

PRAY FOR PEACE

Lord Jesus, you who said to us: "I leave you peace. My peace I give you." Look upon our sisters and brothers of Sudan and South Sudan as they continue the struggle for peace. Give them the wisdom they need to choose their future where they will know your true peace. You call us out of slavery, oppression, and persecution so that we may have life in abundance. Grant us peace with one another. Give peace among ethnic groups. Help us to work together for the good of all. We ask this in your name, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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.

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 topic will be **"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. **Cost of luncheon is \$15. 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. **Information...call 330-535-7668 or visit www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org.**

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.

Presentations by the Hahns

Dr. Scott Hahn and Kimberly Hahn are coming to **St. Raphael Parish Activity Center (525 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village, OH) Saturday, June 23 from 12-3pm!** Dr. Hahn will speak about the Trinity in his talk **"First Comes Love."** Kimberly will speak on **"Graced and Gifted: Biblical Wisdom from the Homemakers Heart."** This will be the only appearance the Hahns will make in Ohio this spring and summer. **Seating is limited and tickets (\$10) may be purchased by mail or in person at St. Raphael Parish Office.** See the flyer in the Church vestibule or visit **St. Raphael website at www.straphaelparish.com** for more information.

In Remembrance

On May 13th, 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 questions and for the location for each cemetery.

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.**

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 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.

PREP ® Relationship Skills

PREP ® (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program) Skills Workshop for Engaged and Married Couples. Workshop for Engaged & Married Couples (**PREP fulfills the Pre-Cana requirement.**) Held on **Saturday, May 19 from 9am-6:30pm (includes Mass)** at **Holy Martyrs Parish (3100 S. Weymouth Rd., Medina, 44256).** \$95 per couple. Information...call 216-334-2978.

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

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 ndcuvilly@ndec.org**. Online pre-registration available at www.sndchardon.org.

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.

Modern Day Slavery

Please join the Dominican Associates of Peace from Northeast Ohio to learn the facts about what each of us can do to end human trafficking in our own community on **Saturday, May 5th, 2012 at Our Lady of the Elms (1220 W. Market Street, Akron, Ohio) in Siena Hall from 10 to 11:30am**. Presented by **Sr. Anne Victory HM, MSN and Sr. Josie Chrosniak HM, MS**. Please make reservations by **April 30th, to Conni Dubick at 330-835-5688 or cdubick@oppeace.org**.

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. **Our next volunteer education will be held at Hospice of the Western Reserve (150 Springside Dr., A-100, Fairlawn, OH 44333) on Saturdays from 9am-12pm. This seven-class series runs from June 2 to 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 information or to register, please call Joan Ibbett, Coordinator of Volunteers, at 330-800-2245.**

Strike Out Illiteracy

Help strike out illiteracy at Seeds of Literacy's **Bowl-a-thon Fundraiser on 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.**

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 information or to register contact Melissa Malone at 216-570-6668 or mmalone@clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org.**

Natural Family Planning

FAST FACTS #3: NFP is 98% effective in post-poning a pregnancy! Are you surprised that it is as effective as oral contraceptives? Since the 1990's, the World Health Organization (WHO) has continued to study the effectiveness rates of natural forms of family planning and have found them to be between 100% and 96% effective (Billings, The Billings Method 2008). WHO also found that couples who were taught the most effective forms of NFP had a pregnancy rate of close to 0% (ibid.) The NFP teachers in the Diocese of Cleveland are highly trained and nationally certified. **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 additional information, contact Leo and Toni Doty at akdoty@kent.edu or 330-689-0632.**

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. For tickets, please call 330-784-2278 or purchase them at the event.

Come and See

On Tuesday, May 1, Fr. Norm Douglas, co-founder of Heart to Heart Communications, will reflect on "Getting to the Heart of Our Catholic Identity" at 7pm at Blessed Trinity Church (formerly St. Martha) in Akron. After the presentation, there will be an opportunity for small group discussion, including time for individual conversations with Fr. Douglas. All welcome! For information or for a brochure, contact Linda Herold at 330-376-5144, LindaAHart@aol.com, or visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/summit.

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