

Rev. Bernard R. Bonnot, Pastor Emeritus

Prayer For Our Mission

Loving God, you called us each by name and gave your only Son to redeem us. In your faithfulness, you sent the Holy Spirit to complete the mission of Jesus among us.

Open our hearts to Jesus. Give us the courage to speak his name to those who are close to us and the generosity to share his love with those who are far away.

We pray that every person throughout the world be invited to know and love Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. May they come to know his all-surpassing love. May that love transform every element of our society.

We ask this through Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.
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5th TBA
6th Mrs. Marijo Orbin
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8th  TBA
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- .............................................................. Math - Glen Windram

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- 3rd ............................................................. Mrs. Gina Heeter
- 4th ........................................................ Mrs. Lisa McConnell
- 5th ........................................................... Mrs. Jackie DiNardo
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- Mrs. Patricia D’Vincenzo
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Schedule Of Worship, Prayer & Sacraments

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday   Vigil Masses 4:30pm @ St. Nicholas
           (handicapped accessible)
Sunday     8am @ Holy Trinity
           (handicapped accessible)
           10:45am @ St. Nicholas
           (handicapped accessible)

WEEKDAY MASSES & SERVICES
At St. Nicholas:
Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday  9am Mass
Communion
Thursday                             9am Liturgy of Word w.
                                      Communion

HOLY DAYS
7pm Vigil Mass @ St. Nicholas
9am @ St. Nicholas
5pm @ St. Nicholas
CONFESSIONS
Saturday 8:30-9:30am @ St. Nicholas;
Communal Celebrations in Advent and Lent -- check bulletin
Also by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Last Saturday of the Month after Mass

ADORATION
Wednesday 9:30am-8pm, Blessed Sacrament Chapel @ St. Nicholas

NOVENAS
Miraculous Medal -- Monday 9:30am and 7pm,
   Blessed Sacrament Chapel @ St. Nicholas
Infant of Prague -- Tuesdays 8:30am @ Holy Trinity
Sacred Heart -- Friday 9:30am, Blessed Sacrament Chapel @ St. Nicholas
St. Anthony -- Tuesdays, 7pm, March to June 13,
   Blessed Sacrament Chapel, @ St. Nicholas
October, Monday-Friday 5:30pm, Outdoor Rosary at Holy Trinity,
   Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism -- following a one hour preparatory class required of first time parents, desirably with the sponsors as well, baptisms are normally administered on the 2nd or 4th Sundays of each month following the 10:45am Sunday Mass -- Deacon John @ 330-755-9819

First Communion -- normally administered to second graders who are prepared either through school or CCD classes. Special arrangements are made for older children, youth or adults who have never received the Sacrament -- Alvera Bell @ 330-755-6245 ext.114

Confirmation -- the Sacrament is normally administered in the Spring to 8th graders after preparation during their 7th and 8th grade years of school -- Alvera Bell @ 330-755-6245 ext.114

Sacraments of Vocational Service to Life

Matrimony -- engaged couples can schedule their weddings as far ahead of time as they wish but no later than six months before the desired date so there is adequate time for them to complete a Marriage Preparation program under the guidance of the pastor or the deacon -- contact Fr. Martin @ 330-755-9819
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Sacraments of Healing

Anointing of the Sick & Dying -- Christ Our Savior’s priest responds to every request for a visit to administer the Sacrament of the Anointing and, when death is near, the last rites. This Sacrament is administered communally after Mass on the last Saturday of each month. Call the parish emergency/after hours # @ 330-755-9810.

Reconciliation -- this sacrament of God’s forgiving love and mercy is available for individual reception on Saturdays at St. Nicholas Church 8:30-9:30am @SN except on Holy Saturday and also by individual appointment. Communal celebrations are scheduled especially during Advent and Lent. Check bulletin or call 330-755-9819.

About Christ, Our Savior

To be Christian is to be focused on Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God, our Lord (the one to whom we owe ultimate allegiance) and Savior (the one who shows us the way to God, the way to the fulfillment of our human destiny, the way to holiness).

We believe that Jesus is the only Son of God, the one sent by our loving Creator whom he addressed as Father and whom he told us to address as Father. We believe that this Son took flesh and dwelt among us. We believe that by his self-offering to the Father through death and resurrection he opened for us the way to God. We believe that through baptism and confirmation and reception of the sacraments he incorporates us into his own resurrected body if we trust and believe in him. He transforms us deep within, in our consciousness and our conscience, empowering us to be and live like him and so to be agents with him of the transformation and salvation of the world.

Each time we say the name of our parish, Christ Our Savior, we remember who we are and what we are to be about. May we all, each day, in faith, accept more deeply Christ Our Savior’s saving action in us. May we, thus transformed, be each day and each week more consciously and actively self-sacrificing agents of the saving action of Father+Son+Spirit in our world.
Vocations
We all have a vocation. We are all called by God. We are all called to holiness. Through Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist we accept that call. Through our lifelong reception of the Sacraments, all of us as individuals and together as a community, sinners though we be, pursue our specific call to holiness. Through the special Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders we accept God’s call of special service to life. Our vocation includes this mission: to be Christ to the world, to announce the Good News, to glorify God by our lives.

Over more than a century and a half our parish, from its origins as St. Nicholas and Holy Trinity Parishes, has nurtured the vocations of countless persons -- those married, those becoming priests and religious, those living dedicated single or widowed lives in the pattern of Christ. We live in an era of comparatively fewer vocations to all these walks -- fewer priests, fewer religious, fewer ‘couples’ committing themselves to sacramental marriage, perhaps fewer individuals living with a strong consciousness that they are sacraments of God’s presence in their time and place.

We at Christ Our Savior Parish strive to deepen our sense of being called by God to holiness all the days of our lives and in all the walks of our lives. It is important for the church’s well-being that we nurture and support those accepting the call -- whether to marriage (‘what God has joined, we must not divide’), to priesthood, to religious life or simply to devoted Christian personhood.

May the vitality and depth of our life in Christ manifest itself in the good fruit of many accepting God’s call and living their lives in a holy way, imitating Christ and responding to the Spirit, offering themselves as a sacrifice pleasing to the Lord (Romans 12:1).

The Importance of Sunday Mass
From the beginning of the Christian faith, Sunday has been the day for Jesus’ followers to refresh their focus on God’s work in Christ and their allegiance to him as their Lord and Savior. Sunday is the day of Christ’s Resurrection and the day of Christ’s release of the Spirit into the community of his followers. This day above all days is to be observed in a way that intensifies our consciousness of living in the presence of God, being sacraments of God’s presence ourselves, and so doing all that we do in response to God’s Word and will.

Every Catholic should make participation in the parish celebration of the Sunday Eucharist a priority in their lives. In liturgy we gather to acknowledge that we are all sinners on whom God has mercy, then we listen to God’s call, offer ourselves to God, and finally are sent to live out that offering, glorifying God through self-sacrificing service to others in all our activities during the week. This orientation and attitude should characterize all that we do. That is our vocation.
During the Mass we are commanded to do two things. First, “Do this in memory of Me,” meaning Jesus. ‘This’ means to offer our total selves, body and blood, to God by doing God’s will. Second, “Go in peace, announce the good news, ... glorify God by our lives,” which is to say “Go, make disciples of all nations, teach them and baptize them....” Because the spirit is willing but we in our flesh are weak when it comes to living by the Spirit of God, we need at a minimum the weekly re-enforcement which Sunday Mass provides. Sunday Mass makes us ready and determined to do God’s will in all things.

Membership

As of June 1, 2016, Christ Our Savior Parish enjoys the support of 1981 households and 3948 individuals who break out into these age groupings:

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Facilities

Christ Our Savior is blessed to have two campuses: Holy Trinity north of the Mahoning River and downtown Struthers, and St. Nicholas south of the River and downtown.

COS has 2 beautiful churches, a Pastoral & Educational Center at St. Nicholas containing the parish offices and the K-8 St. Nicholas School, a Great Hall/gymnasium at St. Nicholas, two lower church halls, one with a complete kitchen at Holy Trinity and the other with a Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St. Nicholas; two beautiful outdoor Shrines devoted to the Blessed Mother (of Lourdes at SN, of Fatima at HT) and at Holy Trinity a beautiful rectory able to accommodate three residents. The parish also owns three buildings which it leases to ISLE/Purple Cat as residences for adults. Two are at St. Nicholas, a former classroom building and a former rectory, the other is at Holy Trinity. Two classrooms in our Educational Center are leased to the Applewood Academy pre-school.

These facilities serve well the active life of the members of Christ Our Savior Parish as well as the community at large. A recent Capital Campaign helped bring these facilities to a state of excellent repair and beauty. They serve people and glorify God.

The Hall facilities are available free for parish-sponsored events and for a modest fee to parishioners for non-parish-sponsored events. The fee covers utility and maintenance expenses. Parish facilities are also available for rental by non-parishioner individuals, organizations and groups. Interested parties should contact Tony Papalia @ 330-755-9819 or tpapalia@gmail.com.
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History

Christ Our Savior (COS) Parish’s history is short but its roots are deep. COS was established on July 1, 2011. Its origins go back to 1865, after the Civil War. Struthers at that time was a small settlement at the juncture of Yellow Creek and the Mahoning River. In 1798 John Struthers had purchased 400 acres there and, with others, began to smelt iron. The War of 1812 caused him and other settlers in the area to leave.

Decades later, in 1865 when the Civil War ended, John Struthers’ son Thomas repurchased his father’s land and laid out a village. By then canal and railroad systems ran through the area. Several iron plants were built and by the late 1800s the community held 1000 inhabitants. As the steel industry boomed, immigrants flooded into the area. In 1899 an interurban electric line connected Struthers village with Youngstown. In 1902 Struthers incorporated and the village of East Youngstown (now Campbell) started. Youngstown Sheet and Tube was established with mills near Struthers on the northside of the River. By 1920 Struthers had grown into a city. The area continued to prosper until 1977 when Youngstown Sheet and Tube and several other plants closed. Struthers however refused to die. It remains the only city in the U.S. without a cemetery!

Among those moving into the area following the Civil War were, of course, Catholics -- enough of them that already in 1865 a mission out of Villa Maria PA was established in Struthers to serve 15 families. The mission built its first chapel on the hillock where storage garages now stand on Bridge St., near the current post office. In 1871 the community moved to the top of a hill across Yellow Creek overlooking Lowellville Road and Yellow Creek Park. There it built a church on the very property on which John Struthers had built his cabin home. The community became a parish in 1885 with the name St. Nicholas in honor of the then chaplain to the community, Fr. Nicholas Franche from Villa Marie. The community received its first resident pastor in 1903.

By 1907 enough Catholics of Slovak origin lived in Struthers that on October 7 a cornerstone was laid on Washington Street north of the Mahoning River for a parish church to serve 103 Slovak families. It took the name Holy Trinity and built a school, first staffed by Humility of Mary Sisters from the Villa. In that same year the first St. Nicholas Church burned down so a second larger one, seating 400, was built on the Lowellville Rd. site. In 1928 the St. Nicholas community built a school on a farm on Fifth Street where it continues to this day. When in December 1944 the Lowellville Road church again burned down, the community built the present St. Nicholas Church on Fifth Street.

Soon thereafter, in 1954, Holy Trinity moved up the northside hill to the present location of its church and rectory on N. Bridge St. An eight-room school and convent followed on the same 8 acre property in 1961. The school served as many as 200 students before its closing in 1991 and sale in 1993. Struthers peak population was 15,631 in 1960. In that year, St. Nicholas School had 1600 students.
Christ Our Savior Parish Today

The 2010 Census reported that Struthers then consisted of 3.8 square miles with a population of 11,097 persons living in 4556 households, 3014 of which are family homes. The residents then were 94.4% white, 3% Hispanic and 2.8% African-American. The 2012 population was 10,564.

Today, Christ Our Savior Parish serves 1981 households. Over the past year it celebrated 23 baptisms, 25 first communions, 24 confirmations, 7 weddings, and 89 funerals while educating 132 students in its school and 120 in its CCD. The parish remains vital.

St. Nicholas’ 17th pastor, Fr. Bob Bonnot, was installed on September 30, 2007. He was named Administrator of Holy Trinity Parish on August 1, 2010 as part of the Diocese of Youngstown’s reconfiguration plan which called for the merging of St. Nicholas and Holy Trinity parishes. That merging was effected on July 1, 2011. The Bishop named the new parish Christ Our Savior. On July 4, 2016 Fr. Martin Celuch became Christ Our Savior’s second pastor.

May the family of God among the people of Struthers continue to grow in Christ and the Spirit. May Christ Our Savior Parish’s communion of saints flourish and help the entire Struthers community transition from its boom days to its new life as a mature and settled community of mixed heritage. The people of Struthers remain hard-working and forward-looking in today’s global economy and faithful in today’s global church.

Pastoral Structure
& Governance

Christ Our Savior Parish is governed and served by 4 main structures.

• A Pastoral Team consists of the Pastor, Deacon, Director of Spiritual Growth, and School Principal, supported by a dedicated Staff. It focuses on assuring effective pastoral care for all members of the parish and all residents of the Struthers area as needed.

• A Pastoral Council is charged with listening closely to parishioners and, with a clear view of the Mission of the Parish, elaborating a Vision to guide its activities and development going forward.

• A Finance Council is responsible for stewarding the resources of the parish -- human, physical, and financial -- so the parish can effectively care for people of the parish and realize the Vision of the parish.

• A Ministries Council is charged with bringing together and coordinating the varied energies and organizations of the parish. They provide practical and effective ministry to parishioners in their pursuit of holiness so they can grow to the full stature of persons mature in Christ and work successfully together to fulfill the Mission and Vision of their parish.
Ministries, Organizations & Activities

Christ Our Savior is blessed to have a wide array of ministries and organizations through which parishioners can exercise their baptismal gifts and responsibilities as priests, prophets and servant leaders in Christ. Through these ministries and organizations, parishioners participate in the mission of the parish for their own benefit and in loving service to others. Following is a brief description of each with the name and phone number of a contact who can provide further information.

Liturgical Ministries
(Priestly Ministries)

Children’s Liturgy of the Word -- during the Sunday 9:30 Mass at St. Nicholas, children from 3-7 are invited to retire to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, there to hear God’s Word and do a project that brings the meaning of that Word home to them. They return to the Assembly for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. -- Alvera Bell, 330-755-6245.

Choir & Musicians -- support and enhance the participation of the faithful in the sacramental and prayer life of the church by leading and enabling them to make “a joyful noise to the Lord” -- Matthew White, 330-502-3251 @ matthewewhite@hotmail.com

Eucharistic Ministers -- assist the priests and deacon in making communion available to parishioners both at Mass and when homebound -- Deacon John @ 330-755-9819 ext.106, Julie Balestra @ 330-788-6595 and Marian Gura @ 330-750-6073.

Gift Bearers -- this special role is open to all baptized members of the parish as a particular exercise of their participation in the priesthood of Christ. Relatives of those for whom a particular Mass is offered are especially encouraged to present themselves to the Ushers to provide this service. Families are encouraged to do so all together. Others, if asked, are urged to accept the Ushers’ invitation and so exercise their priesthood.

Greeters -- provide joyful welcome to parishioners as they come to celebrate liturgy or for other prayer experiences -- Deacon John @ 330-755-9819 ext.106.

Leaders of Prayer -- individuals trained and commissioned by the Diocese of Youngstown to lead various liturgical and prayer functions, including funeral and burial services. -- Fr. Martin @ 330-755-9819.

Lectors -- proclaim the Word of God at celebrations of the Eucharist and other Sacraments -- Deacon John @ 330-755-9819 ext.106 and Marian Gura @ 330-755-6073.
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Servers -- children and adults who assist the priest in the celebration of the Eucharist and other sacred rites – Alvera Bell w. Margaret Beniston (SN) @ 330-755-6245 and Marian Gura (HT) @330-755-6073.

Ushers -- assist the congregation during Mass and for other liturgical celebrations, welcoming them, helping them find seats when needed, taking up the offerings, dispensing bulletins, operating the handicapped lift at the SN front door. -- Rocky Augustine (SN) @ 330-755-1150 and John Medvec (HT) @ 330-755-4596.

Education, Formation & Spiritual Growth Ministries (Prophetic Ministries)

A Day with Christ Retreats -- yearly retreats on parish grounds for men and women respectively. The retreats aim to renew individuals and the parish community. Watch the bulletin for updates. -- Deacon John or Alvera Bell @ 330-755-6245.

Annual Altar & Rosary Day of Reflection -- each Spring the SN A&R offers a day of reflection and prayer for its members and others interested. Contact Priscilla Carlucci @ 330-755-9966.

Annual Parish Mission -- each year the Parish offers a multi-day Mission, usually in Fall or Spring.

Bible Study -- weekly gatherings to read, discuss for understanding, and find spiritual applications of God's Word in life as we live it -- Deacon John @ 330-755-9819 ext.106, jterranova@youngstowndiocese.org.

Catholic Men’s Fellowship -- regular gatherings of men for the sake of fellowship and growth as disciples of Christ, open to all men from confirmation to burial -- John Toker @ 330-755-5845.

Family Ministry -- a team of couples plan and organize family-focused events throughout the year – movie nights, events at the August Parish Picnic at Holy Trinity, and other fun experiences that bond families and strengthen interfamily friendships. -- Ms. Julie McCool, Coordinator @ 330-519-1040.

Marriage Preparation -- all couples contemplating marriage as a Sacrament must contact a priest or deacon of the parish at least six months in advance to begin a process of spiritual, practical and liturgical preparation for their wedding and the living of their special Sacrament. -- Fr. Martin @ 330-755-9819.
**Marriage Counseling** -- The priest and deacon of the parish are available to meet with spouses who are experiencing marital challenges for at least initial counseling. Depending on the need, individuals and couples may be referred to professional marital/family counselors or to programs designed to help them through their difficulties. – Fr. Martin or Deacon John @ 330-755-9819.

**Marriage Separations & Annulments** -- persons entering marriage as a sacrament affirm their commitment to a lifelong union. In our culture many forces work against their ability to live up to that ideal and to sustain their marital union. Persons whose marriage has broken down, resulting in either separation or divorce, remain members in good standing with the church, able to receive the sacraments. If such an individual remarries without the blessing of the church, s/he should not receive the sacraments until the prior marriage is annulled and the new marriage is celebrated in the church as a sacrament. – Fr. Martin or Deacon John @ 330-755-9819.

**RCIA** -- an annual process to help persons considering Catholicism as their way of relating to God and following Jesus, leading step by step to their being baptized or received into the Catholic Church, confirmed and fully initiated into Catholic faith and life. The program can be helpful also to persons who may have been baptized Catholic or Protestant but whose faith life has never been developed and confirmed or has been long neglected. -- Deacon John @ 330-755-9819 ext.106.

**Religious Education/CCD** -- assists parents in meeting their pledge to raise their children in the practice of the faith by providing learning opportunities and experiences for the parents and for children K-8, at times with their parents. -- Alvera Bell @ 330-755-6245 ext.114 or abell@youngstowndiocese.org or @ Facebook Ccd_COS

**Retreats & Recollections** -- partial day, full day and week-end experiences for adults, youth and children designed to expand their spiritual awareness and deepen their life of faith and practice. -- @ 330-755-6245 Alvera Bell ext.114 or Deacon John ext.106.

**St. Nicholas School, a Lumen Christi School** -- a K-8 program of Christ-centered education designed to assist parents in meeting their pledge to raise their children in the practice of the faith. St. Nicholas School provides students with an education that will enable them to grow into mature Christian and Catholic individuals, responsible adults and successful citizens. The Lumen Christi Schools are committed to assuring that Catholic elementary education remains a valued and viable option for families, now and in the future. -- Betty McCullough @ 330-755-2128 or stnickelem@youngstowndiocese.org.
Theology on Tap -- a monthly gathering of young adults, single or married, 18-39, at a local eatery/brewery with a speaker to provoke conversation around a timely topic. Topics range from personal to social to spiritual. The conversation provoked is the best part of the gatherings … and the food! Contact Kristina Henik, 330-559-5218, khenik0405@yahoo.com or on Facebook. Visit https://www.facebook.com/groups/253398624683857/.

Youth Ministry -- activities for young people from 7th thru 12th grades and their parents to continue their Christian and Catholic formation, expand their horizons, and enrich their relationships with others who share their ideals and goals in life. -- Alvera Bell @ 330-755-6245 ext.114, with Lynda Davis, Mrs. Virginia Bartos; or Facebook CosYouthMinistry.

Service, Social & Spiritual Ministries (Royal Servant Ministries)

Altar & Rosary -- a membership organization for women and men whose monthly meetings and activities aim to enrich the personal, social and spiritual lives of members and friends while also providing for the needs of our churches, sanctuaries and shrines -- @ SN Priscilla Carlucci @ 330-755-6699; @ HT Marian Gura @ 330-750-6073.

Bereavement -- a service of the Parish Nurses to accompany individuals and families who have suffered a death as they deal with loss in their lives -- Carol Mogulich @ 330-755-7107 or jcmog@aol.com.

Community Meal – a monthly free dinner for all in the parish and Struthers community, an opportunity for an evening out with good food and good companionship. Each month’s meal is planned and provided by one of the organizations of the parish. Our school children draw placemats for the guests. A good place and opportunity to connect with people you haven’t seen for a long time. There is no charge but a donation box is available. Alvera Bell with Joann Burgmyer at 330-755-6245 ext.114.

Crochet & Knitting -- an every Monday evening gathering of persons interested in using their crochet/knitting skills, sharing those skills with others, and making items that will benefit others – Virginia Bartos @ 330-750-9862, cometbaby@sbcglobal.net.

Giving Tree -- an annual Christmas undertaking of our Parish Nurses to enable parishioners to provide gifts for needy families in the parish and the Struthers area, with confidence that the gifts get to those in true need -- Donna Leone @ 330-755-0633 or donnajleone@gmail.com.
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Parishioners
The document contains information about various parish organizations and their roles:

**Holy Name** -- a membership organization for parish men whose monthly meetings and activities aim to enrich the personal, social and spiritual lives of members and family while also providing for such varied needs of the parish as scholarships, capital maintenance projects and subsidies to such ministries as the school, CCD, Youth Ministry, Servers and Religious Education -- Jeff Janci @ 330-519-6822 or jeffjanci@yahoo.com.

**Home Visitor Ministries** -- visitation to homebound parishioners by caring fellow parishioners, usually to bring them communion but also to keep them in touch with the parish and to assist them in meeting specific needs -- Deacon John @ 330-755-9819 ext.106 or St. Vincent de Paul, Joann Burgmyer @ 330-707-4986.

**Hospital and Rest Home Ministries** – visitation to parishioners who are either hospitalized or in rehabilitation or have taken up residence in a rest home. – Deacon John @ 330-755-6245 ext.106.

**Infant of Prague (@ HT)** -- a devotional group meeting weekly in honor of the Infant of Prague on Tuesdays @ 8:30 with social activities following -- Dorothy Wagner @ 330-755-6511.

**Knights of Columbus** -- since 1882 a men’s fraternal benefit society committed to charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Christ Our Savior is blessed to have Council 4471 based at the parish. It meets on the first and third Mondays of each month -- Steve Vernarsky @ 330-757-9617 or 330-502-3716.

**Matthew 25** -- an end-Lent pre-Easter activity of the Parish Nurses to gather foodstuffs for needy families in Struthers and for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry -- Donna Carchedi @ 330-755-5635 or djay46@roadrunner.com.

**Moms’ & Dads’ Club** -- an organization of parents with school-aged children in St. Nicholas School in support of the Catholic education of their children – Amber Gallo @ 330-755-2128.

**Muscle Club** -- a group of men at HT church devoted to undertaking beautification and maintenance tasks of in support of the parish Maintenance Staff, every Tuesday starting at 9:30am -- John Medvec @ 330-755-4596 or Ed Yurcisin @ 330-536-8215.

**Parish Nurses** -- a gathering of nurse-parishioners and others who support their activities to provide caring & healing ministries of various types to parishioners and others in our community -- Donna Carchedi @ 330-755-5635 or djay46@roadrunner.com.

**St. Vincent de Paul** -- an organization of men and women who personally reach out to any Struthers area persons or families in need, regardless of faith, and who steward the funds donated by parishioners to meet those needs – Joann Burgmyer @ 330-707-4986.
Stewardship & Administrative Ministries

Bingo -- three times a week -- on Sunday afternoon, Wednesday evening and Thursday morning -- parish volunteers, including school parents, work the office, the floor and the kitchen to run Bingo sessions in Christ Our Savior's Great Hall. The proceeds are a critical source of funding for the parish and school – Tony Papalia @ 330-755-9819 or tpapalia@gmail.com.

Bulletin & Mailing Ministry -- every Friday morning and on other days as needed a group gathers at the parish office to stuff the bulletins in anticipation of Sunday liturgies or to prepare such mailings to parishioners as newsletters, Festival tickets, etc. -- Lisa Hill @ 330-755-9819 or lhill@youngstowndiocese.org.

Catholic Committee on Scouting -- This organization helps Catholic Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts earn their respective religious awards for growth in their Catholic faith and practice and attends to other dimensions of their spiritual formation, thus connecting the Holy Spirit with the Scouting Spirit. Parishioner Bob Granchie serves as Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the Diocese and as Chair for the Mahoning County Committee as well as BSA District Chaplain. Contact Bob Granchie at 330-755-7205 or bobgranchie@sbcglobal.net.

Festival -- since 1973 St. Nicholas has sponsored one of the most successful parish and community summer festivals in the area, from Wednesday to Sunday, concluding always on Father’s Day, the third Sunday of June -- Dan McCall @ 330-707-0710 or dmccall411@aol.com.

Fund-Raising Dinners & Picnic -- in the course of each year different organizations prepare dinners to raise funds for specific projects, for the parish’s general fund, or for parish fellowship building, including monthly Holy Name Breakfasts (September thru May), monthly Community Meals, Lenten Fish Fries @ SN, Fall and Spring Stuffed Cabbage @ HT, and an August Picnic @ HT -- Parish Office @ 330-755-9819.

Night at the Races -- an annual fun & fund-raiser organized and run by the St. Nicholas School Faculty, the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society, working together to help meet the expenses of Lumen Christi’s operation of the School -- Betty McCullough @ 330-755-2128 or stnickelem@youngstowndiocese.org.

Pirohy Making -- the men and women of HT have a long tradition of making and selling pirohy weekly from September through May, generating strong parish relationships and helpful funds -- Dorothy Wagner @ 330-755-6511 or John Medvec @ 330-755-4596.
SCRIP -- an ongoing opportunity for parishioners and other supporters to help the parish financially by purchasing gift cards that give the purchaser full dollar value but which the parish is able to purchase at a discounted rate ranging from 1-20% -- Joyce Centofanti @ 330-755-9819 or jcentofanti@youngstowndiocese.org.

Social Media Ministry (Website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) -- persons with skills who lend their expertise to establishing these media to serve the people of the parish -- Paul & Michael Brenner @ pcbrenner@gmail.com and Mario Bosnjak @ mariobosher@gmail.com.

300 Clubs -- both Holy Trinity and St. Nicholas, through its Holy Name Society, run annual 300 Club raffles concluding with festive and fun dinners in February for HT and September for SN -- Ed Yurcisin for HT @ 330-536-8215 and Carl Ford for SN @ 330-755-6828.

Thoughts of Pope Francis Regarding Love in the Family (from Amoris Laetitia, 314-)

God dwells in the hearts of those living in his grace. Today we can add that the Trinity is present in the temple of marital communion. Just as God dwells in the praises of his people, so he dwells deep within the marital love that gives him glory.

The Lord’s presence dwells in real and concrete families, with all their daily troubles and struggles, joys and hopes. Living in a family makes it hard for us to feign or lie; we cannot hide behind a mask. If that authenticity is inspired by love, then the Lord reigns there, with his joy and his peace.

The spirituality of family love is made up of thousands of small but real gestures. In that variety of gifts and encounters that deepen communion, God has his dwelling place. This mutual concern ‘brings together the human and the divine,’ for it is filled with the love of God. In the end, marital spirituality is a spirituality of the bond in which divine love dwells.

If a family is centered on Christ, he will unify and illumine its entire life. Moments of pain and difficulty will be experienced in union with the Lord’s cross, and his closeness will make it possible to surmount them. In the darkest hours of a family’s life, union with Jesus in his abandonment can help avoid a breakup.
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Gradually, ‘with the grace of the Holy Spirit, the spouses grow in holiness through married life, also by sharing in the mystery of Christ’s cross, which transforms difficulties and sufferings into an offering of love. Moreover, moments of joy, relaxation, celebration and even sexuality can be experienced as a sharing in the full life of the resurrection. Married couples shape with different daily gestures a ‘God-enlightened space in which to experience the hidden presence of the risen Lord.

Family prayer is a special way of expressing and strengthening this paschal faith. A few minutes can be found each day to come together before the living God, to tell him our worries, to ask for the needs of our family, to pray for someone experiencing difficulty, to ask for help in showing love, to give thanks for life and for its blessings, and to ask Our Lady to protect us beneath her maternal mantle. With a few simple words, this moment of prayer can do immense good for our families. ...

The family’s communal journey of prayer culminates by sharing together in the Eucharist, especially in the context of the Sunday rest. Jesus knocks on the door of families to share with them the Eucharistic supper. There, spouses can always seal anew the paschal covenant that united them and that ought to reflect the covenant that God sealed with mankind in the cross. The Eucharist is the sacrament of the New Covenant, where Christ’s redemptive work is carried out. The close bond between married life and the Eucharist becomes all the more clear. For the food of the Eucharist offers the spouses the strength and incentive needed to live the marriage covenant each day as a ‘domestic church.’”

COS Vision for Pastoral Years 2016-2021

(September thru August), June 11, 2016
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