



Christ Child Society Of Pittsburgh

MISSION STATEMENT

The Christ Child Society of Pittsburgh is a non-profit Catholic association of lay volunteers embracing members of all denominations, expressing its members' love of the Christ Child through service to God's children regardless of race, color or creed.

May 2019

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NEWSLETTER

JUDY KERN

Dear CCS members,

Happy Spring! Thank you all for your planning and participation in our annual Red Wagon Luncheon. As always, it was a lovely event and, this year, beautifully decorated for Springtime. We had generous participation in our auctions and raffles. I was also impressed by the number of people who could not attend, but wanted to support us and sent a donation instead. It tells me that our work is valued by those who know what we do!

If you are a Red Wagon committee chairperson, please submit your brief committee report to me by June 20th. A record of what was done is very valuable to the next Red Wagon chairpersons. Thank you!

It is that time of year again when we are collecting dues from our active and sustaining members. Please look for your membership letter in the mail. Please return your dues as soon as you can as that will help in our budget planning for next year.

Our next general meeting will be held on June 20th. Before the general meeting, we will have a board meeting to discuss plans for next year. After that meeting, we will not be meeting until September. I hope everyone enjoys their summer and finds time to rest and relax with friends and family!!

“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes in the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time.”--John Lubbock

“A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.”-St. Francis of Assisi

“A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.”--James Dent

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!!!

In the name of the Christ Child,

Janet

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY NATIONAL NEWS ~ Founder's Day Celebrations

Our founder, Mary Virginia Merrick, asked that each chapter honor the Annunciation of our Lord – the coming of the Christ Child . The National Christ Child Society uses this feast day as an opportunity to honor our founder, Mary Virginia Merrick, and to recognize the history of the Christ Child Society. Chapters across the country honored her legacy in several different ways.

The Cleveland, OH chapter held a special Mass where their spiritual director, Fr. Ralph Wiatrowski, inducted their new provisional class. At the luncheon that followed, the newest Christ Child members as well as 67 members celebrating anniversaries ranging from five to 55 years were honored. Each provisional and anniversary member were given a rose to symbolize their love and devotion to the Christ Child.

The Stuart, FL chapter held a spirituality day where they prayed together for Mary Virginia Merrick to help guide them with their mission of helping needy children. Rev. Denniston of Fordham University spoke to the group on the virtues of women over the centuries and how we should continue on the path set by our founder.

The Fort Wayne, IN chapter honored Mary Virginia Merrick by asking their members and Facebook friends to all pray the Prayer for Canonization of our founder at 12 noon on March 25th .

The Pittsburgh, PA chapter honored Mary Virginia Merrick at their quarterly March meeting. Their president, Janet Mascaro, led the group in a recommitment ceremony where she outlined the history and mission of our society. Their prayers were said for the children they serve, for their ministries and for the canonization of Mary Virginia Merrick, Servant of God.

Although this day is very special to our organization, it is important for us to **always** remember where we came from and to remember why we are dedicated to serving the little ones who need us the most!

RED WAGON

by Janet Mascaro

Our Red Wagon event was a great success!! We haven't calculated our profit yet, but based on the preliminary numbers, we did very well! A big thank-you to all of the committee chairs and committee members for their great work and creative effort put into planning and running this event! Hope you enjoy the enclosed pictures!



Red Wagon Fare ~ April 27, 2019



ALL OF US CARE

... From Joanne Herrmann

On April 2, **Joan Driscoll**, **Dawn Kotanchik** and **Joanne Herrmann** prepared flower planters for the AOUC children. They planted lily and petunia seeds. The children are watering them and watching them grow! Many of the plants are flowering and hopefully the children will take them home to plant them in the ground and continue to enjoy them!

ANGELS' CLOSET

... From Molly Kelley

ANGELS' CLOSET IS CURRENTLY CLOSED AND WILL RESUME IN OCTOBER. THE SCHEDULE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.

CAMP AIM

... From Molly Kelley



HIP HIP ...CAMP AIM 2019... **Camp will open at Carnegie Elementary School on June 10th!** Closing day will be July 19th. I have not received the daily schedule yet so I will notify the committee as to what dates Christ Child help is needed. We have sent our financial support which is greatly appreciated and will be used directly for the Camp Aim Activities. If you plan on volunteering this year please make sure your PENNSYLVANIA CHILD ABUSE CLEARANCE is up to date. Please call Molly Kelley if you have questions.

LAYETTES

... From Charlotte Collins

Thank you to all the ladies that have been delivering Layettes. **Marian Flowers** delivered 15 Layettes to PA Concerned for the Unborn Child in January. In February **Pam Diulus** and **Theresa Magnotta** delivered 30 Layettes to McGee Hospital and 24 Layettes to West Penn Hospital. I delivered 16 Layettes and 22 dozen diapers to Genesis of Pittsburgh in March.

The "Busy Hands" (Senior Citizens from Passavant Retirement Community in Zelienople) knitted a dozen blankets to be used in our Layette bags. We are always grateful for their help!

MEMBERSHIP

... From Mary McCormick

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED TO MAIL IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM AND ACCOMPANYING CHECK? The due date is May 31st. If you have not already done so, why not drop it in the mail today!! Thank you!



MY STUFF BAGS

... From Dottie Talarico

In April we made a delivery to Genesis of children's clothing and the remainder of the toys that The Ladies of Charity from St. Bonaventure Parish donated to us from their Giving Tree during the Christmas season. The toys including Play Doh, Superhero Figures, Barbie Dolls and books. As always they were grateful for the donations and were excited about the toys because they were planning on including them in Easter baskets for the children.

I have made contact with several parishes to see if any of their parishioners might be in need, so hopefully we will make a connection to donate our My Stuff Bags.

If any of our members hear of a family or families in need please let me know.

Thank You!

JUST A REMINDER. . .



OUR BEAUTIFUL NEW WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING! Please check us out at

christchildsofittsburgh.org

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IN MEMORY OF:

JAMES LAUBACH
(brother of Angela Slocum)

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From:

Angela Slocum

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IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

Ladies of Charity of All Saints Church

All Saints Church Ladies of Charity

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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

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH DONATION FORM

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Amount of donation: ___\$50.00 ___\$25.00 ___\$10.00 \$ _____ other amount

___in honor of ___in memory of ___in thanksgiving for

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FIRST CLASS MAIL



Dates to Remember

June 20, 2019	10:00 AM CCS Board of Directors Meeting
June 20, 2019	12:15 - General Meeting - 11:30 Lunch HOSTESSES: <i>Dottie Talarico and Suzette Venturini</i>
June 20, 2019	Red Wagon Committee reports due
September 19, 2019	12:15 - General Meeting - 11:30 Lunch — HOSTESSES to be determined
December, 2019	Christmas Luncheon preceded by mini General Meeting — Date to be determined
March 19, 2020	12:15 - General Meeting - 11:30 Lunch — HOSTESSES to be determined
June 18, 2020	Installation Meeting

Committees and Board of Directors will meet on an as needed basis.

NOTEWORTHY:

- Membership renewal forms are due by May 31 to Mary McCormick.
- Our Christ Child Society would like to thank **KATY MASCARO** for the enclosed pictures taken at our Red Wagon Fare on April 27. Our sincere thanks to Katy for serving as our 2019 Red Wagon photographer!
- The next scheduled publication of the CCS newsletter will be in July. Please **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** and submit all information for this newsletter to Judy Kern by Monday, July 8.

....*ADDITIONAL NEWS FROM NATIONALS*

NCCS Roles Out the New Chapter Liaison Program!

In order to further develop lines of communication with our chapters, the membership committee of the NCCS Board, has developed a new Chapter Liaison Program that will be initiated during the month of May, 2019. The purpose of the program is to develop a comfortable channel of communication between NCCS and the chapters so that we may better serve you. It will also be a way for us to share information and resources that will help the chapters continue to succeed and grow.

Chapter Presidents will be receiving an email introducing them to their assigned National Liaison. A time will be selected that works for both parties to further share thoughts on the program and how it can be most effective for their chapter. A Chapter President may decide that another member of their board or chapter will be serving as the Chapter Liaison in which case, this newly assigned person will be contacted going forward.

This program will give chapters a chance to share their success stories with National and to find solutions to any problems that may arise. It will give both National and chapters a chance to get to know each other better. NCCS is very excited to open up this new channel of communications with its chapters! Remember, even though you will have a National liaison assigned to you, you are always welcome to contact our Board President or Executive Office with any questions, comments or concerns you may have.

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