

## In Your Charity

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*Please keep in you prayers, Jerome “Jerry” M. Salek, father of parishioner Lisa (Bob) Williams, grandfather of parishioners Trey and Trace. May Jerry and all who have died live forever in the joy of the Resurrection. May his family and friends be consoled. Amen.*

## Special Prayer Requests

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*Please pray for the health and well being of Richard J. Grabowski and Regina Stuhldreher. O Mary help of the sick, pray for us. Amen.*

## Lend a Helping Hand

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You can make a difference as an *Aseracare* hospice volunteer. Contact Ellen Barber at 330-835-813 or 216-661-1285 for more information. Volunteers do many things. We need friendly visitors, crafters, bakers, administrative volunteers, musicians and pet therapists. We also need bereavement support and a vigil team. Our training is free. In just sixteen hours, you can be part of our amazing team in Akron or Cleveland.

## Sacred Steps to Peace Teens Program

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### *Divorce Through the Eyes of a Teen*

This new program for teens, whose families have experienced a divorce, is open to anyone from the ages of 12-17. The purpose of this program is to help teens deal with the effects of divorce, as well as having time together socially. Parents who are attending the Sacred Steps to Peace Program are encouraged to have their children attend this program. Non-participant parents who think this would be a good way for their children to heal through the divorce in their family are also welcome to send their teens. Participants are welcome to join at any time.

## Human Trafficking

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Human trafficking today is a continuation of the transatlantic slave trade but on a much larger scale due to the sophistication of technology. This buying and selling of persons is intrinsically cruel and morally evil. Get involved.” Access the web sites: [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org) – U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking & [endslaverysummitcounty.org](http://endslaverysummitcounty.org) Summit County Collaborative Against Human Trafficking

## Save The Date

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Allen Hunt, Catholic author and speaker, is coming to **Akron, Ohio.**

What's the most important word in a marriage?

What is really going on in your wife's head?

What do you wish your husband knew about you? Discover the key ingredients to a healthy and happy marriage at the Passion and Purpose for Marriage event. Take your relationship to a whole new level!

Come join **St. Sebastian Parish** for a great morning of listening, learning, scripture, and prayer. Don't worry, no one will be asked to share their feelings with the group. This is an opportunity to learn and grow as a person of faith who strives to love in all their relationships.

**March 3, 2018**

**St. Sebastian Parish**

**476 Mull Ave**

**Akron, OH 44320**

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**9:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

**Get your tickets today!**

Call us at [859.980.7900](tel:859.980.7900) to reserve your tickets!

## **Domestic Violence Awareness**

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**Too many women, men and children are subjected to controlling or abusive behaviors including – harsh words, insults and threats, silence and isolating behavior, controlling money, isolating from other family member and friends, displays of tempers that are frightening, throwing or breaking things, hitting, grabbing, pushing or choking. Break the cycle of abuse in relationships too often passed on generation to generation. Hope and help is available. Contact the Domestic Violence Center <https://www.dvcac.org/> or call 216-391-HELP (4357).**

## **Action Needed**

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**Tell Your Senator to Insist on Changes to the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" so that it will be more equitable for all.** For a link to Bishop Frank J. Dewane's November 22, 2017, letter analyzing the Senate bill, go the USCCB website.

## **March For Life**

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**Walsh University** will host a **March for Life Event** on **January 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** in the David Center. Kick off the March for Life with this Free event featuring local speakers, who will speak on life issues. After the talks, there will be a blessing send-off for all those going to the March for Life. **Walsh University** is located at 2020 East Maple St. North Canton; 44720 All are invited. Refreshments will be served – For more reservations or information, please call Molly at 330-490-7581, or email [mromano@walsh.edu](mailto:mromano@walsh.edu)

## **Protecting God's Children**

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The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present **suspected inappropriate behavior** toward children by priests, deacons, religious lay ecclesial ministers, or personnel associated with the Church, please contact **Diocesan Response Service** at **216-334-2999** or [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org). You are also asked to immediately inform the local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

## **Thank You MOS**

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**You made it happen! To date, 49,536 donors have pledged \$13,005,066 to the 2017 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal with 157 parishes meeting their goal. Thank you.** Through your support at Mother of Sorrows Parish, 85 parishioners have pledged \$32,662 which is 210.13% of your goal! Great job reaching your goal! There is still time for you to ask your parishioners who have not yet participated in the Appeal to give a year-end gift.

