

First Friday Club of Akron

The First Friday Club of Akron will meet on Friday, March 13, at Quaker Station, 135 South Broadway, Akron, OH 44304, and will feature students from four area Catholic High Schools speaking on the topic “How God has Walked with Me Through High School.” Archbishop Hoban will be represented by senior Henry Stitzel, son of Ted & Rita Stitzel, and a member of Mother of Sorrows Parish, Peninsula. Mr. Stitzel attended Seton Catholic elementary school. Our Lady of The Elms will be represented by Marina Bostelman, the daughter of Dr. Mark and Mrs. Bostelman. Ms. Bostelman attended St. Barnabas elementary school. St. Vincent-St. Mary will be represented by senior Matt Carlson, son of John and Patty Carlson, and a member of Our Lady of Victory Parish. Mr. Carlson attended St. Joseph elementary school. Walsh Jesuit will be represented by junior Michael Gunther, son of Dan and Michele Gunther, and a member of St. Bernard Parish, Akron. The luncheon program is \$15. Doors open at 11am; program begins at noon and ends promptly at 1pm. Reservations can be made by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, OH 44307, by calling 330-535-7668 or visiting www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org, no later than the Monday prior to the program.

Volunteers Needed

Community Pregnancy Center, a Catholic Christian outreach to those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, is continuing its Extreme Makeover! Construction is ready to begin and we are looking for volunteers to help with some of the interior reconstruction of our new facility. If you have construction experience, we'd love to have you join us ~ if you don't have, we need you, too! Interested in joining forces with us for life? Please email your interest to our project volunteer coordinator, Mark Smith, at smithme2300@gmail.com, including your contact information and any specific skill sets (carpentry, dry wall, painting, general labor) ~ help us fuel the hope for brighter futures and stronger families!

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, contact Jim or Cathie Perusek at 330-467-5762.

Tetelestai

Tetelestai is a musical portrayal of the trial, execution and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah. The next Tetelestai will be held at St. Agnes Parish (611 Lake Ave., Elyria, OH 44035) on Friday, March 6 at 8pm, Saturday, February 7, at 8pm, and Sunday, March 8 at 2pm. Admission is free; Donations accepted. Please register online at www.LiveThePassion.org in order to receive more information via email!

Men “Answer the Call”

Men! Want a spiritual jump start? Make plans to attend the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio annual “Answer the Call” conference on Saturday, March 21 at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School in Cleveland. The conference will be a day of dynamic speakers, music, fellowship and much more! The conference begins with a light breakfast at 8am and concludes with 4pm Mass. Visit www.cmfneo.com, call 877-208-5585, or see flyers in the Church vestibule for more info or to register. Grandfathers and fathers are encouraged to attend with their grandsons and sons!

Pre-Cana Day

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. For more info/to register, email 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.

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.

JCU Lecture

The Institute of Catholic Studies from John Carroll University and Teaching Cleveland Digital is hosting “Educating Cleveland's Catholic Women 1940-Present”, Thursday, March 12 at 7:30pm in the LSC Conference Room. Dr. Brenda Wirkus, Professor of Philosophy and the Director of John Carroll University Humanities will be our guest speaker. Lecture is free and open to the public. For more info, call 216-397-4558.

CANA II Remarriage Preparation

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://ccdocle.org/program/cana-ii>.**

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 216-696-6525/800-869-6525, x4000 or visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal.** General meetings at this time are held **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.**

Lecture Series 2015

Bishop Richard Lennon will be speaking on the **Rite of Christian Initiation** at the **St. John the Evangelist Cathedral (1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114)** at **12:30pm** following the noon Mass on **Tuesday, March 10 and Wednesday, March 25.** All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

DSWC

The **Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics of Akron** is sponsoring a talk by **Jan Becker** of Becker Herb Farm. She will be **speaking on the uses of herbs and their presentation, including the gardening of herbs.** Held **Monday, March 9 at 7:30pm** at **Immaculate Heart of Mary, Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls.** Free and open to those of all faiths. **Refreshments at 7:15pm.** For more info, call **Frank (330-801-0527)** or **Sharon (330-612-3635).**

Northeast Ohio Theology on Tap

The **Northeast Ohio Theology on Tap** series will be meeting at the **Winking Lizard in Peninsula on March 19.** **Social** will begin at **6:00pm** and **Fr. Norm Douglas** (Heart to Heart Communications) will **speak at 7:00pm.** Cost is **\$5.** The **Northeast Ohio Theology on Tap** offers **young adults and their friends, married and single, in their 20's and 30's** an opportunity to learn about the Catholic faith with dynamic speakers, a casual setting, and good company. **For more information, visit <http://ccdocle.org/program/northeast-theology-on-tap> or contact Mark Delsander at 216-334-1261 x25 or mxdelsander@ccdocle.org.**

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

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 or 330-697-9605. Thank you!

Hello, Dolly!

Hello, Dolly! with its memorable music and characters, comes to the stage at Archbishop Hoban High School, March 19-21. Go to www.hobantroubadours.org to purchase reserved seats for \$12 plus a service fee and general admission tickets for \$8 plus a service fee. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Show dates and times are **Thursday, March 19th at 7pm, Friday, March 20th at 7:30pm, and Saturday, March 21st at 7:30pm.** Hoban High School is located at 1 Holy Cross Boulevard, Akron, Ohio.