



# CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

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**March, 2015**

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**NEWSLETTER**

JUDY KERN

Dear Members & Friends,

*Are you all thinking the same as us... "I can't wait for spring"? We visit this thought every single year, but God is good and he keeps his promise of a brighter tomorrow.*

*It is with great sadness that we remember another of our members who has gone to be with her eternal Father, Althea Saville. Our Chapter was blessed with Althea. She could be seen helping with the Angel's Closet, always concerned about the children's warmth and making sure they had a hat and gloves to go with their warm coat. At the Red Wagon Fare, she could be found boxing cookies at the bake sale. Althea's commitment to all people was evident in her concerns and actions for others. Her memory will continue with us and please remember her family in your prayers. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*

*God is good; although He takes those away from us, He brings others to us! Last year our membership total at this time was 53. On February 2, we reported a membership total of 57 to the National Christ Child Society! Thank you to Mary McCormick and Mary Jo Kelly for the membership drive and to those who have brought new members into our Chapter! If you are "surfing the net", the National Christ Child Society website is full of information and inspiration.*

*At the January meeting, the subject of a retreat was discussed. It was decided to forgo a retreat this spring. Our next social and business event is the Initiation of our new President, Diane George. This will take place on May 21 at Wildwood Country Club in the North Hills. We will also present pins to those new members of our Chapter. More details will follow.*

*Please know that we are always looking for suggestions and ideas.*

**YOU ARE THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY!**

*In the Name of the Christ Child,*

*Marian and Laura*

## **IN LOVING MEMORY – ALTHEA SAVILLE . . .**

In late January, our long time member, *Althea Saville*, passed away. She was nearly 88, and left 5 of her 6 children, 16 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Althea had been a Christ Child member for nearly 20 years, serving Angel's Closet, the Layette Committee, and Red Wagon. Her devotion to the wellbeing of children was at the heart of her life, and her charitable efforts.

Althea always had a warm and generous outlook on life, and a positive giving heart. She truly had the Light of Christ within her. Many of you who are newer members may not have known Althea, since her health began to deteriorate in recent years and she was unable to join us on Thursdays to help distribute coats to our clients, go to our retreat, and attend the Red Wagon. But those members, who did know her, know that we all are better for having had her in our lives, and for exhibiting true charity in her life.

It is a sign of her dedication to children that her family has requested that Memorial Bequests be sent to our Christ Child chapter. So Althea's generosity and love for the children of God will continue... We thank you Althea, and your family.

## ANGEL'S CLOSET ..... *From Molly Kelley*

In preparation for the new year, shoppers have purchased over 80 coats at bargain prices. We should be in good shape for next fall. However, if you see hats, gloves or mittens for \$1.00 or less, please feel free to purchase them. Send all bills to our Treasurer, Charlotte Collins. Our dates have not been set yet, but as in the past we will open sometime in October. More to follow in the next newsletter. Thanks again to all who shopped and continue to look for bargains for the Angels. Think Spring!

## CAMP AIM ..... *From Molly Kelley*

Camp Aim is scheduled to open June 22nd 2015. Again campers will meet for six weeks at Carlynton High School. Christ Child has been supporting Camp Aim for 6 years with hands on help at various activities, collection of materials and financial donations. Hopefully we can continue this for a long time. Camp continues with their list of needs such as art supplies, jewelry, purses, men's ties, sun glasses, light weight material, games, etc. If you have a special talent (or know someone who does ) the program director would love to hear from you. Actually before you discard anything— call Molly! What we think as useless or junk ....Camp Aim may find a use for it! We are looking forward to more volunteers to serve this summer. More to follow. You can bring your items to any meeting starting this month. Thanks!

## MY STUFF BAGS ..... *From Diane George*

Due to the recent extreme weather conditions, we have not had a packing for My Stuff Bags. Diane George, Chair, hopes to set a date and time for the next packing at the General Meeting on March 19th.

## LAYETTES ..... *From Audrey Friel and Pat Schimmel*

Five members of the layette committee met on January 15th for a layette packing. Forty-nine layettes were packed. After a request from Mercy Hospital for more layettes, Mary Ann Gonot and Marian Flowers delivered 24 layettes to the hospital in late January. We currently have 25 layettes on hand. We will probably have another packing sometime before the April meeting —or sooner if we get requests for more than 25 layettes!

## NEWS FROM NATIONAL

The National Christ Child Society will hold it's annual conference this year in Bethesda, Md. The conference will begin on Friday, September 25 at 12 pm and will conclude on Saturday, September 26 at 9 pm. We are hoping once again to send a delegation from our Pittsburgh Chapter. More information on the conference will be available in our June Newsletter.

### COLLECTING UNUSED AND BROKEN ROSARIES

**MARGIE DIDOMENICO** and a volunteer nun from St. Joseph's Church in Verona are making rosaries to be placed in hospital chapels for patients and employees to have or use, free of charge. Margie needs beads, chains, and crucifixes from old rosaries to make new ones, and she is asking our CCS members for contributions to her cause. If you have any old rosaries, even those that may be broken, please bring them to a Christ Child general meeting. Mary Jo Kelly will collect the rosaries and get them to Margie. If you have any questions, please call Margie at 412-793-5476.

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Please use the following donation form for any tribute gift or general donation to the Christ Child Society of Pittsburgh. We hope to have this form available in the near future on our website at... [www.christchildsofittsburgh.org](http://www.christchildsofittsburgh.org)

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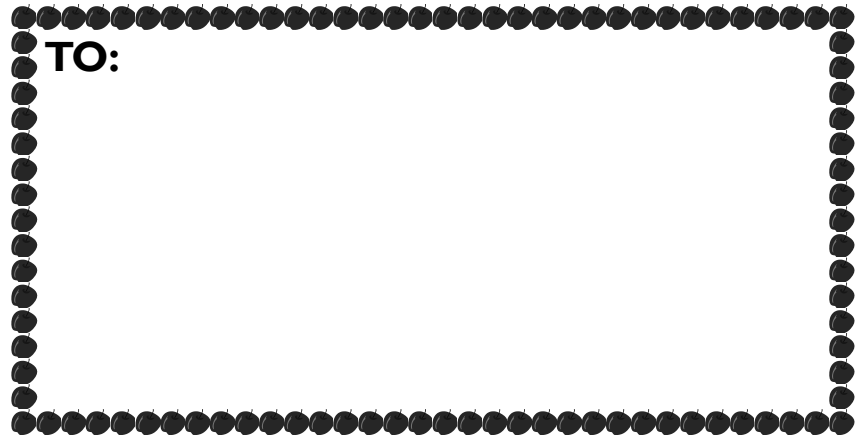
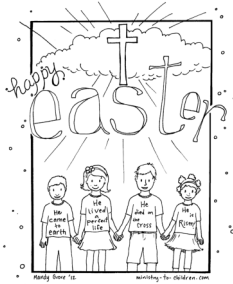
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## Dates to Remember

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| <b>March 19</b>   | - <b>General Membership Meeting</b>                   | Lunch 11:30, Meeting 12:15 |
| <b>April 16</b>   | - <b>General Membership Meeting</b>                   | Lunch 11:30, Meeting 12:15 |
| <b>May 21</b>     | - <b>Installation Luncheon, Wildwood Country Club</b> |                            |
| <b>June 18</b>    | - <b>General Membership Meeting</b>                   | Lunch 11:30, Meeting 12:15 |
| <b>November 7</b> | - <b>2015 RED WAGON FARE</b>                          |                            |

### NOTEWORTHY:

- The Christ Child Society would like to extend it's deepest sympathy to our member, **Mary Jane Diamantopulos**, on the loss of her husband, George. Our prayers continue for Mary Jane and the family.
- A Spring Retreat will not be scheduled for this year.
- Our new President, Diane George, will be installed at the Installation Luncheon on *May 21 at Wildwood Country Club in the North Hills.*
- Please make note to read all updates regarding the Red Wagon Fare in our June Newsletter.
- The next publication of the CCS Newsletter is scheduled for June. Please submit all information for this newsletter to Judy Kern by May 20.