

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Bulletin Announcements for January 31, 2016

*Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honor you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

*Collect, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Roman Missal, 3rd Edition*

DSWC

The **Divorced, Separated, and Widowed Catholics of Akron** is sponsoring a talk by **Deacon Greg Hoefler** from Immaculate Heart of Mary on the topic of Building Relationships. This will be held **Monday, February 8 at 7:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls**. Open at no cost to single people of all faiths. **Refreshments at 7:15pm**. For more info, call Sue at 330-554-5626.

National Catholic Schools Week at St. Paul

St. Paul School will celebrate National Catholic Schools Week with an open house, national service day, Candlemas celebration, lessons about water conservation, and a visit with missionaries that have returned from Indonesia. These events are part of the nationwide celebration of Catholic education during the week of January 31-February 6. The week's theme, "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service", highlights the schools' focus on faith development, academic excellence and dedication to community service. During the week students will participate in the U.S. Marine Corp Care Package service project. Students will donate and package recommended "treats from home" as recommended by the Marine Corps Family Support Community. "We appreciate the support we receive from the community, and we encourage our students to give back through service projects all year," said Principal Brodbeck. "It's part of our effort to provide a well-rounded education." **St. Paul invites prospective students, their families and community residents to an open house from 12-1pm, Sunday, January 31, at 1580 Brown St., Akron, to learn about the school's educational programs and extracurricular activities.** Teachers will be in their classrooms and staff will be on hand to accept applications for next year. National Catholic Schools Week is a joint project of the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. St. Paul School serves students in Preschool through eighth grade. **For additional information, please call 330-724-1253 or visit www.saintpaulakron.org.**

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

MOS Scholars!

Congratulations to the following young people from Mother of Sorrows Parish who have received scholastic honors at Archbishop Hoban High School in the second quarter of the 2015 - 2016 school year...

*Jessica Guerriero
Elizabeth Stitzel
Mary Stitzel*

Mardi Gras at the Seminary

Come support St. Mary Seminary Student Activities by enjoying some great New Orleans-style cuisine and festive Mardi Gras fun! There will also be raffle baskets and a 50-50 raffle! Tickets are **\$10 for adults and \$5 for kids**. All proceeds will benefit the St. Mary Seminary Student Activity fund, which supports cultural and human formation events for the seminarians. So, come enjoy some great food and be entertained by a live band of priest musicians! **Held on Friday, February 5 at 5-8pm at the Center For Pastoral Leadership (28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio, 44092).**

2016 First Step Programs

During this Holy Year, the Jubilee of Mercy, we are called to renew our relationship with God and the Church. Taking the "first step" is always the most difficult. The First Step Program helps individuals to navigate the path of healing and closure. **This program is offered to help anyone learn more about Catholic teaching regarding marriage, divorce, and remarriage.** The 2016 general meetings schedule is: **Tuesday, March 8 at St. Peter Parish, Lorain, at 7pm; Thursday, May 19 at St. Noel Parish, Willoughby Hills, at 7pm; Tuesday, September 13 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cuyahoga Falls, at 7pm; Tuesday, October 18 at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, 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. *Note that the Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process.* For testimonials about the program from past participants and for more information visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal or call the Tribunal at 216-696-6525/800-869-6525 x4000.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus came into the world to bring the good news, to proclaim liberty, give the recovery of sight, and free the oppressed. Are you letting Him proclaim the good news to you in your marriage? Let the Lord strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on February 12-14, 2016 in Hudson, Ohio or Oct 14-16, 2016. Apply at greatmarriagesohio.org or call 330-305-9963.

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Bereavement Support

A six-week Bereavement Support Series will begin Tuesday, February 2 from 7-9pm at Our Lady of Victory Parish Center, 73 North Ave., Tallmadge. The evenings will provide insight, understanding and support to those who mourn the loss of a loved one. Many common issues surrounding grief and healing will be discussed, grounded in faith and surrounded by those who care and understand. For more info/to register, call 330-633-3672.

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**. Call **Alex and Lily Fuentes at 216-849-3769** with any questions. **Cost is \$185 per couple**. Dates for 2016 are **February 12-14, May 20-22 and October 14-16**. Please visit www.clevelandencounter.com to register or for additional information!

Be The Match® Donor Drive

St Francis De Sales, Akron will be hosting a **Be The Match®** donor drive on **Saturday, February 13 after the 5pm Mass** and on **Sunday, February 14 after the 9am and 11am Masses**. If you are **between the ages of 18-44**, you could **Be The Match®** and **potentially save someone's life that has leukemia, lymphoma, sickle cell anemia or other blood diseases**. It just takes about **15 minutes** and a swab of the inside of your mouth to be entered into the registry. **Be The Match®** is operated by the **National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP)** which manages the largest marrow registry in the world and connects patients with life-saving marrow donors. Critically ill patients with leukemia, lymphoma, or other blood diseases rely on a marrow transplant as their only cure. Most patients do not find a marrow match within their own family and need to use an unrelated donor that is found through a registry such as **Be The Match®**. Show what it truly means to love, this Valentine's day by becoming a member of the **Be The Match®** registry.

Lecture at JCU

"Asian American Catholics: Diversity within Diversity" by **Dr. Jonathan Tan, Hallinan** Professor of Catholic Studies, Case Western Reserve University on **Thursday, February 11 at 7:30pm** in the **LSC Conference Room**. Sponsored by The Institute of Catholic Studies at John Carroll University. This lecture is **free and open to the public**. For more info, call **216-397-4558**.

YCN

"Your Community News" is where residents of Township and Peninsula have shared information for over 25 years. Visit www.ycn-online.net.

"Sounds of a Bright Future"

Holy Cross Academy Catholic Schools is proud to invite you to the **2nd Annual Benefit Concert** featuring the international recording artist, **Ronan Tynan**. Also performing are **The Salvatones** a vocal ensemble from NYC, Directed by Daniel Brondel, St. Patrick's Cathedral, popular Irish vocalist, **Dana Scallan** will act as Mistress of Ceremonies. It is a packed musical event you won't want to miss! **Held Monday, March 7, at 7pm (doors open at 6pm) at the Zimmermann Symphony Center/Umstattd Hall (2331 17th St. NW, Canton, OH 44708)**. Ticket prices range from **\$35-\$75**. Funds raised will benefit the **Be A Student's Friend Scholarship Program & Cultural Arts Programs** in the schools. **For group discounts, contact Suzanne at 330-526-8366**. You can purchase tickets at the **Canton Symphony Box Office** or call **330-452-2094**. Online at www.cantonsymphony.org.

Magnificat

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter of Magnificat, a women's ministry modeled after the Visitation, invites you to a **Breakfast Saturday, February 27 at Walsh University, Barrette Center (2020 E. Maple St., North Canton, OH)**. Join us in a special time of fellowship and sharing. **Cheryl Langford** will be the guest speaker. Cost is **\$18**. Make checks payable to "Magnificat of Stark County" and send to **Shirley DeOrio, 409 7th St. NW, North Canton, OH 44720**. **Seating is limited. Plan on getting your reservations early! Reservations cannot be accepted after February 20**. Open seating. **Doors open at 8:30am with breakfast at 9am**. There will be an **optional Mass at 8am in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University**. For more info, call **Shirley DeOrio at 330-305-1146**.

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.

Visitation of Mary Invites You to Join 200 Club!

You are invited to join the **Visitation of Mary Parish (formerly Annunciation) 200 Club** for 2016 for only **\$52 per person for the year!** Every month for 8 months (February through September), two lucky people will win \$100 each. PLUS in March and again in September, there will be an additional drawing for \$500! **Drawings are on the 3rd Friday of every month at the Visitation of Mary rectory**. The first drawing will be **February 19**. Location for the special \$500 drawings TBA. **Hurry! Numbers are starting to sell!** For more info or to sign up, contact **Jerry at 330-592-4155 or 330-535-4141 x12**.

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