

Making Choices

You are invited to attend a **Forum “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: Living Our Faith, Loving Our Neighbor in an Election Year”** on the following dates and locations from 7pm – 9pm.

Thursday, September 6

Nativity of the Lord Parish, 2425 Myersville Rd., Akron

Thursday, September 13

St. Mary Parish, Hudson 340 N. Main St., Hudson

Monday, September 17

St. Sebastian Parish, 476 Mull Ave., Akron

Panelists

Reverend Joseph Koopman, STD, (Assistant Professor of Moral Theology, St. Mary Seminary)

Brother Patrick T. Shea, O.F.M., J.C.D., (General Counsel, Catholic Diocese of Cleveland)

Karen P. Leith, PhD, (Director, Catholic Commission of Summit County).

Questions and comments will be welcome throughout the program. For information, or to register, email Karen Leith at kpleith@clevelandcatholiccharities.org or call 330-535-2787. Register at least 3 days before the event so that enough materials will be available. Sponsored by The Diocesan Social Action Office.

Golf for Life

Help support the sanctity of human life from conception through natural death at the **“Golf for Life” Charity Golf Outing on September 10 at Lake Forest Country Club in Hudson, OH**. Proceeds benefit Right to Life of Northeast Ohio and Life Education Fund. Cost is **\$150 per person** (includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner, and prizes). **Deadline for registration is August 31**. Registration and boxed lunch begins at **11:30am**; shotgun starts at **1pm**. Various levels of sponsorships are also available. **Forms available at www.RightToLifeofNortheastOhio.com** or call the **Right to Life office at 330-762-2785** for more information.

9th Annual Into the Light Walk

Walk to raise money to help end untreated depression and to help prevent suicide on **Sunday, September 30 at 6pm** at the **Cleveland Metroparks Zoo (3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland, OH 44109)**. SPEA's (Suicide Prevention Education Alliance) walk is the only suicide prevention walk that funds services in Northeast Ohio. **100% of the funds raised by this walk remain in Northeast Ohio**. **Raise \$100 or more to receive a Lifesaver T-shirt at the walk!** For more information, to register, donate, or to start or join a team, visit www.intothelightwalk.org, call 216-464-3471, or email mneveu@speaohio.org.

See the church's vestibule for items posted on the bulletin board, registration forms, prayer cards, and more...

Friends of the Poor Walk®

Don your sneakers and help Northeast Ohio's poor families by participating in the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Cleveland (SVDP) 1st Annual Friends of the Poor Walk®** on **Saturday, September 29** from **10:30am to noon** at the **Cleveland Metroparks' Brookside Reservation**, adjacent to the **Cleveland Metroparks Zoo**. There are **no administrative fees**, parking is free and **all monies raised locally** will be utilized to help **Northeast Ohio low-income residents**. Register at www.svdppfriendsofthepoorwalk.org. For more info, contact SVDP Cleveland at 216-696-6525, ext. 3150.

Parishioner, Cathie Perusek, will be participating in the Friends of the Poor Walk. You can walk a mile with her or give her donations. All donations come back to the Mother of Sorrows SVDP Conference to help the poor in our area. To donate, visit svdpwalkforthepoor.org, go to donate to Walker on the left side and follow the prompts. God bless you for your support!

IN THE CITY

Young Adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to volunteer at the campus of **Nativity Manor**, a Catholic Charities Housing site for seniors, **September 29** from **10am-1pm**. Volunteer for yard work or interior cleaning. Meet other young adults and spend a few hours providing TLC for this facility. To register, email 2006yaic@gmail.com or call **Laura at 216-228-9516**.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

St. Mary Church (340 N. Main St., Hudson) is hosting a **Life in the Spirit Seminar on September 24, October 1, and October 8**. Presentation titles will be **God's Love, New Life/Salvation** (September 24), **Repentance and Healing, Receiving God's Gifts** (October 1), and **Baptism of the Holy Spirit, Growth and Maturity** (October 8). To register...**Ryeo (234-380-1457)** or **Maria (330-388-6088)**.

Tutor Volunteers

Seeds of Literacy, a nonprofit organization offering free, one-to-one tutoring in basic adult education and GED preparation (www.seedsofliteracy.org), has an **urgent need for tutors**. **Tutor training sessions are September 15, and October 13 both from 9am-2pm at Seeds Resource Center, 3104 West 25th St. Cleveland, OH 44109**. Information/registration...**Alexandria Marshall at 216-661-7950** or alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org.

NFP

Natural Family Planning class, September 12 at 7pm in **Room 1 at Holy Family Church, 3179 Kent Rd., Stow, OH 44224**. More information or to register...**Leo and Toni Doty at 330-689-0632** or at akdoty@kent.edu.

Relationship Skills Workshop

PREP® (Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program) for Engaged and Married Couples, held **September 22** from 9am–6:30pm (5:30 Mass) at Holy Martyrs Parish, 3100 S. Weymouth Rd., Medina, OH 44256. PREP fulfills Pre-Cana requirement and also excellent for married couples to enhance their marriage. **\$95 per couple. Information...216-334-2978. Register at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm/PREP.htm.**

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

"A wedding is a day–A marriage is a lifetime", take the time to prepare well. The next marriage preparation weekend is **October 19-21** at St. Leonard Retreat Center in Avon, OH. Reservations...call 216-556-0424 or visit www.clevelandencounter.com.

Joining the Women's Board

Consider joining the **Women's Board of Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County** as we strive to make the lives of those less fortunate just a little bit easier. Meet and work with caring women from many different parishes in Summit County. **We meet on the 2nd Friday each month in Akron** and you would be most welcome. **For details, contact our Vice President and membership Chair, Stephanie Craig, at 330-819-7776 or scraig759@yahoo.com.**

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER

Two Care for the Caregiver workshops will be offered (by the Office for Women in Church and Society and the Department for Marriage and Family Ministry) in **September**, and a **Prayer Service for Caregivers** will be offered in **November**. Locations and details will be posted in the **September, 2012 issue of the Diocesan Memorandum**. Call **Leanne Mahovlic at 216-696-6525, ext. 3070, or Jason Lewis at 216-334-2974** with questions.

Catholic Family Day

Join the **Cleveland Indians** for Mass and a **Ball game** for **Catholic Family Day** at Progressive Field on **September 30**. Pre-game Mass begins at **10:15am** in the Ball Park. Tickets starting at **\$10** (purchase them at <http://tinyurl.com/86vyby24> and enter the special offer code "catholic" or grab a form in the Church vestibule). For information...216-420-4162 or jplys@indians.com.

Weekly Prayer for Occupations

We pray for those who work in data, computer, communications, and general office support occupations, that they respond fully to the call of our baptism and accept the grace to remain open to God's call to serve in and through their daily work.
Amen.

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DSWC

A "Caring and Sharing" session for the divorced, separated or widowed will be held on **Monday, August 27** from 7:30-9pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls. **Marlene Maruna**, a Licensed Independent Social Worker, will facilitate this session. **Event open at no charge to people of all faiths. Information...Frank (330-801-0527) or Sharon (330-612-3635).**

50th Anniversary

Come attend a major conference **"A New Cloud of Witnesses: The Laity 50 Years after Vatican II"** at **John Carroll University** on **October 5, 6, & 7; Friday evening to Sunday morning**. Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council by exploring the challenges and opportunities facing the laity today. For more information...www.jcu.edu/laity or 216-397-1651.

A Night at the Museum

Join **Lou Maglio** from **Fox 8 News** for **A Night at the Museum** on **Saturday, October 6th** from 6pm to 10pm at **12905 Madison Ave. Lakewood, OH 44107**. Tickets **\$75 in advance or \$85 at the door**; charge tickets by phone or order. **\$50 of ticket price is tax deductible**. Valet Parking, Appetizers by Italian Creations, Wine & Beer included, Silent Auctions & Raffles, Tours of the Museum throughout the evening. Event benefits the Museum of Divine Statues. **More information...216-228-9950 or www.museumofdivinestatues.org.**

Hope

Retrouaille ("Hope for Troubled Marriages") is a program which helps couples to re-discover each other in a new and positive way. It has been written about in *Time Magazine*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Good Housekeeping* and more! A **Retrouaille weekend** will be held on **September 14-16** at the **Hilton Hotel** in **Beachwood**. A fee of **\$100** is required to confirm a reservation. Information...**Al and Diane Miskinis at 330-665-3506 or 1-800-470-2230. www.helpourmarriage.com.**

Remaining Faithful

Catholics separated or divorced can continue to fulfill their marriage mission-to sanctify themselves and their spouse. **Abbot Clement Zelesnik, O.S.B.**, will guide us along the seven stages of the never-ending process. **"The Gift of Self, A Spiritual Companion for Separated and Divorced Faithful to the Sacrament of Marriage"** is the program manual. Meets the **fourth Thursday** of each month from 7-8:30pm at **Church of Assumption, Lower Rectory, 9183 Broadview Rd. Broadview Heights**. For **August 23, September 27, or October 25**, RSVP to **Isabel at 216-521-0210 or mcphili@yahoo.com.**