

Call to Action

Please visit <http://www.usccb.org/news/2012/12-060.cfm> to read the U.S. Catholic Bishop's Call To Action To Defend Religious Liberty!
Please pray and make sacrifices so that our Religious Freedom is respected.

Prayer Group

ST. PADRE PIO'S PRAYER GROUP (Spiritual Director: Abbot Schwartz, O.S.B.) invites you for Mass, Mercy Chaplet, Rosary, veneration of St. Pio's relic and a social afterwards on Sunday, April 29, at Assumption Church (9183 Broadview Rd., Broadview Hts., OH 44147) at 3pm. A one-day Pilgrimage to Sorrowful Mother Shrine will be on June 12, 2012. Call Kathy at 440-845-3738.

Prayer Service

The Dominican Sisters and Associates of Peace invite you to join a **prayer service and reception** in celebration of **St. Catherine of Siena** on Sunday, April 29 at 3pm at **Our Lady of the Elms Chapel**. Sr. Pat Twohill, OP will preach on "Giving Witness to the Timelessness Of Catherine's Words and Actions". RSVP to Conni Dubick 330-835-5688 or cdubick@oppeace.org by April 25.

Prayer Meeting

A Regional Prayer Meeting will be hosted by **Sts. Cosmas & Damian Prayer Group** (10419 Ravenna Rd. in Twinsburg, 44087) on Sunday, April 29, at 7pm. All are welcome! Held in the gathering area of the church. For information, call Grace and Jerry Wrobel at 330-425-2678.

In Remembrance

On May 13, there will be a Mass honoring those whose children and mothers have passed away. Each attendee will receive a flower to place on the grave of their loved one or take home. Mass will begin at 11am. If you wish to include your loved one's name for the intentions at Mass, contact Melissa Malone at 216-570-6668 or mmalone@clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org. Call Melissa with any questions and for location for each cemetery.

BLESSING HOUSE

Today, more and more children find themselves homeless. Blessing House, a crisis care center for children in the Cleveland area, provides children a safe and loving environment until they can go home. The Sisters of Notre Dame invite **single women ages 18-35** to volunteer at Blessing House from **June 24-June 29**. For information, contact Sr. Kathleen Hine, SND at 216-486-5555 or email sndcuvilly@ndec.org. Online pre-registration available at www.sndchardon.org.

Red Mass

You are most cordially invited to attend the **2012 Red Mass and Presentation of the Sir Thomas More Award** to Mrs. Ann Amer Brennan. The Red Mass will have as celebrant, **Bishop Richard G. Lennon**, Bishop of Cleveland, at 12pm on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at **St. Bernard - St. Mary Catholic Church (located on Broadway and East State Streets in Akron, Ohio)**. It is sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and the Akron Bar Association. **After the Mass, there will be a light buffet luncheon in the social hall in the lower level of the Church.** Free parking is available in the **University of Akron ("Polsky's") Parking Deck** located just south of the church.

Healing Retreat

Women who are suffering after an abortion are invited to a **private healing retreat at Loyola of the Lakes (700 Killinger Rd., Clinton, OH 44216), June 1-3.** Cost is **\$50 per person** and includes all meals, materials and private single room. Come experience the mercies of the Lord through the sacraments, prayer, and scripture. **For more information, contact The Community of Jesus, the Living Mercy at 1-800-482-4100 or email at BethesdaHouse@aol.com.** Registration forms can be found in the Church vestibule.

Tribunal First Step Program 2012

Do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Church's teaching on marriage, learn about ministry to the divorced/separated in the Diocese, hear the true facts about the annulment process and how to submit a case, and discover a path to healing after divorce? Join us on **Tuesday, June 12 at 7pm at St. Francis Parish, Gates Mills.** (open to all-registration not required) **For additional information, please visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal or call the Tribunal at 216-696-6525/800-869-6525, ext. 4000.**

Natural Family Planning

FAST FACTS #2: The divorce rate for couples who practice NFP is less than 5% (USCCB 2033). The divorce rate of Catholic couples is almost exactly the same as the overall national average. But, couples who practice NFP divorce at a rate less than 5%. Why? Because NFP fosters intimacy, shared responsibility and communication between the couple. **COME find out more at the NFP (it is not the Rhythm Method) information session on Thursday, May 3rd, 2012 at Holy Family in Stow (www.holyfamilystow.org) at 7pm in the Lower Church Hall Rm#1.** All are encouraged to educate themselves about the fundamental truths of the human body and Church teaching. For more information, contact Leo and Toni Doty at akdoty@kent.edu or 330-689-0632.

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

100th Anniversary Celebration

In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Cleveland, all are invited to attend a **Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, June 24, 2012 at 2pm** at the **Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist**. The Most Reverend Richard Lennon will be the main celebrant. Immediately following Mass, there will be a **reception for all those attending** at the **Galleria at Erievue, 1301 East 9th Street**. For additional information on Catholic Charities, please go to www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org or connect with us on facebook at www.facebook.com/cleatholicchar.

Charity Golf Outing

Come join us for the 36th Annual Callistian Guild Golf Outing on June 7, 2012 at Briarwood Golf Club in Broadview Heights! Register early and receive a discount on your tickets! The Callistian Guild Fund provides burials for the indigent. A deceased person that has no money or family will receive a proper and dignified funeral and burial. The Fund also benefits babies and children that have passed away and provides them with a free space, burial and memorial. All proceeds are used to provide these services. **For more information or to register please contact Melissa Malone at 216-570-6668 or mmalone@clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org.**

First Friday Club of Greater Akron

Rev. John Phalen, C.S.C., a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross, **will speak at the First Friday Club Luncheon at noon Friday, May 11** at the **University of Akron Martin Center, 105 Fir Hill, Akron, 44304**. The hour-long presentation will be on the topic **“Living the Rosary: Finding Your Life in the Mysteries”**. A native of Waterbury, Connecticut, Fr. Phalen earned a M.A. in theology from the University of Notre Dame in 1973 and a B.A. from Stonehill College in 1970. **The cost of the luncheon is \$15; the doors open at 11:15am**. Prepaid reservations can be made by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, OH 44307. **For more information call 330-535-7668 or visit www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org.**

Night at the Races

St. Bernard-St. Mary Parish is sponsoring a **Night at the Races on Friday, May 4th, 2012 at Emidio's Banquet Center, 48 E. Bath Road in Cuyahoga Falls**. Tickets are **\$40.00 per person, which includes dinner, beer, wine and soft drinks**. All tickets will be placed in a drawing for a **4-day/3-night stay at Sunset Resorts in Jamaica**. Raffles, silent auctions and sideboards will also be available. **All proceeds go towards the purchase of a pickup truck for the parish, school and hunger programs**. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling **330-784-2278** or at the event.

Volunteer Opportunity

Touch a life...become a Hospice Volunteer. Hospice is a philosophy of care, not a place. We care for our patients wherever they call home. Run errands. Read stories. Play games. Write letters. Make phone calls. Share smiles and hugs. Bake cookies and make meals. Provide legal guidance. Give a presentation. Help with clerical work. Attend health fairs. Feed pets. Help with legacy work. Cut or style hair. **Our next volunteer education will take place at Hospice of the Western Reserve, 150 Springside Dr., A-100, Fairlawn, OH 44333 on Saturdays from 9am to 12pm. This seven-class series runs from June 2 until July 14.** Some types of volunteering require attendance at the first three classes and others require attendance at all seven. There is also a 3 hour mentoring class about eight weeks after the last class in the series. **For additional information or to register for the series, please call Joan Ibbett, Coordinator of Volunteers, at 330-800-2245.**

Marriage Unique For A Reason

Excellent resources, tips, and information are available for dating, engaged, and married couples and parents too at www.MarriageUniqueForAReason.org. Highlights include: Short videos “Made for Each Other” and “Made for Life,” along with their study materials (Future videos will treat the topics of marriage and the common good, and marriage and religious liberty). Extensive FAQs about marriage, sexual difference, children, etc. Regularly updated blog with ongoing catechesis and engagement with common questions.

Foreclosure Assistance Clinics

The County of Summit Office of Consumer Affairs and Veterans Service Commission invite the public to attend the **Foreclosure Assistance Clinics** being offered throughout the year. The next clinic will be held on **Thursday, April 26, 2012, from 10am to 3pm. All of the clinics are free, open to the public, and will be held at Veterans Service Commission (1060 East Waterloo Road, Akron, OH 44306). Future clinics are scheduled for August 30, September 20, and October 4.** Contact the Office of Consumer Affairs at **330-643-2879** or visit www.co.summit.oh.us/conaffairs.htm for information.

Strike Out Illiteracy

Help strike out illiteracy at the Seeds of Literacy's **Bowl-a-thon Fundraiser on Saturday, May 19 from 7-10pm at Fairview Lanes (21847 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park, OH)!** Cost is **\$30 per bowler**. Registration includes **bowling, shoe rental, food, 2 drink tickets for soft drinks or beer, door prizes, and music!** **For information or to purchase tickets, call Kerry Klein at 216-661-7950.**