

New Arrival

Congratulations to Matthew and Robin Griffith on the birth of their daughter, Bristol Eileen Griffith. Blessings to Matthew and Robin, daughter Bristol, and older brother Bowen!

Catholic Charities 2016 Appeal

Good news! The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal Stats for the month of May are as follows: 60 parishioners of Mother of Sorrows Parish have pledged \$21,762 towards our parish goal of \$15,092. That is 144.19% of our overall goal! Your support of the 2016 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is an act of mercy that will change the lives of over 400,000 of your brothers and sisters in Christ. Please consider a generous gift to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Please pray for the success of this Appeal which provides essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. On behalf of the poor and needy of Northeast Ohio, thank you! For stories of inspiration and additional information, please visit www.catholiccommunity.org/2016Appeal.

First Friday Club of Akron

The First Friday Club of Akron will meet on Friday, July 8 at Tangier, 532 W. Market St., Akron, OH 44303, and will feature Sandra Pianalto, Former President and Chief Executive Officer Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, speaking on the topic, All I Need to Know I Learned in Catholic Schools. Luncheon program is \$20. Doors open at 11am; program begins at noon; ends promptly at 1pm. For reservations, please send a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, OH 44307, visit www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org or call 330-535-7668, no later than Friday, July 1.

PREP Relationship Skills

PREP fulfills the Pre-Cana requirement for engaged couples, and offers enrichment to married couples. Held Saturday, July 30, from 9am to 5:30pm (4:30pm Mass), at St. Raphael, 525 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village, OH 44140. \$125 per couple (register by July 22). For more info about PREP, please call 216-334-2978. Registration forms are available at <http://ccdocle.org/program/prep>.

Travel Plans?

When traveling we arrange hotels, places to eat, places to visit and more...Why not include holy places? When we travel on weekends, God is watching over us. Should we not be sure to included finding somewhere to go to Mass for the weekend? You could check www.masstimes.org or call the Parish office for help. Hotels, motels, and travel services may also be of help in finding out where Mass is being celebrated.

Each day let us pray...

Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom His love commits me here, ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

A Peace Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Fr. Wally Hyclak (St. Mary of the Falls, Olmsted Falls, OH) & Barb Vopat (Sun City, AZ) are taking a group on a 'Peace Pilgrimage to the Holy Land', November 27-December 6, 2016. Price from Phoenix or any other departure city available. Pray for peace as you visit, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jericho, Tiberius & more! Reasonable pricing including taxes, tips, breakfast and dinner... please contact Barb Vopat at bvopat@yahoo.com or 216-470-4207. Father and Barb are veterans hosting this Peace Pilgrimage and would love for you to join them to pray for peace in the world, the Middle East and in our hearts.

The World Apostolate of Fatima's Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace

The historic tour, marking the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, will feature the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue, traveling worldwide for nearly 70 years. Padre Pio Prayer Group from St. Barnabas, Northfield OH is hosting the tour on July 14 from 8am-2pm, with 12pm Mass. All are welcome but we are looking for Prayer Groups to lead the rosary by calling the contact below to sign up. It will be an extraordinary occasion of healing, hope and grace. Please join us that day to hear the story of Fatima and venerate this beautiful statue that set out from Fatima in 1947 to bring the graces of Fatima to all who might not ever be able to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal. We bring the pilgrimage to you! Hundreds and favors and graces, including cures, and countless conversions are associated with the image. The presence of this special Statue (sculpted by Jose Thedim in 1947, based on Sr. Lucia's description of her encounters with Our Lady) is a great gift to our community. Contact Therese Harper of Padre Pio Prayer Group of Northeast Ohio from St. Barnabas at 330-760-5780 for more info. Visit www.fatimatourforpeace.com to learn more about the tour and the statue!

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

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held Sunday, July 31 at 2:30pm Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist (1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114). Bishop Richard Lennon will be the principal celebrant. Reservations are now being accepted for couples married 50 years (married in 1966). Couples who are celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over) or have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend. Seating is limited in the Cathedral. The number of guests will be determined by the seating capacity and total number registered. **To register, fill in a registration form found in the Church vestibule on the bulletin board and return to the Mother of Sorrows rectory.**

Summer Surprise Mystery Trip

Join the OLG Young at Heart Group on Tuesday, July 12 for a wonderful adventure to somewhere you may have never been or never knew existed. Day full of surprises that combine unique areas, sites and attractions. Areas we have not visited on one of our published trips. **Trip price is \$79. Departing Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (9080 Shepard Rd., Macedonia, OH 44056) at 7:15am and returning about 6:30pm. Call Mary Rizzo at 330-467-3465 for reservations.**

People are not Things

Pope Francis says: "It is not possible to remain indifferent before knowledge that human beings are bought and sold like goods. I think of the adoption of children for the extraction of their organs, or women deceived and forced to prostitute themselves, of workers exploited and denied their rights of a voice. This is human trafficking." Access the website at www.sistersagainsttrafficking.org – U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

Chaplain Services at the Prisons and Jails

Have a loved one incarcerated in one of the eight counties of the Diocese and would like to have a priest, deacon or one of our lay volunteer ministers visit with them? Please call the Parish Life Office at 800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525 x3500. The Diocesan Ministry to the Incarcerated has a presence in the three state prisons, the county jails and the juvenile facilities located within our diocese. We would be glad to have someone visit with them.

Department for Marriage & Family Ministry

Visit www.ForYourMarriage.org for the latest news, Catholic teaching and practical helps. **Perfect for engaged couples, married couples, parents and young adults.** Also, find and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/clevelandmarriageandfamily.

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Attention Young Adults

Looking for social, spiritual, and service activities for young adults? Visit the Northeast Ohio Catholic Young Adults Meetup Group at www.meetup.com/Northeast-Ohio-Catholic-Young-Adults. The group is free to join and the online interactive calendar is easy to use! Questions? Please contact Jennifer Sullivan at groundsforfaith@yahoo.com or 330-217-1064.

Summer Programs

Did you know our Diocese offers summer programs for children and adults with disabilities? The summer programs offer respite and provide life-enhancing activities for children and adults in a Catholic setting. Great way to meet new friends, learn new things and just have fun! If you know someone with a developmental disability who might be interested, contact Dennis McNulty, Director of Catholic Charities Disability Services, at 216-334-2962 or dmcnulty@ccdole.org.

The Gay And Lesbian Family Ministry

The Body of Christ in the Diocese of Cleveland is called to reverence each person as a unique reflection of God's presence in our midst.

Parent Support Group

Holy Spirit Parish in Avon Lake

Usually meets the first Sunday of each month.
Please call the parish at 440-933-3777 for more info.

St. John Vianney Parish, Mentor

Meets usually on the second Sunday of each month.
Please call the parish at 440-943-3445 for more info.

Parish Outreach Groups

Two Parish outreach groups exist to provide a place of support, affirmation and spiritual guidance to gay and lesbian Catholics.

Blessed Trinity, Cleveland (Westside)

Facilitator: Rev. Douglas Koesel 216-671-5890
(usually meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month from 7-9pm)

Gesu Parish, University Heights (Eastside)

Please call parish at 216-932-0617 for more info.

For more information, please feel free to call the Parish Life Office at 216-696-6525 or 1-800-869-6525 x3500.

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