

In Your Charity

Please remember in your prayers, Betty Terrion, wife of Deacon Daniel Terrion (deceased). May Betty and all our beloved deceased live forever in the joy of the Resurrection. May their families and friends be granted consolation. Amen.

Keep Christ in Christmas



Your Knights of Columbus council is again offering for sale this beautiful outdoor nativity scene, featuring the Holy Family within a Christmas tree. The sturdy 4-foot tall display is made of double-

walled plastic and available in white or yellow. The cost of each Nativity Tree is \$70, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting your local KofC council. Please consider buying one for yourself or as a gift to remind passersby that Christ is the true meaning of Christmas. These units can be delivered at no cost to your residence. Contact Ron Crock (330-677-9829) or Bob Eikenburg (330-528-0308) to purchase one this Advent!

Hi Everyone,

The November 2016 statistics for the Fr. Hilkert Ozanam Center are as follows:

Food Pantry

Total number of people served was 914
Total number of households served was 300
Total number of children served was 324
Total number of seniors served was 112

Clothing Bank

Total number of families served was 191
Articles of clothing given away: 2084
Winter coats given away: 121

Furniture Bank

Total number of clients served was 31
Couches given away: 8
Armchairs given away: 7
Mattresses/box springs: 11
Dressers given away: 6
Misc. given away: 50
New cribs given away: 1

Considering we were open only three Saturdays this past month due to the Thanksgiving holiday, our average numbers were very good: 100 families/Saturday for food, 695 articles of clothing per Saturday and 10 furniture clients per Saturday. We hope that you all had a blessed Thanksgiving. Thank you for the great work that you do.

Jim & Cathie Perusek

Christmas Poinsettias



Donating for a poinsettia in honor of or in remembrance of someone special to you? Your request needs to be received by December 11. Please fill out a form found in the Church vestibule or at www.motherofsorrowspeninsula.org and place it in the collection basket with your donation (write in check memo "Poinsettia Fund").

MOS Giving Tree



Have you taken a tag from the Giving Tree? Please bring the suggested gift by Sunday, December 11th. Sharing a gift will surely put a smile on someone's face this Christmas!!!

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.

2017 MASS FOR LIFE

Join Bishop Richard Lennon to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, remembering the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision. Held Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 10:30am at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland Ohio. Individuals, schools and parish groups are encouraged to join us and to stay after Mass to participate in a Rosary for Life. Be sure to spread the word across social media by using #Mass4LifeCLE on facebook, twitter, and instagram! Please call 216-334-2965 for more information and to register your group!

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.

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.

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

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.ccdocle.org/mfm and click on the Couple Checkup graphic at the bottom of the page.

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!

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 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.

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.

Give the Gift of Faith

Go to www.bit.do/promotion-bulletin to purchase Our Sunday Visitor's best-selling Bibles for youth, teens and families at 40-60% off. Sale ends December 9!

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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 found at www.dioceseofcleveland.org.

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!

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 to sign up today!

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. They are also 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.

DSWC

The Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics of Akron will be holding their annual Christmas Party which will include musical entertainment provided by singer Bonnie Baughman. Held Monday, December 12 at 6pm at the Blair House Community Room (255 N. Portage Path, Akron). Main courses of turkey and ham provided. We ask everyone to bring a side dish or dessert. Please RSVP to Sharon at 330-612-3635. Open at no cost to single people of all faiths.