

The Ozanam Center

“What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things need for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has not works, is dead.” James 2:14-17. We don’t preach to the people who need help at the Ozanam Center, but we do help provide for their need of food and clothing. You can help us do that on **November 14 at 9:30-2pm**. Call **Cathie or Jim at 330-467-5762** for more info.

In Honor of St. Teresa of Avila

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites, Akron Community of the Holy Family, celebrate with great joy the **5th Centenary of the birth of St. Teresa of Avila**. All are invited to a Mass in honor of St. Teresa **Sunday, October 11 at 3pm at St. Paul Church, 433 Mission Dr. Akron, OH**. All are welcome! Please **RSVP to carmelocds@gmail.com**.

Pre Cana Day

St. Rita Parish will hold a **Pre-Cana Day Saturday, October 10**. This marriage preparation program is open to non-parishioners. Attendance at this program satisfies Diocesan requirements. **Prior registration is required. The fee is \$70 per couple**. For more info or to register, contact Heidi and Drew Samuto at **330-348-6939** or **stiritaprecana@gmail.com**.

St. Mary Preschool Openings

St. Mary Preschool in Hudson offers a Catholic faith based preschool program for children ages 3, 4 and 5. Our students are well prepared for kindergarten and receive nurturing support from an experienced and dedicated staff. We offer both a fun filled and learning rich environment. There is availability in several of our class offerings. **More information can be found at www.st.maryhudson.cc** or by contacting Linda at **lsucheski@stmaryhudson.cc** or 330-653-8118 x 237.

Listening, Encouraging, & Assisting Families

Does your family, because of the incarceration of a loved one, experience isolation, shame, guilt, and an overwhelming sense of being alone? The LEAF Ministry has been formed to support you and your family. **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! For more info and to verify the schedules, call the Parish Life Office (1-800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525 x3500) or visit **www.leafministry.org**. No pre-registration necessary.

First Step Program

St. Ambrose Parish, 929 Pearl Rd, in Brunswick will be hosting the **First Step Program** for anyone seeking an annulment on **Tuesday, October 13, at 7pm** in the **Mother Theresa Room (Parish Life Center)**. This evening, facilitated by the Diocesan Tribunal, along with the Office of Marriage and Family Life's Ministry to the Divorced team, will provide much information on how to start or continue the healing process from a divorce. **For more information, contact the Tribunal: www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal or call the Tribunal Office: 216-696-6525/800-869-6525, x4000.**

Fairness and Forgiveness

The Diocesan Social Action office is hosting a forum on the **fairness of how the death penalty is administrated in Ohio**. Held **October 3 from 9am-1pm** at **St. Ignatius Catholic Church, 10205 Lorain Ave., Cleveland**. This event corresponds to **Pope Francis’ call for a Year of Mercy and Respect Life Month in October**. In the past year, many inconsistencies and lack of fairness within Ohio’s death penalty system has come to light. This forum includes two judges who will provide an overview of the recommendations from the Ohio Supreme Court Task Force on the Death Penalty. Other speakers will share their experiences of how Ohio’s system has impacted them and their families. We will also present an overview of Catholic Social Teaching on the death penalty and provide time for reflection on the information presented.

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BY NAME**

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for women suffering
after abortion**

**Loyola Retreat House
October 23-25, 2015**

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Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

*O God our Creator,
from your provident hand we have received
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
You have called us as your people and given us
the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God,
and your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,
you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,
bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel
to every corner of society.*

*We ask you to bless us
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.*

*Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters
gathered in your Church
in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,
so that, with every trial withstood
and every danger overcome—
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us—
this great land will always be "one nation, under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/fortnight-for-freedom/fortnight-freedom-prayer-resources.cfm

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples - Do you know that more than 1,500,000 couples in over 92 countries have experienced a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? They found something worth passing on. The next weekend is scheduled for **October 16-18, 2015** at the **Cambria Suites, Uniontown**. For more info call **Scott or Lori** at **330-305-9963** or visit www.wwme.org.

High School Students Needed

The Diocese of Cleveland CYO is seeking **high school students interested in officiating soccer, volleyball, and flag football**. Training provided. Officials are paid a fee to officiate. There will be mandatory training sessions. If interested, please contact the CYO office at **330-379-3636 x16**, email vrosato@ccdacle.org or visit dioceseofclevelandcyo.org and register for the training.

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

Witness for ALL Life

St. Bernard Parish Respect Life Committee is once again sponsoring a **Witness for Life this Friday, October 2** as we "**Witness for ALL Life**" on the front steps of St. Bernard's (44 University Ave, Akron, OH 44308). From **10:45am until noon**, we will stand as silent witnesses for life! The holy rosary will be recited. Signs will be available. **Mass will follow at 12:10pm**. Hope to see you there!

Addiction Awareness Workshop

The Samaritan Ministry of St. Malachi Parish will offer a free one-day workshop on **Addiction Awareness in St. Malachi Center (behind the church), West 25th & Detroit, Cleveland, OH 44113, on Saturday, October 24 from 9am-4pm**. PB&J sandwiches, snacks and beverages will be provided. Donations welcome. Relevant topics will include: addiction/alcoholism as a brain disease; effects of drinking/using on others; treatment options; 12-Step programs of recovery; resources in the community. **For more information or to register, visit www.stmalachi.org/samaritan-ministry-2015 or contact Judy Stowe at 440-250-9959 or judydystowe@gmail.com or St. Malachi Rectory at 216-861-5343.**

Tutors Needed

Seeds of Literacy, a nonprofit organization offering free, one-to-one tutoring in basic adult education and GED prep, **has a need for more tutors**. Tutor training sessions will be held **Saturdays, October 17, and November 21 from 9am-2pm** at Seeds of Literacy West (3104 W. 25th St., Cleveland, OH 44109) and **Friday, September 25 from 9:30am-2:30pm** at Seeds of Literacy East (13815 Kinsman Rd., Cleveland, OH 44120). Both sites feature secure parking and building security. **To register or for more info, contact Alexandria Marshall at 216-661-7950 or alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org, visit seedsofliteracy.org or [facebook.com/seedsofliteracy](https://www.facebook.com/seedsofliteracy).**

38th Annual Walk Of Hope

Join us at the **38th Annual Walk of Hope!** It is a wonderful opportunity for you to both assist in supporting the ministerial needs of persons with disabilities while affirming the dignity of human life. Held **Saturday, October 3, at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St. in Cleveland in the Historic Tremont neighborhood)**. **Registration begins at 8:30am; the walk is at 9am; there will be a Raffle at 10:30am; and then a Special Walk around Lincoln Park at 11am.** This event is for persons with or without disabilities. For more information, please contact **Dennis McNulty at 216-334-2962 or dmcnulty@ccdacle.org, find us on Facebook or visit www.ccdacle.org/disability.**