

Studying the New Testament

Bible Study at M.O.S. on Monday February 16 at 7:30pm. The Monday evening Bible Group will be studying the First and Second Letter of Peter and the Letter of Jude. All are welcome!



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!

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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).

Tutors

Seeds of Literacy, a nonprofit organization offering free, one-to-one tutoring in basic adult education and GED preparation, has a need for more tutors for both our west side and new east side locations. Tutor training sessions are held Saturdays, February 21, March 21, and April 25 all from 9am to 2pm at Seeds Resource Center (3104 West 25th St., Cleveland, OH 44109). To register or for more information, please contact Alexandria Marshall (216-661-7950) or alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org, visit seedsofliteracy.org or [facebook.com/seedsofliteracy](https://www.facebook.com/seedsofliteracy).

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Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

**Sustain together in undiminished hope,
O God of hope,
those who continue to labor with
undiminished determination
to build peace in the land from which, of old,
out of brokenness, violence and destruction,
nevertheless hope emerged for so many of faith. . .
Bless all the spiritual seed of Abraham together
with the light of your Presence.
For in the light of your Presence
we have found a way of justice and mercy
and a vision of Peace.
We praise you O God, Giver of Peace,
who commands us to Peace.
Amen.**

*Rabbi Herbert Bronstein
Northshore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, IL*

2015 First Step Program

Attempting to pick up the pieces of one's life after the tragedy of divorce is complex and demanding. 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. Taking the "first step" is always the most difficult. The First Step Program helps individuals to navigate the path of healing and closure, of which the annulment process is an important aspect. The Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process. For testimonials about the program from past participants and for additional information, please visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal or call the Tribunal at 216-696-6525/800-869-6525, x4000.

**Schedule for the general meetings at this time are :
Thursday, March 26 at St. Peter Parish, Lorain, at 7pm; Tuesday, May 12 at St. Gabriel Parish, Concord, at 7pm; Tuesday, September 15 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cuyahoga Falls, at 7pm; Tuesday, October 13 at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, at 7pm.**

Diocesan Ministry to the Incarcerated

Are you a family member or do you know of families who, because of the incarceration of a loved one, experience isolation, shame, guilt, and an overwhelming sense of being alone? The Diocesan LEAF Ministry has been formed to be of support to these families. Groups meet monthly offering an opportunity to those who come to listen and share community, network and learn from others who understand their situation, challenges, fears and emotions. All are welcome to participate irrespective of faith affiliation. **For more information, call one of the following parishes or visit www.leafministry.org.** No pre-registration necessary. Childcare is provided in each of these groups. If you are interested in beginning a group or want more information, call Sister Rita Mary, SND at 800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525x 2200.

LEAF East meets at Holy Angels Parish in Bainbridge on Thursday, February 19 and March 19 at 7pm. (Call 440-708-0000)

LEAF West a ministry of St. Ladislav Parish, Westlake and Sacred Heart Chapel, Lorain meets at St. Ladislav Parish on Wednesday, March 11 at 7pm. This is a bilingual group which also provides a group for teens. (Call Paula at 216-696-6525x 3500)

LEAF Central meets at St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Cleveland. This group will determine dates and times meetings. (Call 216-391-1655)

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, 2015 through Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 7pm - 8:15pm in the parish church. Each session will begin with the recitation of Vespers, the official evening prayer of the Church. Join us as Abbot Isaac shares his Lenten reflections encouraging us to deepen our experience of the presence of God in our daily lives.

Workshop on Death Penalty

The workshop will be held on Thursday, February 26 at Holy Family (3179 Kent Rd., Stow, Ohio 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@ccdoble.org or call 330-535-2787.

Search Retreat

Search is a retreat for high school teens (ages 15-18) who are interested in experiencing the Catholic faith in a dynamic way. Search helps youth enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and develop a fuller understanding of God and His Church. The weekends encourage young people to assume an active role in the Church. There are opportunities to meet new friends who are also trying to follow the way of Jesus in today's world. Search is planned, directed and facilitated by other youth! Youth of all faiths are welcomed. (a Catholic weekend open to all religious denominations). \$75 per person. Next weekend held March 6-8. Visit <http://ccdoble.org/program/search> for Search info and registration materials. For more info, contact Jackie Vigneault, Youth & Young Adult Specialist, 330-379-3636 x15 or jvigneault@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

“A Final Gift” Workshop & Presentation

A Catholic Cemetery, like a Catholic Funeral is for the living, and the dead. Cemetery/funeral costs have become the third largest expense most families will pay for in their lifetime. Held Saturday, February 21 from 12:30-1:30pm at All Saints Cemetery Office (480 W. Highland Rd., Northfield, OH 44067). Those who attend this workshop will receive a Catholic Personal Planning Guide. There will be cemetery, funeral and cremation information. Whether for ourselves or someone we love and care about, the final gift is an act of grace we can bestow on others. Peace of mind is a precious gift. This workshop is free (registration is appreciated). Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Visit our website at www.clecem.org for all dates and locations. Please call the Cemetery office at 330-467-7951 x5 to register.

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