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A "Caring and Sharing" session for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held **Monday, April 25 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 more info call Marlene at 330-607-6284.**

Mark Your Calendars!

IHM is hosting their 4th Annual 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run Saturday, April 30 at 9am at Immaculate Heart of Mary School (2859 Lillis Dr., Cuyahoga Falls, OH). This family friendly event supports the Arts and Music Programs at Immaculate Heart of Mary School. **Packet Pick-up held Friday, April 29 from 5-8pm at IHM School in the McIntyre Room by the gym. Registration and Packet Pick-up opens at 7:30am, April 30. For more info and to register, pick up a registration form in the Church vestibule or visit www.ihm5k.com today!**

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Do you understand the meaning behind the parts of the Mass? In his video-based study **A Biblical Walk Through the Mass**, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass as never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. **Held at St. Sebastian Parish, in Akron beginning May 2, from 7-9pm and continuing every Monday for 5 weeks. For more info/to register, contact Mike Palko (330-338-2481 or papapalko@yahoo.com) or Paul and Jisel Emerson (330-745-4462 or paulandjisel@sbcglobal.net).**

Spring Lebanese Buffet

Our Lady of the Cedars Ladies Guild will host a Spring Lebanese Buffet on Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30pm at Our Lady of the Cedars Banquet Hall (507 S. Cleveland Massillon Rd., Fairlawn, OH 44333). \$15 per person. The menu consists of Kibbee, Spinach and Meat Pies, Chicken and Rice, Hummus, Fatoush, Taboulie, Lebanese Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, and Dessert. Reservations are required. Please call Beverly Peters at 330-289-6761!

Tutors Needed!

Seeds of Literacy, provides free basic education and GED prep to adults in the Cleveland area. Volunteer tutors help students one-on-one at a variety of skill levels and subjects. Tutor training sessions held Saturday, May 21, 9am-3pm and Wednesday, June 15, 5-8pm at Seeds West (3104 West 25th St., 3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44109). Email alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org, call 216-661-7950 x15, or visit www.seedsofliteracy.org.

In Your Charity

Please remember in your prayers, Deacon Harry J. Broering of the Diocese of Cleveland. May Deacon Broering and all our beloved deceased live forever in the joy of the Resurrection and may their families and friends be granted consolation. Amen.

Exalt!

Join us for an evening of prayer, time for reconciliation, song, and praise with Eucharistic Adoration April 28 from 7-9:30pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel at the Center for Pastoral Leadership 28700 Euclid Ave. Wickliffe, OH 44092. Please call 440-943-7630 or visit www.clepriesthood.com for more info!

2016 First Step Programs

During this Year of Mercy, we are called to renew our relationship with God and the Church. The First Step Program helps individuals navigate the path of healing and closure and helps anyone learn more about Catholic teaching regarding marriage, divorce, and remarriage. Meetings held Tuesday, May 19 at St. Noel Parish, Willoughby Hills; Tuesday, September 13 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cuyahoga Falls; Tuesday, October 18 at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick. All at 7pm. Representatives from the Ministry to the Divorced Office of the Department for Marriage and Family Ministry will be present to explain the resources they offer to the divorced. The Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process. Questions? Call 216-696-6525, 800-869-6525 x4000 or visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal

RUN for their LIVES!

Join us May 21 to RUN for their LIVES at Community Vineyard Church (2543 State Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223)! Part of the Ohio Challenge Series, this 5k race runs through the streets of Cuyahoga Falls, and benefits the missions of Right to Life of Northeast Ohio/Life Education Fund. Bring a package of diapers or a can of formula to donate to an area pregnancy help center! For more info about Right to Life of Northeast Ohio, visit www.RightToLifeofNortheastOhio.com. Pre-registration race fee is \$30. Day of race registration is \$35. All racers who pre-register by May 13 will receive technical T-shirts on race day. All racers who register after that date will receive T-shirts first come, first served as supply allows. Many prizes will be awarded! To register and for additional information about the race, please visit www.runsignup.com/Race/OH/CuyahogaFalls/5kRU NfortheirLIVES.

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



SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Traveling mercies

Believers have always been a people on the move! From our earliest forebears to the present time, traveling has been a way to share the faith. Although the modes of travel have changed enormously over time—from walking for days from town to town to flying cross-country in a few hours—travel still presents opportunities to witness to the faith and encourage others in theirs. Today, whether you're traveling a short distance or far away, how might you proclaim the Good News among the people you encounter on the journey?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35 (54).* "Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia."

MONDAY, APRIL 25 FEAST OF MARK, EVANGELIST

Are you a light sleeper?

Tradition had it that lions slept with their eyes open (perhaps because no one was able to sneak up on one without being detected!). The lion became a symbol of the Resurrection, conveying the sense that though Jesus died he slept lightly, so to speak, before awakening to eternal life. Mark the evangelist, the traditional author of the gospel that bears his name, is also often depicted as a lion. Pull up a chair and read the gospel that bears Mark's name—it's short enough to be read in its entirety in an afternoon. And it's a real eye-opener!

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20 (555).* "Clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another."

TUESDAY, APRIL 26 EASTER WEEKDAY

Never say die

Saint Paul may have been a late bloomer (he persecuted early Christians before seeing the light—literally), but once he came around, he was a tireless promoter of the new faith. His enthusiasm led to many conflicts with the powers that be—whether with Jewish hierarchs concentrated in Jerusalem or civil authorities scattered throughout the Roman Empire. He risked life and limb, and eventually is believed to have been beheaded in Rome because of his faith. Along the way, he even survived a stoning and kept on going. How do you handle obstacles and opposition? Don't throw in the towel if you meet resistance. If your motivations are sincere, trust and persevere.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286).* "They stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead."

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27 EASTER WEEKDAY

Mercy vs. justice

It can seem like a wrestling match of cosmic proportions. How can God, who is infinitely just, also be infinitely merciful? It seems evident to us that in most matters, God will have to choose which "mood" to demonstrate, since one can't exercise both at the same time. Priest, writer, and theologian Henri Nouwen assessed that the problem lies in us and not in God: While we can't master both attributes, God's mercy doesn't weaken divine justice, nor does God's justice harden divine compassion. Celebrate that God's will is done when mercy and justice are one!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 (287).* "Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own, so neither can you unless you remain in me."

THURSDAY, APRIL 28 FEAST OF PETER CHANEL, PRIEST, MARTYR

Do something beautiful for God

Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us that persecution and martyrdom were elements not only of the early church but also of our own times under many repressive powers. Martyrdom is the "most eloquent proof of the truth of the faith, for faith can give a human face even to the most violent of deaths and show its beauty even in the midst of the most atrocious persecution." Peter Chanel, a 19th-century missionary, became the first martyr of the South Seas witnessed to Christ (*martyr* means "witness"). Have you felt the sting of witnessing to Christ lately?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11 (288).* "As the Father loves me, so I also love you."

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

FEAST OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Live your faith large

"Do not be satisfied with little things, because God wants great things!" These words from Catherine of Siena in the 14th century remind us that we're all called by God and have gifts and talents to make a difference in the world. As a young woman, Catherine likely didn't imagine that one day she would become a Third Order Dominican, establish a monastery, communicate with the papacy, and leave a rich spiritual legacy as a Doctor of the church. She attuned her heart to God, trusting that God was at work in and through her life. Walk with Catherine today, celebrating God's great activity in your life!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 (289).* "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 FEAST OF PIUS V, POPE, RELIGIOUS

Semper reformanda—always reforming

You might not see much connection between Pope Pius V 400 years ago and Pope Paul VI in our own time. Yet both led the church to implement reforms—the former after the Council of Trent, the latter after Vatican II—and both faced serious resistance from within. Pope Francis likewise faces resistance to shaping a church for the poor. We will always be "in these times of transition." Are you change-repellant or willing to reform yourself in a concrete way as Christ leads you?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 (290).* "You do not belong to the world."



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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