

### Additional Ways to Give to Catholic Charities

There are three convenient ways to give: complete an in-pew envelope at the Masses this weekend, visit [www.catholiccommunity.org/ccdonate](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/ccdonate), or call 800-869-6525 x1049 to pledge over the phone. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

### Tetelestai

Tetelestai is a musical portrayal of the trial, execution and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah. The next Tetelestai will be held at St. Michael Church (6912 Chestnut Rd., Independence, OH 44131) on Friday February 27th at 8:00pm, Saturday February 28th, at 8:00pm, and Sunday, March 1st at 2:00pm. Admission is free; Donations accepted. Please register online at [www.LiveThePassion.org](http://www.LiveThePassion.org) in order to receive more information via email!

### DSWC

A "Caring and Sharing" session for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held Monday, February 23 from 7:30-9pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls. Marlene Maruna, a Licensed Independent Social Worker, will facilitate this session. Open at no charge to people of all faiths. For info, call Frank (330-801-0527) or Sharon (330-612-3635).

### Lenten Series

Deepen your Lenten Experience with Abbot Isaac Camacho, OSB, Abbot of Saint Leo Abbey, Saint Leo, Florida. Abbot Isaac will present a Lenten Series of reflections at Visitation of Mary Parish, 87 Broad St., Akron, OH beginning on Sunday, March 15 through Wednesday, March 18 at 7pm - 8:15pm in the parish church. Each session will begin with the recitation of Vespers, the official evening prayer of the Church.

### Bringing America Back to Life

*The Bringing America Back to Life Convention will be held March 6 and 7 at the Embassy Suites in Independence, OH. Speakers include Gigi Graham, Josh Duggar, Catherine Davis, Michael Voris and so many others! For times, the complete list of speakers, to register, or for more info about the Convention, see the flyers in the Church vestibule, visit [bringingamericabacktolife.org](http://bringingamericabacktolife.org), contact Kathy at 440-281-1502 or [kathy1@bringingamericabacktolife.org](mailto:kathy1@bringingamericabacktolife.org).*

### Home Visit Help Needed

The Ozanam Center is in need of people to make home visits to assess clients for furniture needs. These visits only take a few minutes to do when the client is available. All visits are done with a minimum of two people. Please pray about this and if you feel you can help, please contact Jim or Cathie Perusek at 330-467-5762.

### **Prayer for Peace in the Middle East**

**O God Source of Life, Creator of Peace...  
Help Your children, anguished and confused, To  
understand the futility of hatred and violence And  
grant them the ability to stretch across Political,  
religious and national boundaries  
So they may confront horror and fear  
By continuing together  
In the search for justice, peace and truth...  
With every fiber of our being  
We beg You, O God,  
To help us not to fail nor falter.  
Amen.**

*Rabbi H. Rolando Matalon*

*Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, New York, NY*

### 2015 First Step Program

Attempting to pick up the pieces of one's life after the tragedy of divorce is complex and demanding. One of the significant issues that a person faces is their place in the Church. Does the Church still care about me even though I am divorced? Am I allowed to go to Mass? Can I receive communion? How can the Church help me heal? If I decide to marry again, what do I have to do? The Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland is continuing to offer its very successful First Step Program in order to help individuals deal with these questions. **The Church's teachings on marriage, divorce, and remarriage are often misunderstood. This program is offered to help everyone, especially those who have experienced divorce, learn more about Catholic teaching in these areas.** Representatives from the Ministry to the Divorced Office of the Department for Marriage and Family Ministry will also be present to explain their ministry to those who are divorced. The First Step Program helps individuals to navigate the path of healing and closure, of which the annulment process is an important aspect. **For testimonials about the program from past participants and for more info, call the Tribunal at 216-696-6525/800-869-6525, x4000 or visit [www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal).** General meetings at this time are held on Thursday, March 26 at St. Peter Parish, Lorain, at 7pm; on Tuesday, May 12 at St. Gabriel Parish, Concord, at 7pm; on Tuesday, September 15 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cuyahoga Falls, at 7pm; and on Tuesday, October 13 at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, at 7pm.

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

### **Living Stations**

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**Saint Matthew Parish** is sponsoring the “**Living Stations**” presented by **St. Ferdinand Youth Ministry** on **Sunday, March 1st** at **7:00pm**. This hour-long prayer service is a portrayal of Christ’s journey through his life, death and Resurrection and is done through music and narration. **Admission is free, but a free-will offering will be collected. It is an experience that you will remember and carry in your heart. We hope you can join us!**

### **Men “Answer the Call”**

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**On Saturday, March 21**, the Catholic Men’s Fellowship of Northeast Ohio will be holding their “**Answer the Call**” conference at **Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School** in Cleveland. Key speakers include **Fr. Norm Douglas** (ordained in 1974 and co-founder of Heart to Heart Communications, Inc.), and **Joe McClane** (“The Catholic Hack” who grew up in the Church of Christ, became agnostic in his teens, became Catholic in 1999, was married in 2000, but pornography and marital problems continued until he turned to God in 2002.) The conference begins at **8am** and concludes with **4pm Mass**. Visit [www.cmfneo.com](http://www.cmfneo.com), call **877-208-5585**, or see flyers in the Church vestibule for more info or to register. **Grandfathers and father are encouraged to attend with their grandsons and sons!**

### **Pre-Cana Day**

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**St. Rita Parish** will host a **Pre-Cana Day** on **Saturday, March 7**. This one-day marriage preparation program satisfies Diocesan requirements. **Prior registration is required; \$70 per couple**. Register and pay at [stritaparish.com/sacraments/marriage.html](http://stritaparish.com/sacraments/marriage.html). For more info and registration, email [stritaprecana@gmail.com](mailto:stritaprecana@gmail.com) or call **Greg or Cheryl Schwartz** at **440-836-3401**. Register early to secure a space. **Registration deadline is Wed., March 4 at 11:30pm EDT or when event is full.**

### **Young Adults**

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Visit the Coalition with Young Adults website at [www.cyacleveland.org](http://www.cyacleveland.org) for a list of young adult groups around NE Ohio, a Google calendar, and much more! You can also join the Northeast Ohio Catholic Young Adults Meetup Group at [www.meetup.com/Northeast-Ohio-Catholic-Young-Adults](http://www.meetup.com/Northeast-Ohio-Catholic-Young-Adults). Questions? Contact Jennifer Sullivan at **330-217-1064** or [groundsforfaith@yahoo.com](mailto:groundsforfaith@yahoo.com).

### **Workshop on Death Penalty**

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The workshop will be held **Thursday, February 26** at **Holy Family (3179 Kent Rd., Stow, OH 44224; 330-688-6411)**. **Judge John Russo and Judge Michael Donnelly Cuyahoga County Common Plea Court and Ohio Supreme Court Task Force will speak on the Death Penalty.** In 2011, the Ohio Supreme Court created a Joint Task Force to Review the Administration of Ohio’s Death Penalty comprised of judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys and academics. They met and discussed the many problems presented in a 2007 American Bar Association report. Their findings were published in April of 2014. Judges Donnelly and Russo will share their experiences in serving on the Task Force. We will also discuss ways that we can help advocate for key recommendations identified by Ohioans to Stop Executions. Refreshments provided. **To RSVP or for more info, email Diane Zbasnik at [dzbasnik@ccdoacle.org](mailto:dzbasnik@ccdoacle.org) or call 330-535-2787.**

### **Volunteer of the Year Award and Youth of the Year Award Nominations**

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**The Stow-Hudson Knights of Columbus (Father Maruskin Council #10936)** is looking for nominations for their annual **Volunteer of the Year Award and Youth of the Year Award**. Nominees may be recognized for a variety of efforts, including church activities, Knights of Columbus activities, community activities and school activities. **Nominees can be anyone from Holy Family, St. Mary or Mother of Sorrows Parish.** The winners will be recognized at the annual Council Recognition Dinner in June. **Nominations should be forwarded to Grand Knight, Ron Reichert, by March 10. He can be reached at [rono3@att.net](mailto:rono3@att.net) or 330-697-9605. Thank you!**

### **CANA II Remarriage Preparation**

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Cana II is a marriage preparation series for couples, in which one or both have been married before, or one or both will become a stepparent. Includes Active Parenting for Stepfamilies series on subsequent evenings. **Held Saturday, March 7 from 8:30am-6pm (Cana II session). Active Step-parenting Series held Wednesdays, March 11 and 18, from 6:30-9pm. Location at Holy Spirit Parish, 410 Lear Rd., Avon Lake 44012 (5pm Mass).** \$95 per couple Saturday only; \$125 for Cana II plus Active Step-Parenting series. Already married stepparents are also welcome to register for Active Step-parenting only for \$30. Register at <http://ccdoacle.org/program/cana-ii>.