

Fifth Sunday of Lent Bulletin Announcements for March 13, 2016

Catholic Charities 2016 Appeal

Good news! The 2016 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is well underway with donors responding to both the letter from Bishop Lennon and the February In-Pew Appeal. As of February 29, \$5,396,091 was pledged by 23,121 donors. This represents nearly 47% of our \$11,500,000 goal. **47 parishioners of Mother of Sorrows Parish have pledged \$19,325 towards our parish goal of \$15,092. That is 128.05% 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 more info, visit www.catholiccommunity.org/2016Appeal.**

K of C Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus of Holy Family Catholic Church will hold their final Lenten Fish Fry, **March 18 from 4:30-7pm. Held in the Lower Church Hall of Holy Family Church (3179 Kent Rd., Stow).** Menu items include entrees of Baked Tilapia, Fried Beer Battered Cod, Jumbo Butterfly Shrimp, Mac & Cheese and Cheese Pizza. A choice of any two sides are included: French Fries, Hush Puppies, Seasoned Rice, Mac & Cheese, Pierogies, Salad, Cole Slaw, or Veggie Pie. Coffee & Punch are provided along with a Roll and Butter. Bottled water, soft drinks and assorted desserts available at a nominal charge. **Come enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship!**

Famous Fish Fry

Come enjoy *Visitation of Mary's famous Fish Fry on March 18 from 4:30-7pm. \$9 for adults, \$8.50 for seniors and \$4 for children 12 and under. Held in the school building cafeteria (88 Kent St. in East Akron).* Menu includes baked or fried cod, scalloped potatoes or French fries, Spanish rice, macaroni & cheese, vegetable, cole slaw, coffee, tea & lemonade; Massoli's bread. Desserts and soft drinks also available. **Hope to see you there!**

You can vote for your favorite Fish Fry at www.Livingbreadradio.com! And don't forget to listen to AM 1060 to help you grow in your Catholic faith!

DSWC

The Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics of Akron is holding a Popcorn and Game Night at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls, OH on **Monday March 14 at 7pm.** Open at no cost to single people of all faiths. For more info, call Sue at 330-554-5626.

Election Prayer for Life

O God, we acknowledge You today as Lord,
not only of individuals,
but of nations and governments.

We thank You for the privilege of being able
to organize ourselves politically
and of knowing that political loyalty
does not have to mean disloyalty to You.

We thank You for Your law,
which our Founding Fathers acknowledged
and recognized as higher than any human law.

We thank You for the opportunity that
this election year puts before us,
to exercise our solemn duty not only to vote,
but to influence countless others to vote,
and to vote correctly.

Lord, we pray that Your people may be awakened.
Let them realize that

while politics is not their salvation,
their response to You
requires that they be politically active.

Awaken Your people to know that
they are not called to be a sect fleeing the world,
but rather a community of faith renewing the world.

Awaken them that the same hands
lifted up to You in prayer
are the hands that pull the lever in the voting booth;

that the same eyes that read Your Word
are the eyes that read the names on the ballot,
and that they do not cease to be Christians
when they enter the voting booth.

Awaken Your people to a commitment to justice
to the sanctity of marriage and the family,
to the dignity of each individual human life,
and to the truth that human rights begin
when human lives begin,
and not one moment later.

Lord, we rejoice today
that we are citizens of Your kingdom.

May that make us all the more committed
to being faithful citizens on earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

~Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life
www.priestsforlife.org/novenas/novena.aspx?id=1

Exalt!

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

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Young Adult Event at Cuvilly House

This mini-retreat/workshop invites participants to reflect on the mysteries of Easter and then to learn and employ skills for discernment. Fr. Joe Fortuna will lead our morning reflection. The discernment presentation will follow at 12:30. Held at the Cuvilly House (18021 Marcella Rd. Cleveland, 44119) on Saturday, April 2 from 10am-2:30pm. Cost is \$15 (Covers materials and lunch). RSVP to Sr. Kate Hine, SND, khine@ndec.org or 440-476-6094 by Wednesday, March 30.

Physical Therapy Community Clinics

Register now for Walsh University's Physical Therapy Community Clinic on April 8, April 15 and April 20. Participants must be 18 years or older. Sessions are open to the public and are offered at no charge. The comprehensive screening includes physical therapy exam, movement system and health screenings, posture assessment, an optional balance and fall prevention assessment and individualized home exercise program education. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information or to reserve an appointment, call 330-490-7566, or email walshdptclinic@walsh.edu or visit www.walsh.edu/dptclinic.

Volunteers Appreciated

University Hospitals Hospice is seeking compassionate men and women to join our team as a volunteer. As a hospice volunteer you can visit our patients in nursing homes, UH hospitals or patients' homes near your community, providing companionship, supportive presence or practical assistance. Volunteers do not provide hands on physical care. Volunteers enjoy flexible scheduling, with choice for days, evenings or weekend service. Individual, couples and military veterans are encouraged to find out more about how you can be the difference by becoming a UH Hospice volunteer. Our next training series will be offered at UH Home Care Services in Warrensville Heights beginning on April 7, 6-9pm. For more information, contact Patsy Brodie at 216-765-2737 or UHhospice@UHhospitals.org.

How Faith Overcomes Life's Obstacles

The First Friday Club of Akron will meet Friday, April 8 at Tangier, 532 W. Market St., Akron 44303, and will feature Tom Carone, President of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School speaking on the topic "How Faith Overcomes Life's Obstacles." Luncheon program is \$20. Doors open at 11am; 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 at www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org, no later than the Monday prior to the program.

Iconography: A Vision of This Life

Iconography: A Vision of This Life and the Next will be presented by Fr. Thomas J. Loya Wednesday, April 13 at 7pm at St. Joseph Church in Brecksville. Fr. Loya is an experienced iconographer and noted speaker on the subject. Refreshments will be served and a free will offering taken. Any questions? Call 440-526-1818.

Pre-Cana Day

St. Rita Parish will have a Pre-Cana day for engaged couples Saturday, March 19. This one day marriage prep program satisfies diocesan requirements. Program is \$70 per couple. For more info, call Heidi or Drew Samuto at 440-836-3401 or stritchprecana@gmail.com.

Couples Evening Out

All married and engaged couples are warmly invited to a Couples Evening Out on Saturday, April 9, from 5-9:30pm at St. Sebastian Parish (476 Mull Ave., Akron, OH, 44303). The guest speaker will be Fr. Tim O'Connor, a priest in the Matamoras Diocese in Mexico. Discover reasons to invite Christ into your relationship and how to get beyond the bills, homework, traffic and any other trying moments in your marriage. Attend Mass, renew your vows, enjoy dinner and more. Registration deadline is April 1. Send your name, address, phone, email, and payment addressed to Couples Evening Out, PO Box 362 Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44222. \$50 per couple; checks payable to St. Sebastian Parish. (Financial assistance is available). For more information, please contact John or Eileen Patton at 330-307-2298 or jhowardp@hotmail.com. Sponsored by West Side Catholic Couples, a ministry of St. Sebastian, St. Vincent, St. Mary and St. Bernard Parishes in Akron.

Answer the Call

On Saturday, April 9, Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio is holding their 16th Annual "Answer the Call" conference at the Holiday Inn Rockside in Independence, Ohio, a new more centralized location. Key speakers include Fr. Larry Richards, a gifted and captivating speaker, preacher, retreat master and author, who holds the answer to some of life's most profound questions. Another speaker will be Ralph Martin, president of Renewal Ministries and the host of The Choices We Face, a weekly Catholic television and radio program distributed throughout the world. We urge all men to attend. Invite your sons, fathers and grandsons! The conference begins with a light breakfast at 8am and concludes with 4pm Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Roger Gries. Registration includes breakfast, lunch, and all conference programs. Call the Mother of Sorrows Rectory at 330657-2631 or visit www.cmfneo.com for more information and to register.

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