



Have you taken a tag from the Giving Tree? Please bring the **gift** suggested by **Sunday, December 15**. Sharing a gift will surely put a smile on someone's face this Christmas!!!

Christmas 2013 Poinsettias



Your request for a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone special needs to be received by the weekend of December 15. A special insert will be placed in our parish bulletin on the following

weekend naming all who are honored by the poinsettias being used to decorate the Church for Christmas. Your name will also be listed unless you prefer to be anonymous. The list of donors and honorees will also be posted in the Church. **Please fill out a form found in the Church vestibule or at www.motherofsorrowspeninsula.org and place it in the collection basket with your donation (note in check memo "MOS Poinsettia Fund").**

RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille ("hope for troubled marriages") is a weekend and six follow-up sessions for couples struggling in their marriage. The **next weekend** will be held at the **Doubletree in Beachwood, OH January 10-12, 2014**. To register or for more information... www.helpourmarriage.org, 330-665-3506, or cleveland@retrouvaille.org.

NFP

All are invited to the next **"Why Natural Family Planning?" session**. During this 45 minute session you will learn the latest 2013 data regarding the health risks of hormonal contraception, benefits and myths of NFP (this is not the rhythm method), the results of a contraceptive mentality since the 1960's, and a brief overview of a NFP class: a safe, healthy, effective means of family planning which strengthens marriages. **The most common reaction mentioned after this session is "Why have we never heard this before?"** It will help you make an informed decision regarding the benefits of NFP. **7:00pm, Holy Family, Stow, Lower Church Hall Rm 1 on Monday, February 3, 2014. No registration required. For more info...akdoty@kent.edu or 330-689-0632.**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Turn a good marriage into a great marriage through a **Marriage Encounter Weekend!** Recharge your marriage; give your spouse the gift of yourself and your time. **Held February 14-16, 2014 at the Cambria Suites in Uniontown.** For more info and reservations, call Dom and Deb Reo at 330-305-9963 or visit www.wwme.org/new.html.

Ohio Benefits Bank

Visitation of Mary Parish has a new program for anyone who would like to see if they qualify for **Tax Preparing Referral, Energy Payment Assistance, Child Care Assistance, Food Assistance and other assistances.** This program is the Ohio Benefits Bank. **For more info, call the Rectory at 330-535-4141 or stop in at Dowed Hall the first two Saturdays of every month.**

A Christmas Blessing from Ireland

The Music Ministry of St. Columbkille Catholic Church presents the annual Christmas Concert, **"A Christmas Blessing from Ireland"**, **Sunday December 22, at 4:00pm** in the church, at **6740 Broadview Rd., Parma.** Free and open to the public; free will offering will be taken to support the music ministry. A reception will follow in the vestibule of the church. For more info, call **Jon Thibo**, Director of Music at St. Columbkille, at **216-524-1987 x27.**

DONATE THAT OLD CAR

Donate your used car, van or pickup truck to the SVDP Car Donation Program, and avoid the hassles and headaches of trading it in or selling it yourself. Your vehicle will be sold and the proceeds used by the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the Diocese of Cleveland in their charitable programs that assist the needy and suffering. **You may also be eligible for an income tax deduction. To donate your vehicle and have it picked up within 24 hours, call 1-800-322-8284 or visit www.svdpusacars.com.**

New Meetup Site for Young Adults

Northeast Ohio Catholic Young Adults www.meetup.com/Northeast-Ohio-Catholic-Young-Adults is a great way to connect with other young adults and find out what is going on in Northeast Ohio. **For more information, call 330-217-1064 or visit groundsforfaith@yahoo.com.**

Please check the vestibule for more information on upcoming events, registration forms, prayer cards, and notices.