
January 2017 Pope's Intention for Evangelization

Christian Unity

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

DSWC

The **Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics of Akron** is sponsoring a talk by **Diane Parker** from the Stow Munroe Falls Library. Diane will be speaking about **"Getting Familiar with Technology."** This will be a great opportunity to ask questions about your mobile devices and tablets. Held **Monday, January 9 at 7:30pm** at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls**. Refreshments will begin at 7:15pm. Open at no cost to single people of all faiths. **For more information call Sue at 330-554-5626.**

Theology on Tap Akron

Theology on Tap Akron will be on **Wednesday, January 11 at 7pm!** Theology on Tap welcomes all young adults to come listen to **Fr. Louis Thomas** from **St. Francis De Sales in Akron**, to speak about **Galileo and the Church: A Lovers' Spat?** **Admission is \$5 and includes appetizers. The bar will be open for those who would like to purchase beverages.** Come experience faith, fellowship, and food with other young adults in their 20's and 30's at Theology on Tap Akron! **Stay tuned for more information on the location! And in the meantime, don't forget to like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ToTAkron to keep updated.**

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 information, please call the **Pastoral Ministry Office at 440-943-7670.**

Retrouvaille Weekend

The Retrouvaille program can help put troubled marriages back on track. Program supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland. Open to couples of all faiths. The **next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend** will be held **1/20-22/17**. Cost is **\$150**. For more info or to register, call **Marce or Liz Gliha in complete confidence at 440-357-6580, or 1-800-470-2230** or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

Extraordinary Mission Men's Conference

A conference for men featuring author **John Wood** and musical guest **Cassandra Acree** will be held **Saturday, January 28** at **St. Matthew Parish (2580 Berne St., Akron)**. The Conference **begins at 8:30am** with breakfast and **concludes at 5pm** with dinner for all men and their families. The day will include inspiring talks, powerful music, fellowship, Eucharistic Adoration, and an opportunity for confession. **Open to men 18+.** **Registration is \$10 and can be made by calling the Parish Office at 330-733-9944.**

Caregivers Support Group Meeting

Adult Day Services is a community-based intervention designed to care for the aging population experiencing cognitive or functional limitations, as well as to address the needs of those at risk of social isolation. Caregivers receive encouragement and guidance to bolster their own mental health and well-being which increases the likelihood for successful care for their loved one at home. **Held January 25 at 10am at Catholic Charities (812 Biruta Street, Akron 44307).** **For more information, please call 330-762-2000.** Free care is available for the older adult while caregivers attend the group meeting.

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 Fr. George Smiga,** the series can found at www.dioceseofcleveland.org.

Honoring and Protecting Life

The day of prayer for the **Legal Protection of Unborn Children** is **January 22**. It is the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision. There will be a Mass at the **Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Cleveland OH at 10:30am** on that day, **Sunday, January 22, 2017**. Individuals, schools and parish groups are encouraged to **join us for Mass and a Rosary for Life afterwards.** Spread the word using **#Mass4LifeCLE** on facebook, twitter, and instagram! **Please call 216-334-2965 for more info and to register your group!**

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

44 Years of Roe vs Wade

Holy Family "Culture of Life Ministry" presents their Annual Pro-life Vigil on January 20-21, 2017. There will be Mass at 6:30pm, a presentation by Students for Life, Akron University followed by "Evening of Prayer Through Song" featuring David Parkes, International Recording Artist from Dublin, Ireland. You will enjoy hearing David's beautiful pro-life story, including his rise to fame as a professional soccer player and musician...to his "incurable" illness...to his miraculous healing in Medjugorje. David's life is now devoted to traveling the world spreading his pro-life message and sharing his amazing vocal talent. A free will offering will be accepted. A reception will follow in the Lower Church Hall, to meet David and purchase his signed CDs. At the same time a continuous 24 Hour Rosary will begin in the Daily Mass Chapel until the regular 5pm Saturday Night Liturgy.

Renewing the Covenant

This program is designed for engaged couples and those already married but questioning their family planning choices. There is an **introduction to Theology of the Body** and how we are called to reflect God's love with our bodies. Also discussed are the **basic concepts of Natural Family Planning** and the science behind it. Held **January 29 from 1-2:30pm in St. Michael's Room at Holy Angels Parish (18205 Chillicothe Rd., Chagrin Falls, 44023).** No charge for the program. For more info or to register, contact TJ and Colleen Manion at 440-552-3187 or at colleenmanion678@gmail.com.

Education Program for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Do you know an adult, age 21 and over, with a cognitive disability who is looking to further their education, meet new friends, go on fun field trips and more? Maybe the Saturday Program is what you are looking for? For 28 years, the CAEP has provided educational and social skill building for adults with developmental disabilities. Participants enhance their skills in math, reading and history. They also work on the computer, make arts & crafts and have fun making friends, watching movies and having holiday parties! Participants also learn about their local community by going on field trips. The **Saturday program** meets at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH) from **September - May.** Call 216-334-2962 or email Marilyn Scott at mjscott@ccdoble.org to set up an appointment to visit this program to see if it is the right fit for you!

YCN

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

Activities Demo Day!

Towards the end of January, Catholic Charities Disability Services will be hosting an **Activities Demo Day!** This Demo Day will **introduce participants to fun adapted activities like Tai Chi, Jazzercise and Music Enhancement!** And the Demo Day is **free!** If there is interest in continuing with these adapted activities, a schedule will be set up. **This is open to everyone, with or without disabilities.** The whole family can participate! **The activities will be held at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH).** Call 216-334-2962 or email Marilyn Scott at mjscott@ccdoble.org to be notified as to the exact date of the Activities Demo Day!

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!**

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.

AM1060

Living Bread Catholic Radio on AM1060 airs local programming such as Life Line on Fridays at 2pm. Listen 24x7 on the radio, at www.livingbreadradio.com or download an app for your phone. Listening to Catholic radio helps you strengthen your faith!



Cleveland now has a Catholic radio station! AM 1260 - The Rock (WCCR) has a strong signal and operates day and night. Tune in for authentic Catholic teaching and programs. A great way to learn more about your faith, what the Church teaches, and for developing your spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ. **Learn more at www.am1260TheRock.com.**

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