

Prayers for Our Country

The Tri-county Marian Society invites you to pray for the safety and preservation of the United States of America on **October 14** at **Our Lady of Grace Church, 1088 Ridge Rd., Hinckley**. A patriotic Rosary will be recited after the 11am Mass for our Country and all our elected and appointed Federal, State, and County Officials. As George Washington so correctly stated on June 29, 1788: **“By folly and improper conduct, proceeding from a variety of causes, we may now and then get bewildered; but I hope and trust that there is good sense, and virtue enough left to recover the right path before we shall be entirely lost.”** Our Blessed Mother will help lead us to **“the right path”**. More information...contact the office at 330-278-4121.

DSWC

The Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics of Akron will present a speaker at its monthly general meeting. Barb Vetter will speak on “The Power of Thoughts and Words. Paying Attention to How Our Hearts Speak to Us”. It be held on Monday, October 8 from 7:30-9pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls. Ms. Vetter is a licensed counselor with a degree in Pastoral Clinical Counseling, assisting individuals and married couples in healing the wounded soul. Event open at no charge to singles of all faiths. More information...call Frank at 330-801-0527 or Sharon at 330-612-3635.

Grounds for Faith

Grounds for Faith is a monthly speaker series for young adults in the Cleveland Diocese. Each event is an opportunity to listen to a speaker, enjoy coffee and refreshments, discuss, and socialize. After each event we go out to continue to discuss and socialize. Our next event is on **Friday, October 12** and will cover **faithful citizenship** presented by Fr. Matthew Pfeiffer. All single and married young adults in their **20's 30's and 40's** are invited to attend. Held at **Guardian Angels Parish 1676 S. Cleveland-Massillon Rd. Copley**. Doors open at **7pm** and the **presentation** begins at **7:30**. Babysitting is available, please RSVP. Email us at groundsforfaith@yahoo.com with questions or to receive our email newsletter filled with activities for young adults in the diocese.

Registration is open!

The youth group of **St. Stephen Church (West Salem, OH)** invites you to join our **4th Annual Building a Culture of Life Youth Retreat & Dinner** on **October 20**, from **6pm-9pm!** With threats against human life from conception to natural death, we need teens to **fight the death culture** and to **build a culture of LIFE!** Attending will help prepare you. This free event includes a meal, ice cream bar, Eucharistic Adoration, speakers, prizes, and more. To register...330-262-1096.

Religious Freedom Rally

On Saturday, October 20, we have a great chance to **stand up for our faith**. There will be a religious freedom rallies in many cities throughout our great country. A local **Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rally will take place at 12pm, at the Southwest Quadrant on Public Square in Downtown Cleveland, Ohio**. Our government is trampling religious freedoms by trying to force religious institutions to violate core principals of their faith. **The HHS Mandate imposes crippling fines on our Catholic charities, hospitals, and schools if they refuse to violate core Catholic beliefs**. In fact, all businesses and organizations must also comply with the mandate. For more information on the rally, visit www.standupforreligiousfreedom.com or call Molly at 216-661-3000 x 11.

Remaining Faithful

Separated or divorced Catholics can continue to fulfill their marriage mission—to sanctify themselves and their spouse. Abbot Clement Zelesnik, O.S.B, will be our guide. "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 Hts.) To RSVP for 10/25, contact Isabel at 216-521-0210 or mcpbili@yahoo.com.

Faith, Prayer, and Remembrance

Come visit one of your Catholic Cemeteries Sunday, November 4, for a day of Faith, Prayer, and Remembrance. Attend Mass at 3pm. If you want to have a loved one remembered at the Mass, email your intentions to mmalone@clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org, sending their name and the cemetery where they are buried. More information...visit www.clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org.

Special Mass

*The Asian Catholic Ministry will once again sponsor a gathering for Asian Catholics of the Diocese and all those who wish to join them for the celebration of Mass at 12pm and a delicious dinner. On Sunday, October 7, the community will gather at St. Clarence Church (30106 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted, OH 44070). The Most Rev. Roger Gries, OSB will be the principal celebrant of the Mass joined by a number of priests coming from countries in Asia. The theme is, **Let the Children Come**. After the Mass, all are invited to the pavilion for a delicious Asian dinner. More info...440-734-2414.*

Our Lady of the Elms High School is now registering for the Admissions Placement Test for current 8th grade girls. Call Shari Kavlick Benz at 330-867-0918 or visit www.theelms.org for availability and registration.

See the Church vestibule for information on upcoming events, job openings, registration forms, prayer cards, & more...

Open House

Walsh Jesuit High School's Open House will be held on **October 7**, from **Noon to 2pm**. Mass will be celebrated at **11am**. Join us as the Walsh Jesuit faculty, staff, and student body share with you information about the school's mission, college preparatory curriculum, campus ministry and service programs, and transportation. We will also be showcasing our student clubs and athletics. **For more information call 330-929-4205.**

Hoban High School

Students and families interested in Archbishop Hoban High School are invited to attend their **Open House** on **Sunday October 7**, from **1-3pm**. Tour the school, meet our faculty and staff, and learn about a Holy Cross education. **Meet the Coaches Day** will also be **October 7**, from **1-3pm**, for those interested in learning about Hoban athletics. **More info...330-773-6658.**

Archbishop Hoban High School will administer a **Placement/Scholarship test** to **8th grade students** on **Saturdays, October 13 and 20**. Testing will begin at **8:30am**. Students may **pre-register at 330-773-6658 or at www.hoban.org**. There is a **\$20 test fee**. Parent information sessions on all test dates.

Walk of Hope

Support the ministerial needs of persons with disabilities while affirming the dignity of human life at the 35th Annual Walk of Hope on October 13 at OLA/St. Joseph Center, 2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland in the Historic Tremont neighborhood. Registration begins 8:30am; Walk begins 9am; Raffle at 10:30am; Special Walk around Lincoln Park at 11am. Contact Marilyn Scott at 216-334-2963 or mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org. Dennis McNulty at 216-334-2962 or dmcnulty@clevelandcatholiccharities.org or visit www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability.

Marriage Encounter Weekends

Turn a good marriage into a great marriage through a **Marriage Encounter Weekend!** Give your spouse the gift of yourself and your time. The next weekend is scheduled for **October 12-14** at the **Springhill Marriott, Solon**. **More information/reservations...Ken & Rose Breen at 440-899-9002 or www.wwme.org/new.html.**

Remember the long talks, fun, laughter, and closeness when you were dating? You can experience that intimacy again by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend! **Endorsed by the Catholic Church for over 40 years.** Held on **October 19-21** at the **Cambria Suites in Green, OH**. **More information or to register...330-305-9963, WorldwideME@sbcglobal.net, or www.wwme.org.**

New Bereavement Coordinator

The Catholic Cemeteries is pleased to announce our new Bereavement/Aftercare Coordinator, Nancy Janesz-Romaine. Nancy holds a Bachelor Degree in Social Work and a Masters in Public Administration. She has been with the cemeteries for over 5 years and was previously the Program Coordinator for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and their Social Service Director. Her church experience consists of being a Eucharistic Minister, PSR Teacher, Parish Council Member, and Co-Managing the Christians in Action Food pantry in Olmsted Falls. She was also on the Faith Formation Committee. Nancy says, "Although my social worker experience was quite rewarding, I was unable to refer to my Catholic Faith. Working in the Catholic Cemeteries Association, I am able to utilize my social work skills and use our rich Catholic Faith to assist people in grieving the loss of their loved ones." **If you need assistance with aftercare or would like any information on bereavement programs please contact Nancy at 216-641-7575 or nromaine@clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org.**

Callistian Guild Gala

Come join the Catholic Cemeteries Association as they host the **Annual Callistian Guild Gala** on **October 19** from **6pm-11pm** at the **Embassy Suites in Independence, OH**. The Gala Will Feature a Chinese Raffle, 50/50 Raffle, Casino Tables, World Famous Magician Rick Smith Jr., Dinner, Dancing, and Fun!

The Callistian Guild is a fund dedicated to the fundamental principle that the poorest of God's children are entitled to be buried with dignity. Burial of the poor with proper respect is the foundation upon which the Guild was built, and its members are the bricks and mortar which have held it together over the years. Providing a burial with dignity means that a deceased person receives all of the services related to a proper funeral and members of the Guild provide their respective services at cost, thus ensuring that the poor receive a worthy burial.

There are three ways you can help. Come to the event and invite others to attend (Tickets are only \$95; \$40 tax deductible). Become a Sponsor (We have several sponsorship opportunities available). Donate a raffle item (We are in need of some more fabulous raffle items for the Chinese Raffle). See flyers in the Church vestibule for info on sponsorship and ticket opportunities and for an auction item donation form. For more information or for tickets, contact Aaron Poklar at 216-641-7575 or at apoklar@clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org.

Fertility Awareness

There is a Fertility Awareness Program on Monday, October 22nd at Holy Family, Stow, Room #1, from 7 to 8:30pm. This session is for single, engaged, and married couples. Please contact Leo and Toni Doty at 330-689-0632 or at akdoty@kent.edu if you have any questions.