

Journey to Bethlehem Mass

Join Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries for the Annual Journey to Bethlehem Liturgy on Saturday, December 3, 2016, at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH). Our celebrant will be Bishop Roger Gries. Mass will begin at 11am with a light luncheon following. This beautiful celebration marks the 32nd anniversary of this liturgy for persons with disabilities, their families and friends. We encourage members of our Diocese to join us. Call 216-334-2963 for additional information.

Advent Prayer Service

Come for an evening to prepare the way of Lord this Advent Season! Held Friday, December 9, from 7pm-8:30pm at St. Joseph Church, (12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, 44136). No charge; no reservations needed.

For more info, visit www.ccdcle.org/events/advent-prayer-service-separated-divorced-2.

Daughters of St. Paul Christmas Concert

A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul Choir will take place on Friday, December 9 at 7pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist (1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland OH). The concert is free and open to all. No tickets or reservations required. Free secure parking at the Cathedral Plaza Garage (Rockwell Ave. and E. 9th Street. For additional information, please email gheislman@dioceseofcleveland.org.

Marathon of Rosaries

The First Saturday of every month at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Lorain in the Eucharistic Chapel near Lake Erie, there is a "Marathon of Rosaries to Protect The Unborn", from 10am-3:30pm. (The 3:30pm rosary is prayed in St. Anthony Church just before 4pm mass.) All faiths are welcome to join us. We pray a rosary every half hour on the hour for an end to abortion, and for all your personal intentions. Please call Dr. Tavenner at 440-288-0416 with any questions.

Enrich Your Faith

For the faithful and faith leaders alike, a new six-part series of 10 minute monthly videos is now available. Intended to deepen one's faith, the first in the series is entitled "Air" and evokes the invisible, but intimate presence of God who comes to us in the person of the Holy Spirit. Hosted by pastor and seminary instructor, Father George Smiga, the series can be seen by going to: www.dioceseofcleveland.org and clicking on the link to "Building on the Word."

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



Join Matt Maher & Band for an Advent Night of Worship

Sunday, December 11 at 7PM
Doors open at 6:30PM

St. Ambrose Church 929
Pearl Rd. Brunswick, OH 44212

Tickets: www.alphausa.org/mahertickets

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.

Opportunity for Service

Response 2017, the most comprehensive guide of faith-based service opportunities, is now available. Volunteers serve full-time for periods of one week to one year or more across the United States and in more than 100 countries worldwide. Summer and school break opportunities are also available. **Our volunteers are from all walks of life.** Contact Catholic Volunteer Network to receive your free copy/copies of Response 2017 at 800-543-5046 or info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org. You can also visit www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org.

To Serve Better

Community Pregnancy Center is excited to announce they are ready to staff a new limited ultrasound services! They are looking to add two part-time, paid positions: sonographer and nurse manager. Additionally, they are looking for a doctor who would be willing to remotely read the scans on a volunteer basis. If you or anyone you know is interested in being considered, contact Diane at 330-825-1900 or diane@communitypregnancycenter.org.

Lay Ecclesial Ministers & Parishes

The Pastoral Ministry Office can assist those who are seeking positions in parishes, as well as those who are looking for a lay ecclesial minister for their parish. Confidentiality is maintained at all times. Call 440-943-7672 or email pastoralministry@dioceseofcleveland.org if you would like more information.

Men Making a Difference

First & Ten men's ministry (a service of Community Pregnancy Center, Barberton) is searching for a few good men to join our ranks. Be on the front line of mentoring young fathers into strong dads! If you are interested in finding out more about this growing ministry, email firstandten@communitypregnancycenter.org or call 330-825-1900 and ask for First & Ten!

Moms Group

Moms of St. Sebastian is a Catholic group open to moms of all ages and all faiths. In various ways we work to support each other in our vocation as mothers and strive to deepen our faith. Spiritual, service, educational and social activities are planned for moms, children, and the whole family. For more info, email Jennifer Sullivan (momsofsaintsebastian@gmail.com) or visit www.sites.google.com/site/momsofstsebastian.

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.

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.

Northeast Ohio Catholic E-Newsletter

Stay informed with the latest Catholic news from the Diocese of Cleveland. Subscribe to the Northeast Ohio Catholic e-newsletter, the free, weekly, electronic newsletter of the Diocese of Cleveland. It is delivered to your email inbox every Thursday, sharing timely news about the faith, important local events, articles from Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine and much more. Visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org and click the e-newsletter icon to sign up today!

Help the Needy of Northeast Ohio

The Cleveland Furniture Bank provides basic home furnishings to people in need who are trying to rebuild their lives. Each year, over 3000 needy people receive couches, chairs, kitchen tables, dressers and beds to help them in this process. If you are downsizing, remodeling, redecorating or just have good, usable furniture you no longer need, call 216-459-2265 x101 or visit www.clevelandfurniturebank.org/donate to schedule a pickup. If you have other items, such as clothing, household goods, pots and pans, dishes, etc. they will pick those up at the same time. A nominal \$20 fee will assist us defray a small portion of our costs to pick up items and provide them to those we serve. Thank you!

Lay Ecclesial Ministry Information Night

If you or someone you know has expressed a sense of being called to lay ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland, the Pastoral Ministry formation and certification process may be of interest to you. The Pastoral Ministry process assists in the education, training, and formation of lay people leading to certification as a Lay Ecclesial Minister. Those lay people who are certified in the Diocese of Cleveland serve in a variety of leadership roles such as pastoral associates, catechetical leaders and ministers of sacramental preparation, youth ministers, social outreach coordinators, bereavement ministers, music ministers, campus ministers, and ministers of adult faith formation. Certified Lay Ecclesial Ministers work in collaboration with the ordained to serve the needs of parishes and Catholic institutions. An Information Night for those interested in Lay Ecclesial Ministry will take place at the Center for Pastoral Leadership from 7-9:30pm, Wednesday January 18, 2017. For more info, call the Pastoral Ministry Office at 440-943-7670.

Catholic Couple Checkup

Take the online Catholic Couple Checkup to recharge your relationship! Discover your couple strengths, growth areas and personality profiles. Surveys are available for dating and married couples. Couples receive a personalized report and discussion guide! Visit www.ccdcle.org/mfm and click on the Couple Checkup graphic at the bottom of the page.