
Understanding the Mass

What a way to begin Advent in this Year of Faith as proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI! **Held at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine (21281 Chardon Rd., Euclid, OH 44117 216-481-8232) on Sunday, December 9, from 2:00-4:00pm in the Chapel (Optional 4:00pm Mass celebrated afterward by Fr. David Baugh)** The cost is \$15/single, \$25/married-couple, \$35/household. Seating is limited, so please pre-pay with a form found in the Church vestibule or at www.JPIIA.org (All tickets, prepaid or other, to be picked up at St. Ann Dining Hall at Shrine day of program). All proceeds benefit Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine and Sisters of the Most Holy Trinity to defray \$100,000 cost of replacing their defunct elevator. Give the Sisters a "Lift" while experiencing a spiritual one!

Grounds for Faith

Please join Grounds for Faith for their Annual Advent Dinner and Social on Friday, December 14th, at 6:30pm at Guardian Angels Parish, 1676 South Cleveland-Massillon Road, Copley, Ohio. Main dish will be provided, each person is asked to bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share. Free babysitting is available. Open to anyone single or married in their 20's, 30's, and 40's. Please RSVP to Jennifer at groundsforfaith@yahoo.com or at 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, and Nutrition and Meal Planning*. Held on Tuesdays, December 11th, January 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, and February 5th and 12th from 12:00pm to 1:30pm at Catholic Charities of Summit County, Blessed Trinity Site (300 East Tallmadge Avenue Akron, Ohio 44310). To register or for additional information, please contact Maureen Capellas, Manager of Youth and Family Services at 330-475-0091 ext. 232 or at mcapellas@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

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.

Catholic Volunteering

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.

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.

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 Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 from 6:30-8:00pm. Cost is \$25 for 13 weeks. New attendees are welcome! For additional information, please visit www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm or call Jane at 216-334-2978.

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.

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

Ready Your Heart!

With all the preparation for Christmas, what room will the Lord find in our heart for his coming? Gifts are made or purchased for family and friends. Homes are put in good order and decorated to make festive the holidays. Extra care is taken for guests coming to visit. How and what are the preparations for greatest guest and treasure of Christmas? The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the answer...come open your heart to the Lord's merciful love! It will make for the best Christmas!!!

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.

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.

Local News on Line

"Your Community News" is a place where residents of Township and Peninsula have shared information for over 25 years. Go to www.ycn-online.net

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.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Faced with the responsibility of caring for an aging loved one? Overwhelmed or scared? You can find support and caring friendship at the **Summit Adult Day Services Caregivers Support Group**. The group is free, open to anyone, and will provide care for your loved one at no charge during the time of the meeting. Meetings are on the **last Wednesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am** at **Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County, (812 Biruta St., Akron, OH)**. For more information or to schedule a tour of our day program you may call **330-762-2000**.

1060 AM

WILB at 1060 AM – Living Bread Radio, is available to be heard in most parts of the Diocese. Broadcasting each day from **sunrise to sunset...** 1060 broadcasts Catholic teaching and preaching along with the **Mass and many devotions**. Remember to tune in **1060 AM...WILB...**

Advent Prayer

*Father, in the wilderness of the
Jordan*

*You sent a messenger to prepare
people's hearts*

For the coming of Your Son.

Help me to hear His words

And repent of my sins,

*So that I may clearly see the way to
walk,*

The truth to speak,

And the life to live for Him,

Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Today's Missal, OCP, 2012