

Akron First Friday Club

The **First Friday Club Speaker** for December 7, at **Martin University Center, 105 Fir Hill, Akron, 44304**, will be **John L. Allen, Jr.**, prize-winning Senior Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter and Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN. His topic will be **“All Things Catholic: What’s Hot and What’s Not in the Catholic Church.”** Cost is \$15. Doors open at 11:15am; program begins at 12pm and ends promptly at 1pm. Prepaid reservations can be made by sending a check to the **First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, OH 44307** no later than the Tuesday prior to each program. For more info...330-535-7668.

Young Adults

Join Grounds for Faith for their Annual Advent Dinner and Social on Friday, December 14, at 6:30pm at Guardian Angels Parish, 1676 S. Cleveland-Massillon Rd., Copley, OH. Main dish will be provided, each person is asked to bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share. Free babysitting available. Open to anyone single or married in their 20's, 30's, and 40's. RSVP to Jennifer at groundsforfaith@yahoo.com or 330-753-6265.

Successful Parenting

The lunch and lecture series is free and open to the public! Topics will include *Stress Management, Budgeting, Positive Discipline, First Aid and Safety, Nutrition and Meal Planning.* Held on Tuesdays, December 4 and 11, January 8, 15, 22, and 29, and February 5 and 12 from 12pm to 1:30pm at Catholic Charities of Summit County, Blessed Trinity Site (300 E. Tallmadge Ave. Akron, OH 44310). To register or for more information, contact Maureen Capellas, Manager of Youth and Family Services at 330-475-0091 ext. 232 or mcapellas@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

Faith Based Service

RESPONSE 2013, the most comprehensive guide of faith-based service opportunities, is now available. Volunteers serve full-time for periods of one week to one year or more across the United States and in more than 100 countries worldwide. Summer and school break opportunities also available. Positions available for all. Contact the Catholic Volunteer Network to receive your free copy/copies of **RESPONSE 2013** at 1-800-543-5046 (toll-free), info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org, or www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org.

Assisted Living and Respite Care

Regina Health Center, 5232 Broadview Rd., Richfield, OH, provides quality health care for those seeking a God-centered environment. Assisted Living units and Assisted Living Respite Care available. More info... Sr. Margaret Taylor, SIW, at 330-659-4161.

Job Opening

The Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking seeks a qualified individual to conduct research regarding the issue of human trafficking and to communicate information and insight into the issue through educational materials and social media. The Research and Communications Specialist will also coordinate the Collaborative's Educational Resource Centers and develop a Volunteer Program to support the multiple needs surrounding the issue. This full-time (40 hours/week) position requires a Bachelor's degree; Master's degree preferred. It requires the ability to work independently, communicate with diverse audiences and to travel in the region. The Collaborative is an EOE. Submit cover letter and resume to RCS Search, Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking, c/o 20015 Detroit Rd., Cleveland, OH 44116; or email collaborative_initiative@yahoo.com. Subject: RCS Search. No phone calls.

Cana II

The Cana II Process addresses the unique issues of marriage and stepfamilies. The preparation includes a Saturday, and three additional evening sessions for stepparents of children under 18. Held Saturday, January 26, 2013 from 8:30am-6pm (5pm Mass) and Thursdays, January 31, February 7 and 14, 2013 from 6:30pm-9pm at Holy Spirit Parish, 410 Lear Rd., Avon Lake, OH, 44012. The cost is \$125 (deadline is January 18, 2013). For a registration form, call Jane at 216-334-2978 or visit www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm. Please call Carol Petro at 216-334-2975 with questions.

Directorship Position

Community Pregnancy Center is a Catholic Christian ministry devoted to strengthening women and families by serving those with pregnancy-related concerns. We are currently looking for a replacement **Director of Client Services** as our current Director prepares to step down to become a stay-at-home mom. This part-time paid staff position requires a person with excellent communication and organizational skills, the ability to work as an effective team member and a passion for sharing Christ's love with others. Contact Julie at 330-825-1900 or Julie@communitypregnancycenter.org if interested.

SINGLE & PARENTING

Single & Parenting is a series of video seminars that teach effective parenting strategies, encouragement and insights on how to find hope as you parent alone. Held the first Friday of each month at St. Joseph Church, 12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136 from 6:30-8pm. Cost is \$25 for 13 weeks. New attendees welcome! More information... www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm or call Jane at 216-334-2978.

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

Grief Support

In Scripture, Jesus comforts those who mourn, **“Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads. I will give you rest...”** (Matthew 11:28-29). The Anthony Funeral Homes wish to announce the addition of **Sr. Mary Kay Cmolik, OSF** to their staff. Recently certified by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved through the Diocese of Cleveland, **Sister is available for grief support through groups and individual conversations.** These opportunities are available to all who mourn the loss of a beloved. For more information, call the Anthony Funeral Homes at 330-724-1781.

Bags of Love

The Women’s Board of Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County (CCCS/SC) is having its Annual Christmas “Bags of Love” collection for the agency’s families in need. The Women’s Board is accepting donations until December 7 of household and personal items such as laundry detergent, soap, dish detergent, toothpaste/brushes/floss, shampoo/conditioner, paper products, and diapers. These may be dropped off for the Bags of Love at Catholic Charities, 812 Biruta St., Akron, OH 44307. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, make checks payable to Women’s Board of CCCS/SC. Mail checks to: Anne MacWherter, 34 Lake Forest Dr., Hudson, OH 44236. The Women’s Board of CCCS/SC thanks you!

A Dinner for Christmas

The Chagrin Valley Council of Churches is sponsoring a free Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 25th from 12:00pm to 2:00pm at the Federated Family Life Center, 16349 Chillicothe Rd. in Bainbridge Township. The dinner is offered to anyone who wishes to attend including those who may be alone for the holiday. The menu will include turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls and dessert. For more information, visit www.chagrinvalleycc.org. For delivery to the homebound or for transportation to the dinner, please call 440-708-0000 extension 331. If you would like to volunteer, please call Monica Flesher at 440-834-1737.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

Engaged Encounter is a comprehensive weekend of marriage preparation. The next two weekends are January 25-27, 2013 and May 17-19, 2013. Held at the beautiful St. Leonard Retreat Center in Avon, OH. For reservations or more info...www.clevelandencounter.com or 216-556-0424. “A wedding is a day – A marriage is a lifetime” – take the time to prepare well.

Stay current with Pope's Intentions at
www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=15363235132
and www.twitter.com/#!/aposprayer

A First Step

The **First Step Programs** are scheduled around the Diocese, **open to anyone, with no pre-registration.** They are offered as a way to reach out to those whose marriage, for whatever reasons or circumstances, is not valid in the Church, and find a way to re-establish full communion in the sacramental life of the Church. Next sessions are on **Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7pm at St. John Bosco Parish (6480 Pearl Rd., Parma Hts., OH 44130 440-886-3500)** and on **Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 7pm at St. Peter Parish (3655 Oberlin Ave., Lorain, OH 44053 440-282-9103).** More info...216-696-6525 ext. 4000, www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal, or see the flyer in the Church vestibule.

RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille (“hope for troubled marriages”) is a weekend and six follow-up sessions for couples who are struggling in their marriage. Held at the Hilton Hotel, Beachwood, OH on January 18-20, 2013. For more information/registration... www.helpourmarriage.org, 330-665-3506, or cleveland@retrouvaille.org.

Directorship Opening

*The position for **Director of the Lorain Catholic Action Commission**, the social action office serving Lorain and Elyria, is open and posted on www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org. Click employment; job listing 22 is the description for the Director position. Please share this info with anyone interested in applying.*

New Proposed Mausoleum

To better serve the Catholic community and at the request of many families, we have begun the beginning stages of building a mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery in Valley City. In order to break ground we need 40 families that are committed to purchasing at the new mausoleum. If you are one of these families, contact your Catholic cemetery representative, Russ, at Resurrection Cemetery for more information. 330-483-3346 or mmalone@clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org.

Special Prayers

Anne Marie Crecho, mother of MJ Crecho, is seriously ill and prayers are requested. O Mother Mary pray with us for her, St. Joseph pray with us. Amen

Also in your prayers please remember parishioner, James Krapinski, who died suddenly. May his wife Norein and the children, his family and friends be consoled. May James and all our beloved dead live forever in the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine on them forever!