

### General Intercessions

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That those bound by grief and loss may be comforted and set free by the encouraging words and actions of this parish. Let us pray to the Lord.

### Family Perspectives

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When Jesus died, Mary grieved alone. Most friends and followers had fled to safety except for a few acquaintances. We have friends and neighbors who have lost a loved one and feel alone in their grief. Resist the urge to avoid them. Even when we don't know what to say, we can comfort the sorrowing by just listening and compassionately being with them.

### DSWC

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A "Caring and Sharing" session for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held Monday, March 28 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.

### 2016 "Celebrate Life" Dinner

Come join us for dinner and share the evening with Dr. Alveda King on Saturday, April 2! Social hour starts at 5pm, with dinner to start at 6pm. Joining us also for the evening as emcee will be media personality, Robin Swoboda! Seating is limited! Tickets are only \$30, and includes dinner, dessert and beverage (cash bar). To register, visit [www.tinyurl.com/h8vnhwd](http://www.tinyurl.com/h8vnhwd)! If you have any questions, need more info, or would like to become a sponsor of this event, please call at 330-762-2785. We look forward to seeing you to help us "celebrate life"!

## Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy Divine Mercy Sunday April 3, 2016 3:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration, Procession, and Chaplet

Rev. Thomas McCann, Officiant

St. Bernard Parish  
Broadway & State Streets, Downtown Akron

Free parking available in the church lot  
at Broadway & University  
and the Polsky's Parking Deck

Questions? Call Manena Vidlak at (330) 762-1959

### Going to Confession?

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How? Spend some prayerful time with God discussing your relationship with Him, others and yourself. This examination of conscience should be done daily. When I cannot remember the last time I went to Confession, it's time to go. Consider going monthly, before and during the liturgical seasons of the Church year, and especially when life becomes most challenging. During this Holy Week, there will be a Communal Penance Service (three priest will be available for the Confession part) on Wednesday at 7pm; on Good Friday after the 3pm Service (4:15-5:15pm) and the 7:30pm Service (8:45pm until all are heard) and on Holy Saturday from 11:30am to 12:30pm. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available by appointment.

### Young Adult Event at Cuvilly House

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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](mailto:khine@ndec.org) or 440-476-6094 by Wednesday, March 30.

### Volunteers Appreciated

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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](mailto:UHHospice@UHHospitals.org).

### Where Do We Go From Here

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Sunday, April 10 at 3pm the Dominican Sisters of Peace will host speaker Vanessa Griffin Campbell, Director of the Office of Ministry to African-American Catholics of the Cleveland Diocese in the third event in the series, "Where Do We Go From Here?: Conversations on Racial Justice." Held at the Akron Motherhouse, 1230 W. Market St., and is open to the public. See you there!

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

### **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](http://www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org), no later than the Monday prior to the program.

### **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 Matamoros 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](mailto: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**

Want a spiritual jump start? Make plans to attend the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio "Answer the Call" Conference at the Holiday Inn Rockside in Independence, a new more centralized location. The Saturday, April 9 conference will be a day of dynamic speakers, music, fellowship and much more. 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](http://www.cmfneo.com) for more info and to register!

### **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.

### **Exalt!**

Join us for an evening of prayer, time for reconciliation, song, and praise with Eucharistic Adoration on April 28 from 7 to 9:30pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel at the Center for Pastoral Leadership 28700 Euclid Avenue Wickliffe, Ohio 44092. Please call 440-943-7630 or visit [www.clepriesthood.com](http://www.clepriesthood.com) for additional information!

### **Workshop at All Saints Cemetery**

Please Join Us for cemetery/funeral pre-planning workshop and presentation. Special One-Day Pricing All Saints Cemetery! Pre-planning your cemetery/funeral arrangements is a gift to your family and to all who you love and care about. Learn in a group or one-on-one with a Family Service Representative. Receive a Catholic Personal Reference File, along with everything you need to know (Burial, Cremation, and Catholic Funeral Traditions). Held Saturday April 23 from 1-2pm at the All Saints Cemetery office (480 W. Highland Rd. Northfield, OH 44067). This workshop is free (registration is appreciated). Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Please visit [www.clecem.org](http://www.clecem.org) for all dates and locations. Please call the Cemetery office to register at 216-641-7575 x5.

### **Learn to Play Lacrosse**

CYO is sponsoring "Learn to Play" Lacrosse clinics for boys and girls in grades 6-8 as well as adults that may be interested in learning to coach. These sites will host six sessions at three locations: Walsh Jesuit High School, Cuyahoga Falls, on Sundays beginning April 10-May 15 from 1pm-2:30pm, Hawken Upper School, Gates Mills, on Mondays beginning April 11-May 16 from 6pm-7:30pm and St. Bernadette, Westlake, on Mondays beginning April 11-May 16 from 6pm-7:30pm. The cost is \$120 per athlete for all 6 sessions one and one half hour sessions. \$75 per coach for all 6 sessions. Please visit the "Clinic Information" page of [www.ccdocle.org/cyo/clinics](http://www.ccdocle.org/cyo/clinics) to register. Don't miss these fun and exciting clinics for one of the fastest growing sports. Register now and bring a friend. For more information, contact Mary Ann at 330-379-3636 x17.

### **Spring in Amish Country**

Join the members of the OLG Young at Heart Group on Wednesday, April 27 as we visit Smuckers, P. Graham Dunne, Lehman's and Broadrun Cheesehouse and Winery with lunch in an Amish home. Trip price is \$65. Departing Our Lady of Guadalupe (9080 Shepard Rd., Macedonia, OH 44056) at 8am and returning at about 6pm. Call Mary Rizzo at 330-467-3465 for reservations.

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