

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Bulletin Announcements for October 11, 2015

In Your Charity

Please remember in your prayers **The Reverend Paul F. Smith**, Priest of the Diocese of Cleveland. May Father Smith and all our beloved deceased live forever in the joy of the Resurrection and may their families and friends be granted consolation. Amen.

Northeast Ohio Catholic Magazine

Starting in mid-October, Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine replaces the Catholic Universe Bulletin as the central publication of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Every other month, Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine will be mailed free-of-charge to parishioners throughout our diocese, which encompasses Cuyahoga, Summit, Lake, Geauga, Lorain, Medina, Ashland and Wayne Counties. As the official magazine of the Diocese of Cleveland, Northeast Ohio Catholic will be a vital instrument of inspiration and formation highlighting personal faith stories and columns aimed at helping Catholics live a more faith-filled life. Preview a sample issue now on the diocesan website, www.dioceseofcleveland.org and watch for it in your mailbox starting mid-October.

NFP

The next "Why Natural Family Planning?" session will be held at 7pm, at Holy Family, Stow, Lower Church Hall Rm 1 Monday, October 26. During this session you will learn the latest 2015 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 why the Catholic Church promotes this as the only means of family planning that is safe, healthy, and effective means of family planning which strengthens marriages and family. The most common reaction mentioned after this session is "Why have we never heard this before?" This introductory class is open to anyone: young, not so young, single, engaged, married, and will help you make an informed decision regarding the benefits of NFP. Contact Leo and Toni Doty at akdoty@kent.edu or 330-689-0632 for more information.

Liturgical Yoga

Yoga can be presented in a secular context or it can be presented as a spiritual discipline. **Liturgical yoga is a faith-based Christian practice on Wednesdays at St. Mary Parish, Hudson, 9:30am-10:45am.** All levels are free to join this donation-based, drop-in class. Students must have a mat, be able to sit on the floor comfortably and to move freely on their own. Contact MOS parishioner, MaryBeth at 330-603-2337 or madoniamb@gmail.com with any questions. *Please call before attending to make sure there is class. There will be no class on October 21 and November 4.*

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

For 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 **October 16-18** at the **Cambria Suites, Uniontown**. For more info, call **Scott or Lori** at 330-305-9963 or visit www.wwme.org.

Hoban Happenings

Archbishop Hoban High School will administer a **Scholarship/Placement test** to 8th grade students on **Saturday, October 17 and Saturday, October 24**. Testing will begin at **8:30am**. Students may pre-register by calling the admissions office at **330-849-2149** or at www.hoban.org. There is a **\$20 test fee**. Parent information session offered on all test dates.

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, Saturday, October 24 from 9am-4pm**. Refreshments 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. **To register, visit www.stmalachi.org/samaritan-ministry-2015, call 440-250-9959 or email judytowe@gmail.com or call St. Malachi Rectory at 216-861-5343.**

First Friday Club of Akron

The **First Friday Club of Akron** will meet **Friday, November 13** at **Quaker Station, 135 S. Broadway, Akron, 44304**, and will feature **Carolyn Woo**, President Catholic Relief Services, speaking on **Common Good, Uncommon Excellence: Service to the Poorest of the Poor**. Luncheon program is \$15. Doors open at 11am; the 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 by visiting www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org no later than Monday, November 9.**

AM 1260 The Rock Fundraiser

AM 1260 The Rock, Cleveland's Catholic radio station, invites you to a luncheon with **Bishop Richard Lennon** and **EWTN News Director Raymond Arroyo**. Held **Friday, November 13, at 11:30am** at **St. Michael Woodside in Broadview Heights**. This fundraising event will help continue AM 1260's evangelization efforts. **Call 216-227-1260 or visit www.am1260therock.com, to attend or help us fill a table of 8 as a Table Captain.**

Coats for the Needy

The Ozanam Center, run by the St. Vincent DePaul Society, is in need of coats to distribute to the needy. If you, or someone you know, has a coat they would like to donate (especially mens and childrens), **please bring it to the Center at 93 Kent St. Akron on any Saturday (except Thanksgiving weekend) between 10am-2pm.** If you have more than one we would be happy to help you bring them in. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Lecture at JCU

"**People of God: Immigration, Ecology and Capitalism**" a lecture by Fr. Robert T. Begin, Pastor Emeritus, St. Colman Catholic Church, Cleveland, OH. The event will take place on **John Carroll University campus (University Heights, OH 44118) in the LSC Conference Room on Thursday, October 22 at 7:30pm** and it is free and open to the public. Please join us!

"Our Immigration Story: Then and Now"

Heart to Heart Communications invites you to our next quarterly breakfast on **October 27, 7:30-8:45am** at the **First Congregational Church, 292 E. Market St.** Our speaker will be **Elaine Woloshyn**, Executive Director of the International Institute of Akron. Speaking about "**Our Immigration Story: Then and Now**" Elaine will reflect on her own family's immigration story and the stories of immigrants who are coming to the United States today. **Cost is \$20.** To receive more information or preregister by **Oct. 22**, visit www.h2hc.org or call 330-434-3278 x0.

Youth Retreat and Dinner

Youth (grades 7-12) are invited to attend the 7th annual Building a Culture of Life Youth Retreat and Dinner, Saturday, October 24 from 6-9pm at St. Stephen Catholic Church (44 Britton St. West Salem, OH 44287). This fun and free event includes a spaghetti dinner, ice cream bar, Eucharistic Adoration, and prizes and more. Franciscan University student, David Henley, will speak on "LIFE-a Seamless Garment" and "LIFE-Let's DO This." For reservations, contact Wendy or Todd McKee at 330-262-1096 or wtm@embarqmail.com by October 19!

Conference For Healthcare Providers

Healthcare Professionals for Divine Mercy are holding a Cleveland conference on medicine, bioethics and spirituality for healthcare providers on **October 21st and 22nd** at St. Noel parish in Willoughby Hills. The conference features world renowned speakers. Education credits will be provided by St. Vincent Charity Medical Center. **To register and for additional information, please call 1-800-462-7426 or visit www.thedivinemercy.org/cleveland.**

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Our Lady Of The Elms Placement test & Open house dates:

Scholarship Placement Tests:

Saturday, October 17, 9am-noon
Thursday, October 22 6-9pm
Saturday, November 14, 9am-noon

Open Houses:

Sunday, October 18, noon-2pm
Wednesday, October 28 5-7pm
Sunday, November 15, noon-2pm

Our Lady of the Elms is located at 1375 W. Exchange St., Akron, OH, 44313. For additional information, call 330-836-9384 or visit www.theelms.org.

Prayer for Respect of Life

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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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.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a comprehensive weekend of marriage preparation held three times a year at the St. Leonard Retreat Center, 4076 Case Rd., Avon, OH 44011. \$185 per couple. Next weekend is **October 23-25**. Dates for 2016 are February 12-14, May 20-22 and October 14-16. Visit www.clevelandencounter.com for more info and to register. Questions? Call Alex and Lily Fuentes at 216-849-3769.